



**FLETCHER**  
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST  
CHURCH

*Newsletter*  
*October 4, 2024*

It's been a challenging week. So much loss. And so much neighborly kindness. It is hard to take it all in.

Sabbath we will have our normal Sabbath School classes (most start at 9:30 and a few start a bit later) and a special worship service beginning at 10:50am. This was scheduled to be a communion Sabbath. We have decided to forego footwashing this time, but you will have an opportunity to partake of bread and grape juice, representing the body and blood of Jesus freely given for you. The service will flow smoothly and will be inviting to all people. It won't be awkward for those who choose not to partake of communion. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Come as you are. No need to dress up.

**WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE CHURCH BUILDING DURING THE WEEK?**

We have a team of nearly 100 volunteers staying at the church, sleeping on the floor. Many of them will be with us on Sabbath. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship.

The volunteer effort is being coordinated by Jim and Becky Ingersoll with 2Serve. We have students from Southern Adventist University and many others who have come in to help clear roads and yards and to muck out flooded homes. Many of our church members are working alongside these out-of-town volunteers in the cleanup efforts. The volunteers are eating their meals out of the church kitchen and they have a shower trailer set up in the parking lot where they can shower. I am grateful for the help these volunteers are providing to our church family and to the community!

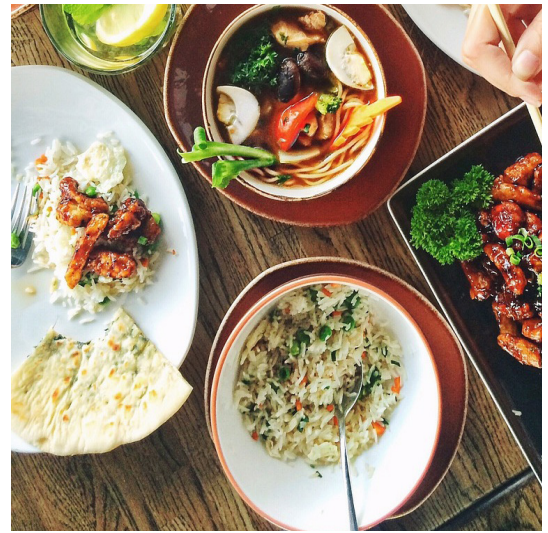
A group of volunteers from our church has been distributing food, water, and other supplies out of the church this week. We are directing people to the drive-thru portico to access supplies (since the fellowship hall is being used for meetings and meals for the work crews). So many generous people have brought in donations of supplies. Thank you! We are getting close to running out of storage space even as we are trying to get the supplies out to those who need them most. The church is not equipped to be a major distribution point and we are working with Adventist Community Services and the county to identify a place where people can send further donations for distribution. Look for more information about that in the coming days. Until then, please do not bring any more donated supplies to the church.

Some have asked why the church or the academy haven't become distribution points for supplies. A major reason is that Howard Gap Road isn't set up to handle extra traffic, especially long lines of cars. It is important to keep the roads as clear as possible around the hospital so that emergency vehicles have good access.

Courage because of Jesus!

### **SABBATH LUNCH AT 12:30PM**

Following the worship service on Sabbath we will have a big meal together in the church fellowship hall and overflowing into the parking lot. If you have access to a working kitchen and want to prepare something to contribute, please do so. If you don't have a kitchen or don't have time or energy to cook, don't worry. Please come. Fletcher Academy cafeteria is providing some food. A team of volunteers from the church will be cooking as well. Invite your friends and neighbors. We are inviting the community to join us. There will be lots of food. A word about logistics for Sabbath lunch - the church kitchen will only be able to receive prepared dishes for potluck. No cooking or prep can take place in the kitchen. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!



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**FEMA HAS DECLARED INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE (IA) FOR HURRICANE HELENE.** What does this mean for you? It means that you can apply for disaster assistance from FEMA to help offset your disaster-related expenses. You can apply online at <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/> or by telephone at (800) 621-3362. Otherwise, you can download the FEMA weather app from Google PlayStore or the Apple Store and you can apply for assistance on the app and upload receipts. Whichever method you choose, the form has a few questions that are tricky. To avoid delay, please follow the following tips:



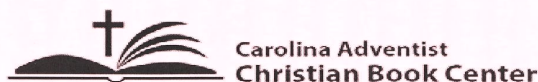
1. One of the questions that FEMA will ask when you register is “Do You Have Emergency Needs”? This means during your evacuation or since staying at home during the disaster, do you need help with Gas, Medication, Food (meals, water, had no power and everything spoils), Shelter (you are staying with friends, family or in a hotel); Clothing; or Durable Medical Equipment (oxygen, walkers, cane, glasses, all major equipment, etc). If this is true, say “YES” to this question. That will result in your receiving Displacement / Critical Needs Assistance, which is \$750.
2. When asked if your home is/was accessible, answer “NO” if there was debris, tree branches, continued flooding, loss of power, damage or destruction that prevented you from staying there after Helene. This question is asking whether you can stay at your home or apartment and will trigger the ability for you to receive assistance to pay for hotels or provide funding to use while you stay with family or friends.
3. When asked if utilities are out, say “YES” even if your utilities were out for a few days. This triggers assistance \$ to stay somewhere other than your home or to buy fuel to power a generator.
4. When asked “Are you willing to relocate” say “YES” if you cannot live in your home due to damage, loss of power, etc. This question means you are willing to stay in a hotel or apartment temporarily, and triggers that funding for you. It is not asking if you are willing to move away from your home permanently.
5. If you bought or buy a generator, FEMA will reimburse you up to \$629, but you must submit the receipt. If you bought a chainsaw, FEMA will reimburse you up to \$219. Again, you need to provide the receipt. Save your receipts.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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:

- Hurrican Relief
- Individuals with private needs.
- AdventHealth
- Captain Gilmer Christian School
- Fletcher Academy Ministries Inc.
- Also:
  - Annette Heller, friend of Greg & Connie Peters, cancer diagnosis;
  - Bob & Joyce Osborne
  - Brad Hansen
  - Brexton Fleming, developmental challenges
  - Brittany (Weis) Kinney
  - Carolyn Albarelli
  - Charlene Jenks Russ, cancer & chemotherapy
  - Cheri Matthews recovery from surgery, her step-father (cancer) & mother
  - Claudia Fleming
  - Clifton Redden
  - Colton Summey
  - Dave Pendleton's friends
  - Debbie Shaw's friend
  - Elaine Myers
  - Elizabeth Culver
  - Ellen Herman, Maria Nudd's mother
  - Esther Novak
  - Gene Wilkie
  - Anne Krishinger
  - Hulon, Betty & Gary Wayne Sanders (family of Sharon McGraw)
- Janis Moore's cousin Debi, brain tumor
- John Campbell
- Julie C. with kidney failure, and her family for strength & comfort
- Kathy Sterner's sister-in-law, heart
- Laurell Peterson
- Leroy Brown
- Lorraine Gang, Cancer Treatment
- Marilyn (cancer) & Tommy Lee
- Mike Summey
- Nancy Merz
- Noreen Harrison (in hospice care) and her children, Lori & Michael
- Opie Winston
- Our home-bound members
- Paula Saunders
- Radio Station WFHC
- Robin Fosler, cancer (sister of Tim Browning)
- Rodney Johnson, (brother of Sarah Huston)
- Shirley Polivka's friends Christine & Jad Davis
- Shari & Kyrie Ruiz
- Sharon Brinson
- Steven Jones, military service
- Tara Rains and daughter Emilee, family of Kathy Lynch
- The family of Bernice and Jean Mason
- Velda Capps



Carolina Adventist  
Christian Book Center

### Fall 2024 Bookmobile Delivery

The ACBC will deliver prepaid orders at:

**Fletcher SDA Church**  
**Delivery Postponed till November 10**

**Order deadline is**  
**Noon One Week Before**  
**Delivery Date**

To order by phone call:  
**1-800-366-1844 or 704-599-0699**

There is a \$5.00 delivery fee for each order.

**Please be on time**  
If you cannot be there, please arrange ahead of time  
for someone to pick up your order.

\*Dates, times, and locations are subject to change.  
Visit our website for current information.

Food price lists and an online order form are available at:

[www.CarolinaACBC.com](http://www.CarolinaACBC.com)

Click on ACBC Events/Sales

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[www.AdventistBookCenter.com](http://www.AdventistBookCenter.com)



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# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>Friday, October 4</b>	7:30 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:07 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Vespers, Sanctuary Cancelled - <del>The First, Fellowship Hall</del> Sunset
<b>Sabbath, October 5</b>	8:15 am 9:30 am 10:50 am 12:30 pm 12:30 pm 7:07 pm	Cancelled - <del>Elders Meeting, Conference Room</del> Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock All Church Potluck, Fellowship Hall Cancelled - <del>SDA Community Singles Potluck</del> Sunset
<b>Sunday, October 6</b>	7:30 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332#
<b>Monday, October 7</b>	7:00 pm	Bible Study-The Power of Prayer, Conference Room, Mary Alice White
<b>Tuesday, October 8</b>	9:00am-1:00 pm 6:30 pm	Closed - <del>Thrift Store, Doelger Drive, Gerald Moretz</del> 12 Steps for Christans Bible Study, Pathfinder Room, Buskes
<b>Wednesday, October 9</b>	11:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Faithlift Women's Bible Study, Matthew's Take on Jesus, Room #311, Elvera Blake Mid-week Prayer Service, Sanctuary, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Bible Study, Room #212, Mitchell Nicholaides
<b>Thursday, October 10</b>	6:45 am 7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study, Conference Room, Pastor Ivan Blake Women's Bible Study, Room 212, Jessica Stout
<b>Friday, October 11</b>	7:30 am 6:57 pm	Praying Together on the Phone, call 425-436-6304 access code 684-0332# Sunset
<b>Sabbath, October 12</b>	9:30 am 10:50 am 6:57 pm	Sabbath School, all ages, classes listed in bulletin Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream, Pastor Ryan Ashlock Sunset

## CHURCH BUDGET JULY 2024 - JUNE 2025

YTD through August:

Needed: 69,150.00

Received: 63,718.56

September:

Needed: 34,577.00

Received: 16,705.96

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

You can make contributions online by going to [fletchersda.org/give](https://fletchersda.org/give) or you can mail your tithe and offering for Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church: 1141 Howard Gap Road, Hendersonville, NC 28792



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

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