

Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church

Sabbath, December 22, 2018, 10:45 am

As we enter the place set aside for worshipping God, let's be seated in reverential and peaceful quietness in the presence of God.

PRELUDE

Advent Voices by Kathleen Wissinger
Praise Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIFTING OUR MINDS AND HEARTS IN AWE OF GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE

132 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
Joyce Kanavel and Congregation

CALL TO PRAYER

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (refrain only)
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus,
There is room in my heart for Thee.

PRAYER

Bill Moore

GENEROUS LIVING

ALL OF ME IN RESPONSE TO ALL OF HIM

OFFERING OF GRATITUDE

If you place money in an envelope please indicate its purpose.
Carolina Youth
Steve Strothman

DEPRESSION RECOVERY AND FULL PLATE LIVING

David White

INSTRUCTION FROM GOD'S WORD

ACQUIRING THE KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY TO GROW IN GRACE

CHILDREN'S STORY

Pastor Elvera Blake

ADORATION AND PRAISE

Cold December Flies Away (Catalonian Carol) arr. Cathy Mokebust
Christmas Carillon (Sicilian Mariners) Kenneth Lowenberg

Praise Ringers

143 *Silent Night*

Congregation

PREPARATION MUSIC

Doug Danner

SCRIPTURE FOR BIBLE MESSAGE

Luke 19:1-10
Jack Northcutt

BIBLE MESSAGE

Out On A Limb For Jesus

JESUS TALKS TOUGH SERIES #25

Pastor Ivan Blake

SONG OF RESPONSE

O Holy Night
Ana Chela

BENEDICTION

Pastor Ivan Blake

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World GF Handel arr. Gerald Peterson
Praise Ringers

NEED PRAYER? If you desire special prayer with an Elder, at the close of the worship service go to Room 212, on the left as you leave the Sanctuary

Elder/Prayer Room - Gene Hughes

Hospitality: Carolyn Floyd, Stephen Learned, April Sigsworth, Bob & Lynn Kelly
Audio/ Lighting: Jason McDonald, Heath Miller Video: Jason Gardner

Deacons for Month of December: David Pendleton, Pierre Geneve, Isaac Martinez
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MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER- FIRST PRINTING

Tammy Mapes from Kingsport SDA Church, Kingsport, TN

PRAYER THOUGHTS

Thou didst leave thy throne and Thy kingly crown, when Thou camest to earth for me; but in Bethlehem's home was there found no room for Thy holy nativity. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus. There is room in my heart for Thee.

10 DAYS OF PRAYER 2019 - JANUARY 9-19

As we reflect on this past year, we see with certainty the signs of the times Jesus spoke about. Contemplating 2019 — we may not know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future.

God promises in 2 Chronicles 7:14 that when we humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways, He will hear, forgive, and heal. In Luke 9:11-13 He promises the Holy Spirit when we ask, seek, and knock.

Come together with our worldwide church family to plead for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit during the *10 Days of Prayer 2019*. There is power in united prayer! It was true during Pentecost, and it can be a reality for us today. Stay tuned for details.

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.

TODAY

THANK YOU for choosing to worship God with the Fletcher SDA Church today. May you experience the welcoming presence of Jesus.

OUR GUESTS AND CHURCH FAMILY are warmly invited to enjoy a buffet meal with us in our Fellowship Hall after the worship service. Use the stairs or the elevator. We thank the Food and Deaconess Team responsible for organizing the meal. We also thank our church family who plan to attend for bringing 2-3 prepared dishes - enough for your family and extra for guests.

LIVE STREAMING: Our Sabbath School and Worship Service are broadcast on Channel 27 to the campus. The Worship Service is also streamed live at www.fletchersda.org click on the tab: Sabbath Service Streaming. Please take note that during livestreamed or videotaped events the visual likeness of our audience and platform participants may appear on television or online, either in a live or archived program.

CONTACTING PASTORS: Because much of our work is done away from the church office it is very difficult to have regular office hours. The preferred way for you to meet with any of us is to call, text or email us for an appointment, using the contact information on the back of the bulletin. Leaving a message on the church phone is the least effective way to reach us. Our goal is to be available.

SERMON CD / DVD: Sabbath sermons are available on the Hospitality Desk about 10 minutes after the worship service. For a small donation you can share these with people you pray for.

OUR CHURCH APP - Thanks to David McDonald for developing a new smart phone app (application) for our church. The app can be obtained for Android phones by opening "Play Store" and searching for Fletcher SDA Church. For iPhones go to: <https://www.pwastore.com/details/fletcher-sda-church>

NURSERY: Mothers who need a quiet room for infants may use Room 204.

TODDLER'S ROOM: Room 211 is available for parents of toddlers who may need a quiet place during the worship service.

PRAYER POWER

Breton Zaborowski - Husband of Karla, Son-in-law of Jo Ann Jones

George Fleming an infant with serious medical problems.

Jo Ann Jones; Ben & Carmen Ayers; Leon Lamb; Richard Watkins; Ben & Noreen Harrison; Ed & Laine Lugas; Jennifer Lynch Gullett (daughter of Kathy Lynch); George & Nancy Merz; Brenda Boren's sister Diana Quam; Rene' Boren's grandmother Phyllis McIntosh, and his friend Tom Berry; Polivka's friend Christine Davis; Chuck Workman; Luis Gaytan; Sandra Strothman's friend Diana Nordstrom;

Kathy Stener's sister-in-law, Gaytan; Sandra Pendleton's friend; Robyn Nordstrom's friend Stephanie, cancer; Debbie Shaw's brother Lynn Ray; Our Home-bound Members; Fletcher Academy Inc.; Captain Gilmer Christian School, Fletcher Academy; Radio Station WFHC; Park Ridge Health

JESUS TALKS TOUGH

Sermon Series July - December, 2018

Each week, study the passage that will be preached on at the end of that week. Read the passage daily and see how deeper meaning is found each day under direction of the Holy Spirit. Each day, thoughtfully write down the answer to the following three questions:

1. What does this passage say?
2. What does it say about God/Jesus?
3. What does it say about me?

Study Matthew 12:30-32 during December 22-29 to prepare for Pastor Ivan Blake's message on December 29. Details available on our website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLETCHER CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM: Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us at **7:00 pm, December 24**, for a family program of music and Scripture, as we celebrate the Reason for the Season - the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. An offering will be taken to help the needy in our community. As is our practice, we once again ask for our church members to help by bringing cookies and finger snacks for the refreshments after the program.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CLARA LLEWELLYN, who passed away on Sunday, November 18, will be held in the Fletcher SDA Church on Sabbath, **December 29**, at 2:00 pm. Daughters, Kim and Lin, granddaughters Heather and Holli, will be blessed by your presence.

BIBLES FOR THAILAND: Bill Bass will be taking a group of academy students and adults to Thailand in March 2019 to do mission work. There is a great need for Bibles. Thailand is mostly a Buddhist nation. Our church has agreed to raise funds to pay for Bibles to be purchased in Thailand. A donor has made a matching challenge available for \$3,000. That means we need to raise \$3,000 in order to meet the challenge. Please mark your donation: Thailand Bibles.

SERMON SERIES BEGINNING JANUARY 5: We will be studying *The Last Kings* before the people of Israel and Judah go into captivity. Flyers are available on the table in the narthex with the weekly Bible texts.

FLETCHER CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER is a ministry of the Fletcher SDA church to provide Christ-centered mental health services to the church, our schools, and community to support those in their spiritual and emotional development. See flyer on the table in the narthex for more details.

ADVENTURER & PATHFINDER FOOD DRIVE: A big **Thank You** to everyone who contributed non-perishable food items for the Holiday Food Boxes for those in need.

MAKING GREETING CARDS REPORT: On the second Sunday of the month a group of ladies meet here at the church to make greeting cards, some of which are donated to the church office. Since this ministry began 5 years ago, 394 of those cards have been sent to church members for encouragement, get well, thank you, and sympathy. We have an open invitation for others to join us. Watch for details in future bulletins.

CAROLINA CONFERENCE 2019 SUNSET CALENDARS are available at the table under the TV in the narthex and at the Hospitality Desk.

"THE FAITHFUL: HEROES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT" - A unique five-week Women's Bible Study, beginning **January 16**, 6:30 pm, that will give a look into the lives of five heroes of faith - Gideon, Nehemiah, Esther, Hosea, and Malachi. From their examples we can learn to trust in the One who is faithful. *Please sign up at the Hospitality Desk, or online, by January 7 to allow time for the purchase of the \$13 book.* Join us for spiritual blessings and fellowship.

ADVENTIST WORLD AVIATION, located in Smithfield, NC, has an opening for a Publication & Media Director. See bulletin board on lower level.

CAPTAIN GILMER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S CUPBOARD: CGCS would like to remind you that the Captain's Cupboard helps support Christian education at our school by offering favorite brands of meat alternatives, including Loma Linda, Worthington, Heritage, Cedar Lake, and more. Send an email to cgsorders@captaingilmer.com to be put on our VIP customer list for upcoming specials, order deadlines and pick-up dates. Thank you for continuing to support of the mission of CGCS through your patronage of Captain's Cupboard. Questions - contact Cindi Hockman at 301-452-6770.

Fletcher Academy, Inc. is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

Fletcher Park Inn - Food Service Associate (part-time)

Fletcher Park Inn - Custodial Associate (part-time)

Lelia Patterson Fitness & Aquatics Center -

Aquatics Coordinator (part-time)

Lifeguard (part-time, multiple positions available)

Administrative Assistant & Rentals Coordinator (part-time, temporary)

Front Desk Associate (part-time, multiple positions available)

THIS WEEK

SABBATH, DECEMBER 22 - Offering: *Carolina Youth*

9:00 am Prayer Walk, begin in the Sanctuary

10:45 am Speaker: Pastor Ivan Blake

12:30 pm Guest Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall

5:21 pm Sabbath Rest Ends

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 pm **Christmas Eve Program**, Sanctuary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

9 am-1 pm Community Services Thrift Store **Closed**

1:00 pm **NO** Intercessory Prayer Group, Library

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

3:30 pm **NO Bible Bowl**, Pathfinder Room

5:30 pm **NO Praying Together**, Room 211

6:30 pm **NO** Men's Bible Study, Room 212

6:30 pm **NO** Young Adult Ladies Bible Study, Room 310

6:30 pm Prayer & Praise, Conference Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:30 am Men's Morning Bible Study, Conference Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

5:24 pm Sabbath Rest Begins

6:30 pm **NO** Dean Sigsworth / Beres Powell Bible Study, Conference Room

SABBATH, DECEMBER 29 - Offering: *Carolina Evangelism*

9:00 am Prayer Walk, begin in the Sanctuary

10:45 am Speaker: Pastor Ivan Blake, The Lord's Supper

12:30 pm Our Guest Fellowship Buffet Meal on *December 29*, the Adult Sabbath School Classes led by Mike Lombardo, Jerry Nash and Stephen Learned will provide the meal after the Lord's Supper Service.

2:00 pm Clara Llewellyn Memorial, Sanctuary

5:25 pm Sabbath Rest Ends

Hospitality: Merle & Peggy Peterson, Kathy Lynch

Audio/ Lighting: Clark Larrabee, Jack Quick Video: Jason Gardner

Deacons for Month of December: David Pendleton, Pierre Geneve, Isaac Martinez

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Opportunities for You to Invite Someone

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Concert, Fletcher Church, 7:00 pm

Jan 7 - Depression & Anxiety Recovery, 7:00 pm

Jan 8 - Full Plate Living

Jan 16-Feb 12 - Women's Bible Study, *Faithful Heroes of the OT*, 6:30pm

LET GOD BLESS OTHERS THROUGH YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING THIS SEASON

Do you need to lower your 2018 taxes? Support local and world needs?

1. Thailand Bibles - FA Mission Trip March 2019 - Goal: \$3k Received \$616

2. Fletcher Young Adult Belize Mission Trip March 2019 - Goal \$30k Received \$511

3. Oshkosh Pathfinder Camporee 2019 - Goal \$25k Received \$7,730

Take an envelope from tree in narthex.

4. New Fletcher Christian Counseling Center startup cost \$12k Received \$2,000

5. Church Parking Lot Restoration - Goal \$? (planning in progress)

6. Our Church Budget - Goal \$6,500/week

7. WFHC Radio Station

8. Fletcher Academy Cafeteria Renovation - donate at fletcheracademy.com/give/

DONATIONS - A REMINDER

Only those donations **received in the Church Treasury by December 31** will be included in your 2018 contributions receipt. Donations received on or after January 1, 2019 will be received in the new year - 2019. **Please support our Church Budget which funds our local ministries.**