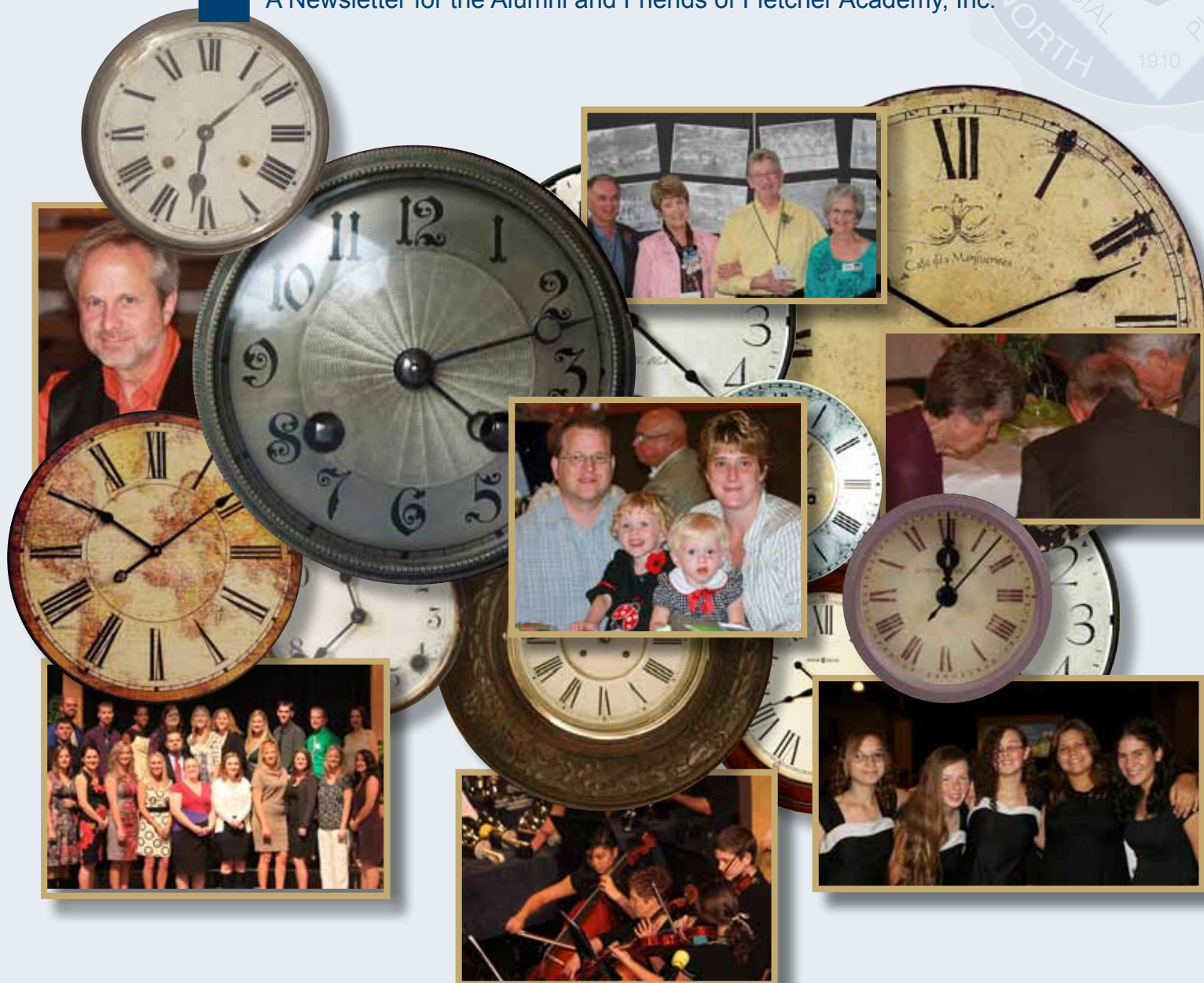


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Alumni Weekend Events 2012

"Time to Re-Connect"

By Jeannie Larrabee '88



Tick-tock, tick-tock, tick tock.....the time came once again to celebrate! It was time to laugh. It was time to remember. It was time to take a moment to reflect. It was "Time to Re-connect"! Home Coming 2012 was a pause in a hectic life to come back to our school, Fletcher Academy.



Everywhere you looked there were clocks. They were used as decorations to remind us to "Praise the Lord at all times and constantly speak His praises." (Psalms 34:1) Many worked hard while others prayed often to make sure that this weekend was a spiritual retreat for all who came.

Friday night there was a delicious buffet of vegetarian meatballs, mini sandwiches, crackers, and wonderful desserts all provided by our dedicated chefs at the Academy Cafeteria. Guests reminisced with old friends and made new ones. There was a special surprise this year for Alumni and guests as up and down the sides of the Lelia Patterson Auditorium were displayed portraits of Senior classes starting with the first graduating class of 1935, up until the class of 2012. The excitement of recognizing former classmates could be felt as many sought out and found their year and photo (read more about these photos on page 6 of this issue). Our speaker for the evening was Pastor Jonathan Arroyo from the 10 year



Honor Class of 2002. His message was Christ-focused and inspiring. Following the vespers service, all who had ever sung in the Fletcher Academy Choir were invited to a special practice to prepare to sing with the current Fletcher Academy Choir in the Sabbath Service. Hearing all those voices raised in singing "Joy in the Morning" was great!



On Sabbath morning, we started off right with our Annual Prayer Breakfast. Fletcher Academy students signed to the Ray Boltz song "Thank You for Giving to the Lord". Seeing the students perform this song brought tears to many eyes. We may be Alumni, but there are current students going to our school. They are learning what we learned: to seek Jesus Christ and be in His service. Eileen States, FA Academy Chaplain, shared how our prayers can make such a big difference and challenged us to keep praying for the students and staff on our campus.



Next we were blessed at Sabbath School time led out by the 25th Honor Class, Class of 1987. We enjoyed hearing about the Fletcher Academy Mission Trip and several students shared their experiences about how God was with them. We certainly surprised Carlton and Genella Hunt as they received the 2nd Annual Alumnus of the Year Award. People wanted to honor them for their years of service to Fletcher Academy and their dedication for the School of





Nursing (see their feature article on page 6 of this issue).

The worship service started off by Mary Garey Orr '62 and Alumni President Don Lowe '58 giving everyone a warm welcome. Then the Scholarships were awarded by Iva Armstrong, FA Vice Principal. Over \$17,000 in scholarships were given out to 30 students who



currently attend Fletcher Academy. Next, the mass choir entered and sang for us. All weekend long we were blessed by music from the students of Fletcher Academy that was directed by Virginia Hakes

and Steven Green. The sermon message by Sam Leonor '88, Chaplain of La Sierra University, was timely. He spoke of focusing on Jesus Christ. In his message he shared stories of when he was here at Fletcher Academy and what he learned during his 4 years. He wanted more than anything for us to keep our eyes on Jesus!

In the afternoon, Alumni and guests were featured with a special band concert by the Students of Fletcher Academy. The School of Nursing had a time of sharing in their afternoon meeting. Heritage Room tours were available. Many just spent time talking and being with friends.

The traditional Chapel Vespers presented by the class of 1972 was a great witness to all who attended. Being in the chapel always brings special memories and a sense that Jesus Christ still wants to bless our school. Of course, the evening finished off with the traditional



Alumni verses Student games. Many came to watch and they were not disappointed by the action they saw.

Sunday morning came and Alumni gathered in the Lelia Patterson Center for our annual Business and Breakfast Meeting. Fletcher Academy's 11th Hour Choir was featured in the morning devotional. We had our Financial Report and a review of last year's Alumni Minutes. We then enjoyed a wonderful breakfast while students played music for us. Two new officers were elected to serve for the next two years. A big welcome to Shawn Collins '87 as our new Alumni President and to Becky Witt '74 as our new Alumni Treasurer. Our meeting concluded with an up lifting and enlightening presentation about the current status of our school. The biggest news is that our Boy's Dorm is bulging and needs more rooms (see more information about this on page 5 of this issue). We voted to give the Alumni Endowment 2012 Interest to this project. Over \$50,000 was raised at the Alumni Breakfast to get the new Boy's Dean Apartment!

The time we spent together was great! We are looking forward to meeting again together in 2013!



Class of 1962- 50 Years

Front Row (l to r): Ann Fogg, Carol McCracken, Eloise Bonney, Judy Vandengergh, Patsy Turner, Carol White, Roberta Massey.

Second Row (l to r): George Stillwell, Ed Schnieder, Beverly Camp, Janet Schmehl, Mary Orr, Carol Joyner, Marilyn Peterson, Paul Boyton

Third Row (l to r): Allen Steele, Will McClung, Roy Orr, Dwayne Darnell, Roger Gardner, Richard McCleod, Lester Hodges, Jimmy Lewis



Class of 1972- 40 Years

Front Row (l to r): Barbara Carreno, Cindy Cottrell, Suzanne Roach, Margie Lynes, Susan Mullen, Jocelyn Abernathy

Second Row (l to r): Stephen Hefner, Wendell Carlton, Cathy Carlton, Judy Yingling



Class of 1987- 25 Years

Front Row (l to r): Kerry Johnson, Angie Courtney, Tricia Marero, Laura Tate, Kelly McCarthy, Suzane Boykin

Second Row (l to r): Shannon Black, Janesta Walker, Vikki Thompson, Judi Tompkins, Connie Shelley

Third Row (l to r): Troy Hollenbeck, Carl Hall, David Ringer, Quieten Huggins, Anissa Micheels, Todd Jenks, Walter Settlemire, Shawn Collins



Class of 2002- 10 Years

Front Row (l to r): Nicole Noumann, Libna Arroyo, Ashley Marris, Heather Payne, Jonathan Arroyo Rachel Watson, Eve Moretz, Amy Ashlock, Amy Roth, Ashleigh Brown

Second Row (l to r): Matt Newmann, James Owen, Jonathan Wagner, Kim Lewis, Heather King, Kristal Bell, Melissa Houser, Christy Witt, Paul Witt, Derek Sherbondy



Amazing Ministries

By Eileen States



The number one goal of Fletcher Academy is to lead our students into a saving relationship with Jesus and to help them embrace His call to discipleship. It's all about building lives for eternity.

The campus ministries team seeks to fulfill this vision. We are here to minister to the spiritual needs of the students as well as to provide ministry opportunities for them to get involved in.

Spiritual In-reach

There are many means in which to lead students into a saving relationship with Jesus. One of the new ministries we have begun this year on campus has been to incorporate a girls and boys student chaplain into each of the dormitories. These student chaplains have a ministry of visitation and prayer with the students living in the dorms. They meet weekly with me, the Academy Chaplain, to discuss how things are going and what steps can be taken to help the students in any way. Another ministry begun this year by our SA pastor Jared Ryan is the Tuesday/Thursday devotional/prayer time in the cafeteria from 6:40-6:55 a.m. We hope to see this expand to a Monday through Friday ministry.

Sy Gallimore, a Junior, recently spearheaded a focused prayer ministry for the students on campus. His challenge was to take a list of all the students on campus and pray for at least four students per day.

It has been exciting to see the interest



in spiritual growth increase in the past month as students are recognizing the need for God's power to be in their lives. Small groups of students will be seen getting together for prayer and discussion.

Our fall week of prayer was led out by Pastor Bill Roberts. He left Fletcher Academy with a challenge to take the spiritual high one normally gets during a week of prayer and seek to continue growing. One of the ways we have done this is to match interested students up with a spiritual mentor. Church members from the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church have volunteered to connect with a specific student on a weekly basis to pray with and for the student and to encourage them to continue growing in study of the word, witnessing, prayer, and fellowship.

Spiritual Outreach

Spiritual outreach is so vital to the growth of a Christian. One needs to have venues to share the information being learned and experiences being had with God to others. We seek to provide ways for the students to participate in outreach.

To date we have 19 students attending a Wednesday evening ambassadors class geared to train and equip in witnessing. This class offers hands-on ministry opportunities. The ambassadors have adopted a community in Hendersonville to focus their ministry outreach on. We have spent several Sabbath afternoons getting to know the people in this community through interaction with their children, playing games, teaching them Bible stories and songs. We are making plans on how to minister to the adults as well.

Students have many opportunities throughout the year to become involved in sharing Jesus with others. Student week of prayer is a highlight for the campus each



year as students speak to their peers about what they believe and feel about God. We have students who lead out in church services at Beystone (a skilled nursing facility on campus) one time a month. Many students participate in the leadership of praise and worship at church, chapel or vespers.

Fletcher Academy took a day off from school this year to minister to their community. We had groups of students all over Henderson County throughout the day volunteering at places like Mainstay (a shelter for women and children), community parks, the library, Manna Food Bank; an apple orchard, and more. We had many positive responses to this day and hope to do it again soon.

It is my prayer that each student be given the opportunity to enter a saving relationship with Jesus throughout their time here at Fletcher Academy and that they be trained to share that relationship with those around them.



SACS Accreditation

Fletcher Receives Great Reviews!



By Terry Pottle, FA Principal

In February, 2012, Fletcher Academy underwent the grueling process of becoming re-accredited through SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) which is currently under a name change to AdvancED. This process is an opportunity to find out how well a school is doing, and what steps the school might consider in becoming even better. Fletcher Academy received the full five year accreditation, the maximum allowed. Fletcher Academy administration is very pleased with the results of the accreditation, and wants to share with you some of the highlights of the final report.

Fletcher Academy received four commendations and three required actions. Here are two commendations that we are especially very proud of:

1. The sense of family which is fostered at the school and the strong relationships which result are valued by students, parents and staff.

2. The school clearly meets the mission they have established for themselves of developing students spiritually, and helping them to strengthen their personal relationship with Jesus.

For required actions we would like to share all three of them:

1. Build on the momentum created by the newly revised, mission-driven focus on academic rigor.

2. Implement plans which have been articulated in relation to campus security, and investigate other security measures which could be considered.

3. Initiate collaborative efforts with Captain Gilmer Christian School to include K-12 accreditation through AdvancED.

Plans are already either finished or are underway to complete all three of these required actions. Good things are happening here at Fletcher Academy and it is a privilege to be able to share them with you.



Bulging Boy's Dorm

Making More Room!

By Terry Pottle, FA Principal

In a time when Adventist Academies are suffering from lower dormitory enrollments, Fletcher Academy is having the opposite experience. Over the past six years dormitory enrollment at Fletcher has doubled. The Girls Dorm is once again using the dorm rooms on the lower floor, and the Boys Dormitory has run out of beds causing the need for a creative solution. This school year the Worship Room of the Boys Dorm has become home for the Senior Class residents until a permanent solution can be completed. The dorm has tried various venues for their worships from hallways to lobbies, but they have settled on us-

ing the dorm Recreation Room which is less than ideal for a worship experience. The dorm residents want their worship room returned, but first a permanent solution must be accomplished.

The Boys Dormitory Dean's Residence was originally designed so that it could be converted to seven dorm rooms (14 beds) should the need arise. These extra dorm rooms are currently needed, but a solution to house the Dean is needed. Plans are underway to build a new Dean's residence, connected by means of a breezeway, to the back of the Boys Dorm. Fletcher Academy is currently raising funds for this project through donations from alumni and friends of Fletcher. Already more than \$50,000 has been raised of the estimated \$175,000 needed for this construction and renovation project. All donations for the new Dean's Residence are welcome and needed. If you would like to contribute to this project, please contact Fletcher Academy at 828-209-6800.





FA Alumnus of the Year

by Jon Smith

Fletcher Academy's second Alumnus of the Year Award was given to two very special alumni: Carlton and Genella Hunt. The Hunt's heritage at Fletcher goes back to the spring of 1941, when Carlton arrived on campus. Carlton found his work in the hospital kitchen to be rewarding because of the presence of another student employee, Genella Lowder. That relationship would eventually result in the union of their two lives in marriage in 1947. After Pearl Harbor, Uncle Sam invited Carlton to join the armed services. Carlton's zeal to serve his country was matched by his desire to keep the Sabbath holy, and he suffered through much hardship and an eventual court-martial as a result. However, God blessed his steadfast faithfulness, and after serving overseas, he was one of only 15% of his unit who were given citations for excellent service. The Hunts returned to Fletcher in 1950 then eventually became involved with mission service in Uganda and

Kenya. In 1966, the Hunts returned to Fletcher Academy where they would work for 16 more years. Among their other varied responsibilities, Carlton was a teacher at the academy and Genella Director of Nursing. The Hunt's dedicated service extended from Fletcher to Africa and back. Through it all, their humble, dedicated Christian influence indeed "educated many for eternity." Truly Carlton and Genella are worthy recipients of this year's Alumnus of the Year award.



Your Picture Is Up!

The huge project has finally been completed. A sneak peak of the project was on display over Alumni Weekend. Dale and Connie Twomley searched the Heritage Room, photo archives, and other areas for copies of the Senior Class Portraits of those graduating from Fletcher Academy starting in 1935. Virtually all of the graduates of Fletcher Academy now have their class's graduation picture hanging in one of the hallways of their alma mater. Until this year, only a few recent graduating class pictures had been on display in the hallway, but now over 75 graduation class pictures are framed and on display throughout the school. One can now roam up and down the hallways of the Administration Building and see this significant project. A big thank you to all those who helped and to Fletcher Academy's IT Department for their expertise. When you are on campus again, wander the hallways and look at all of the bright and shining faces as they looked back then. Come find your class.



Note: All the senior class pictures from 1935 to 2011 are available for viewing on the academy's website:

www.fletcheracademy.com. We are currently still looking for the class pictures for the classes of 1975 and 1976. If you know anyone who may have a copy of these please contact Fletcher Academy at 828-209-6800.



Alumni's New Web Page

Calling all Fletcher Academy Alumni and friends, there is a new spot to know more about what is happening with Alumni and about your school. Just go to www.fletcheracademy.com, click on the top button that says Alumni. Surprise! Here you will find out about the upcoming Alumni 2013! There will a photo gallery with all the photos taken at Alumni Weekend 2012 and the new archives Senior Class photos from 1935 till today! There's more. See the latest issues of the Fletcher Spirit. Meet the officers and the Alumni President. There is even a link for the School of Nursing Alumni. Read about the latest projects and current needs of the school. There is even a spot to set up your personalized giving of scholarships or donations. There will also be a link for you to browse when planning a trip to visit including helpful maps and local hotel information. Get on your computer and click on the site today!



Did Someone say "Yogurt"?

Strawberry Hill has a New Twist



In years past when folks would talk about hiking to Strawberry Hill, it usually meant going to our famous hill behind the track that always proudly displayed the Senior's graduating year. The class of 1976 was the first one to put their number on

the hill. Earlier community members say that in the 1930's there really were strawberries planted on Strawberry Hill. But now, Strawberry Hill has another meaning around campus. Now when the students and staff talk about hiking to Strawberry Hill, they are most likely talking about hiking across the street to our new frozen yogurt store. On January 2, 2013 Strawberry Hill Yogurt and Café started serving frozen yogurt and other food items to the public and our students/staff. The reviews of the food

and yogurt are coming in as fantastic!

As with other frozen yogurt stores you may have visited, Strawberry Hill Yogurt has 10 flavors and 5 blended flavors with lots of fresh fruit and other yummy toppings. The store is located on the west end of the Fletcher Valley Natural Foods plaza where the former deli and later bookstore were located. Indoor seating accommodates about 30 while outside picnic tables and benches will easily seat another 50. The "cabin" with the water-wheel formerly located on the east end of the store has been moved to become a part of the "Green" outside of Strawberry Hill Yogurt.

In addition to yogurt, Strawberry Hill Yogurt and Café serves homemade soups and delicious sandwiches from 11 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. as well as salads, drinks, and other side dishes. Pizza will be made and served from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Not only is this shop great for our community, another positive aspect is that Strawberry Hill Yogurt has created 15-20 new employment opportunities for students at Fletcher Academy.

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hill YOGURT & CAFE



Be sure and join our Strawberry Hill Yogurt Text Club. Anyone can join by sending a text to 411247 with the message "SHY." We will be sending notices of specials, discounts, and the opening of our website! Better yet, hike on over to Strawberry Hill and visit us!



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