

Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath, February 17, 2024

Our Purpose is to Lift Jesus Up and Love People In

We welcome all who want to know Jesus and His love for people.

Let's grow together, discovering Jesus and His plan for our lives.

Prelude	Tim Browning
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10:50 am Family Worship Service

Hymn of Praise	Bluegrass Band
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Victory In Jesus

Prayer Song	#482 Father, Lead Me Day by Day
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Prayer	Zigi Metz
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Children's Feature	Jason Wightman
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Connecting	James Reynaert
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Worship in Giving	Robin Pratt
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Tithes, & Offerings, Church Budget

Adoration & Praise	Bluegrass Band
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I Saw the Light

Wayfaring Stranger

Just a Little Talk With Jesus

Down to the River to Pray

Scripture	Rachel Metz
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Revelation 20:4-6

Sermon	Amireh Al-Haddad
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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY REDEFINED

Benediction	Amireh Al-Haddad
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Postlude	Tim Browning
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WELCOME! We are happy to have you with us today at the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church. Whether this is your first time or you are a regular attendee, we pray that you will experience the welcoming presence of Jesus as you worship in person or via our livestream. We would love to have you join us on the journey of faith. To become a member, please inquire at the information desk in the narthex.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: For information about church events please visit <https://www.fletchersda.org/what-shappening> or scan the QR code to the right. If you would like a printed copy of our newsletter, it is available on the welcome desk in the narthex.



WOULD YOU LIKE SOMEONE TO PRAY WITH YOU? After the worship service today and every Sabbath, one of the church elders will be available to pray with you in Room #210 on the main level.

TODAY

9:30 am Sabbath Schools, various locations

10:50 am Family Worship Service (in person and livestream)

Video - Jason Gardner

Audio - Phil Wilhelm

Platform Elder - Justin Peterson

Deacons on Duty - Jim Archer, Terry Higgins, Bryan Beerbower, Richard Berry

Hospitality - Jane Diamond, Patricia Powell, Ellen O'Conner, Dolph Diamond

Potluck - Bliven & O'Connor Team

Next Week's Team

Video - Jason Gardner

Audio - Clark Larrabee

Platform Elder - Chris Carey

Deacons on Duty - Jim Archer, Terry Higgins, Bryan Beerbower, Richard Berry

Hospitality - Jane Diamond, Patricia Powell, Ellen O'Conner, Dolph Diamond

OUR SCHOOLS



CAPTAIN GILMER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A Ministry of FAI

Grades K-8

www.captaingilmer.com

Phone: 828.685.8221



FLETCHER ACADEMY

A Ministry of FAI

Grades 9-12

www.fletcheracademy.org

Phone: 828.209.6800

MINISTRIES & GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Thrift Store

Open Tuesdays 9am-1pm

Located on Doelger Dr.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

7 pm each Sunday

Room 118, Lower Level



If you or someone you know is in need of mental health services go to our website at fletcherccc.com, email thefletcherccc@gmail.com or call (828) 263-6526. If you call, please leave a message.



Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Youth Pastor: James Reynaert, james@fletchersda.org, 239.671.5669

Associate Pastor: Ivan Blake, pastorivan@fletchersda.org, 828.782.7777

Treasury: Darlene Nash, treasury@fletchersda.org

AV Director: Jason Gardner, contact the church office

SABBATH SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Join us at 9:30 am each Sabbath for an age-appropriate Bible class.
Ask at the information desk for directions to classrooms.

CHILDREN

Beginner (birth-2yrs)	Room# 103 Teacher: Darlene Nash
Pre-K (3-4yrs)	Room# 106 Teacher: Vangie Archer
Kindergarten (5-6yrs)	Room# 101 Teacher: Tami Summey
Primary (grades 1-3)	Room# 303 Teacher: Evelyn Nicholaides
Junior (grades 4-6)	Room# 310 Teacher: Jason Wightman
Earliteen (grades 7-8)	Room# 313 Teacher: Becki Wightman
Youth (grades 9-12)	Youth Room Teacher: Pastor James

COLLEGIATE

Upper Level	Room #308 Teacher: John Krishingner
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ADULT CLASSES

Lower Level	Room #105 Teacher: Nate Moretz
Lower Level	Room #118 Teacher: Mike Cabana
Upper Level	Room #301 Teacher: Connie Peters
Upper Level	Room #306 Teacher: Debbie McDonald
Upper Level	Room #311 Teacher: Pat Moore
Main Level	Room #203 Teacher: Beres Powell
Main Level	Room #211 Teacher: Jerry Nash/Mitchell Nicholaides

Membership Transfer In - First Printing

June Shabazz from Five Oaks Church, Durham, NC

Membership Transfer Out - First Printing

Terry and Sam Cho to Fairview SDA Church, Fairview, NC

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NEWSLETTER - February 15, 2024



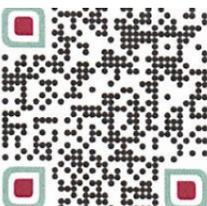
CONDOLENCES - Wayne Bastedo passed away on Thursday morning, February 15, in hospital at the age of 75. Wayne was born July 13, 1948 in Long Island, New York. Wayne's burial will take place in Princeton, New Jersey. In May, later this year, a memorial will take place at Fletcher Church. Wayne was invited to attend seminars by Pastor David White. This in time led to Wayne receiving Jesus as His Savior, and was baptized January 11, 2020. We pray for God to comfort his sister, Christine Brunner, and his brother, Ralph Bastedo. How wonderful the resurrection day will be!

CONDOLENCES - Tom Mitchell passed away at the VA hospice unit in Asheville on Tuesday evening, at the age of almost 89. His wife, Pauline, and his children were with him. Tom was baptized into Christ on September 16, 2017. We pray for God's comfort to strengthen all Tom's family.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY - On **February 17**, Amireh Al-Haddad, Director of Public Affairs & Religious Liberty for the Southern Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, will be our guest speaker. Following potluck on that date she will conduct a seminar on current events affecting religious liberty. This even with take place in the Youth Room at about 1:30 pm, and will not be broadcast or recorded; only in-person. This is to be able to speak freely without exposure on public forums. Also, there is still time to contribute to the 2024 Religious Liberty Offering. On the table in the narthex, there are Liberty Bonds to explain how to contribute.

CHURCH HIKING CLUB - Our monthly church hike/walk is scheduled, as usual, for the **4th Sabbath**, meeting at 2:15-2:30 pm in north side church parking area. At that time we will check the weather and decide on a nice location. Perhaps we could hike at Dupont Forest area along Holly Road to Hooker Falls and back, an easy, approximately 3 mile total distance. All suggestions are considered. All are welcome!!

BLOOD DRIVE - The Blood Connection will be having a blood drive in the Rotunda of the Leila Patterson Center on February 26 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. To make an [appointment](#), scan the QR code and enter the sponsor code: 23EG



LIGHT THE NIGHT - We will be hosting a screening on **March 5** at 6:30 pm of the Light The Night documentary film to spread hope and fight suicide. The film focuses on a faith movement to end teen suicide, support mental health, and shie the light on the story that is just beginning.

GIFT CARDS NOW AVAILABLE - The Thrift Shop is now offereing gift cards! These cards can be purchased at the Thrift Shop on 34 Doelger Drive on Tuesdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

SUITCASES NEEDED - for the Kenya Mission Trip. The mission trip team will be taking supplies to be used and donated. They need suitcases that can be left in Kenya, so if you have a suitcase you no longer need, please drop it off at the church office or contact Laura Ashlock @ 704-534-6999 or laura.ashlock@gmail.com

NORTH CAROLINA OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP - For the 2024-2025 school year all North Carolina K-12 students are eligible for the scholarship regardless of income. Prior public school enrollment is no longer a requirement for eligibility. The Opportunity Scholarship helps parents pay tuition and fees at eligible nonpublic schools. Both of our schools, Captain Gilmer and Fletcher Academy, are currently eligible. Scholarship applications open on February 1, 2024 for new applicants. Families should apply by March 1st (there is no advantage to applying February 1st). Current scholarship families will receive renewal notifications beginning in February. Scholarships range from approximately \$3,000 to \$7,000 and are based on a family's household income. For more information and to apply visit <https://www.ncseaa.edu/k12/opportunity/>

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION - is now open at Nosoca Pines Ranch! We believe that camp is the perfect opportunity for children to make new friends, gain independence, develop new skills, and most importantly, learn more about Jesus! To secure a spot for an unforgettable summer please reach out to [Pastor James!](#)

THE FLETCHER FALCONS - are headed to the International Pathfinder Camporee! This August, the Fletcher Falcons are thrilled to join Pathfinders from around the globe at the International Pathfinder Camporee in Gillette, Wyoming. It's a unique opportunity for growth, learning, and fellowship on an international stage. We're reaching out to our community for support to make this incredible journey possible. If you would like to contribute, please mark your donation for "Pathfinder Camporee." Donations can be made through a tithe envelope or [online](#). Our goal is to raise \$30,000 which will cover travel, accommodations, and other expenses, ensuring every Falcon has the chance to soar at this global event. Your support can make a world of difference. Thank you for considering a donation to help our pathfinders shine on the international stage!

JOB OPENING - Community Services Director - The Fletcher Church Thrift Store is a growing ministry This is a paid position. 10 hrs/week. Contact Pastor Ryan Ashlock. Please keep our thrift store and the team of volunteers who serve there in your prayers. We need a better location for the thrift store sooner rather than later.

PRAYER POWER

If you would like to be added to our prayer list please speak with one of the pastors or contact the church office during office hours. You are welcome to join us in praying for the following people:
 Individuals with private needs. Also: Opie Winston; Colton Summey; Annette Heller, friend of Greg & Connie Peters, cancer diagnosis; Dolly Sills, pancreatic cancer, (sister of Don Wetmore); Rodney Johnson, (brother of Sarah Huston); Darlene Nash; Tim Browning; Janis Moore's cousin Debi, brain tumor; Mike Summey; Julie C. with kidney failure, and her family, for strength & comfort; Hayden Brown; Jim Archer; Nancy Merz; Rolene Hanson; Noreen Harrison (in hospice care) and her children, Lori & Michael; Cheri Matthews recovery from surgery, her step-father (cancer) & mother; Elizabeth Culver; Elaine Myers; Brittany (Weis) Kinney; Ellen Herman, Maria Nudd's mother; Gene and Anne Krishinger; Paula Saunders; Shari & Kyrie Ruiz; Susan Chun's niece, Janice Chun, leukemia; Debbie Shaw's friend; Tara Rains; Steven Jones, military service; Sharon Brinson; Gerald Moretz; Brad Hansen; Bob & Joyce Osborne; Jack LaPrade; John Campbell; Brexton Fleming, developmental challenges; Shirley Polivka's friends Christine & Jade Davis; Kathy Sterner's sister-in-law, heart; Dave Pendleton's friends; Our home-bound members; Fletcher Academy Ministries Inc.; Captain Gilmer Christian School; Fletcher Park Inn; Radio Station WFHC; AdventHealth.

INTERFAITH ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

Please leave items for Interfaith in the box in the coat closet near the narthex.



IAM PANTRY NEEDS FEBRUARY 2024

Your generosity will have a direct and immediate impact on the lives of Henderson County residents dealing with issues of health, safety, and food insecurity.

Food Items

- Peanut Butter
- Canned fruit
- Canned tuna and chicken
- Canned corn
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Canned beans
- Canned soup
- Canned diced tomatoes
- Dry pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal

Personal Care Items

- Diapers sizes 4,5,6 (no pull-ups)
- Stick deodorant
- Shampoo
- Bar Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Razors
- Baby wipes
- Gallon ziplock bags



IAM CLOTHING NEEDS FEBRUARY 2024

New Items Appreciated. Gently Used Always Welcomed.



- Men's Jeans Sizes 28-32
- Towels
- Blankets/Comforters
- Boys' and Girls' Shoes - New and Gently Used
- Boys' and Girls' Teen Clothing
- New Underwear in All Sizes
- Gently Used or New Hooded Winter Coats
- Plastic Totes



OTHER NEWS AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

CONDOLENCES - Mary Smith is now resting in Jesus. There will be a Memorial Service at the Hendersonville Adventist Church on Sabbath, **February 24**, at 3:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be sent in her memory to the Hendersonville SDA Church for the Evangelism Fund. Please keep her family and all who knew and loved her in your prayers.

RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATION IN THE WORKPLACE - The Southern Union PARL Department is hosting a Zoom session on **February 24** at 5:00 pm. This live webinar reviews the EEOC Guidelines and will help to clarify some common misconceptions about the employment law that covers religious accommodation. Learn the basic “dos and don’ts” before you head into a crisis. Presented by Kevin James, passcode is: freedom



Zoom Link
passcode: freedom

HYVE CREATORS 2024 - Adventist Young Professionals is a proud sponsor of Hyve Creators 2024 - the largest gathering of Adventist entrepreneurs happening **February 29 - March 3, 2024** at Southern Adventist University. You can read all about it and register at AYP.me/Hyve.

AWAKEN - March 1-3, 2024. A 3-day conference at Nosoca Pines Ranch in South Carolina, designed to equip young adults for the next step in their journey to spiritual revival. Keynote speaker Sam Leonor, Music by Warehouse and Pursuit. The theme this year is “The Power of Love” Register at awakennc.com

SINGLES MINISTRY RETREAT - March 8-10, 2024 at Nosoca Pines Ranch with speaker Pastor Eli Rojas. Register at carolinasda.org. For more information contact lmoyer@carolinasda.org.

LIGHT THE NIGHT - March 18, 2024 at BRCC Conference Hall, 49 E. Campus Dr. Flat Rock from 5:30p-7:30p. A documentary film to spread hope and fight suicide with guest speaker Emma Benoit. This event is designed for teens. Free Chick-Fil-A, candy, merch and more! Learn more: <https://www.lighthenight828.com>

ADVENTIST YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MISSION TRIP - May 22-27, 2024 During the 5 days together, you’ll participate in a restoration project, outreach projects, and impactful worship. Beyond making a missional impact in Miami, you’ll have the opportunity to experience the sights of SoFlo alongside new friends from across North America and beyond! Pre-registration is now open! Visit AYP.me/MissionTrip to learn more and pre-register.

ASAP MINISTRIES - Partner with Asap Ministries in serving the marginalized and reaching the unreached in Southeast Asia with the wholistic gospel. What you do today can change a life for eternity! To learn more visit asapministries.org. Subscribe to their weekly Mission Matters videos. Follow them on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [YouTube: asapministries](#)

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16	7:30 am 6:13 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code #6840332 Sunset
SABBATH, FEBRUARY 17	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 1:30 pm 6:13 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Amireh Al-Haddad Potluck, Fellowship Hall Religious Liberty Current Events, Youth Room Sunset
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	AA Meeting, Room #118, Kris Wetmore Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code #6840332
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Handbell practice, Fellowship Hall, Debbie & Kevin Engelkemier Bible Study, Holy Spirit, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20	9:00am-1:00pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Thrift Store, Doelger Drive, Gerald Moretz Finance Committee, Conference Room Church Board, Conference Room, Johnathan Kendrick
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21	11:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm After Prayer Service	Faithlift Women's Bible Study, Matthew's Take on Jesus, Room #311, Elvera Blake Adventure & Pathfinder Club Meetings, Lower Level, Pastor James Reynaert Mid-week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Bible Study, Room #212, Mitchell Nicholaides
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22	6:45 am	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ivan Blake
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23	7:30 am 6:14 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code #6840332 Sunset
SABBATH, FEBRUARY 24	9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 2:15 pm 6:14 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Potluck, Fellowship Hall Hiking Club, Terry & Pat Higgins Sunset

CHURCH BUDGET JULY 2023 - JUNE 2024

You can make contributions online by

YTD through January:

Needed: 234,624.00

Received: 249,219.24

February:

Needed: 33,518.00

Received: 6,878.86

going to fletchersda.org and clicking on

“online giving” or you can mail your tithe

and offerings to:

Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

1141 Howard Gap Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Note: All appeals for funds are to be approved by the



A copy of the Church Budget is available at the desk in the narthex.

Finance Committee Send tax deductible donation for

WFHC Radio to:

PO Box 153, Naples, NC 28760



Sarah Wilson
Principal

CAPTAIN GILMER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

257 Doelger Drive, Fletcher, NC 28732
PO Box 5338, Fletcher, NC 28732
Phone: 828-684-8221 ☎ Fax: 828-687-5121



Kevin Johnson
Vice Principal

February 12, 2024

Constitute Church Families:

The teaching staff at Captain Gilmer Christian School have felt called by God to do a mission trip this coming summer in hopes of enhancing the primary school at Riverside Institute in Zambia. Riverside is a mission outpost about 1 ½ hours south of the capital city of Lusaka. It is supported by many Seventh-day Adventist-based organizations that work to fulfill the mission of the SDA Church. The location consists of a farm, a primary school, a secondary school, a medical clinic, and a dental clinic among other services. CGCS would like to spend a week helping the primary school with its vast and numerous needs. The children that attend there come from the local villages. These children come from homes where the only meal they may get is at Riverside. Child prostitution and child marriages are also a big problem in Zambia. Riverside School has partnerships with other charitable organizations such as Child Impact, which provides a safe place for many children. The teachers at the primary school have their hands full with many children with various physical and emotional needs. Most of the teachers don't have nearly enough supplies for their students. They don't have enough books or teaching materials. Students don't have enough paper or pencils let alone coloring and art supplies. Each classroom is equipped with a very small chalkboard, and that is about it. The teaching staff at CGCS have been in contact with the administration to partner with their educators and offer professional development and partner teaching to build classroom strategies and help facilitate opportunities to connect CGCS and Riverside. We also have the desire to help with providing needed supplies and resources to better meet students' needs by bringing an extra suitcase full of supplies for each grade level's different needs. We are praying about this and would like to ask the church members, community members, and FAI staff if they would pray about this opportunity and help donate funds for our teachers to do this trip. You could even sponsor a teacher completely with enough funds to go. The cost for EVERYTHING would be around \$4,000 per teacher. So far, we have 10 CGCS members who would like to go and are praying for God's provision.