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# Church

**APRIL 19 & 20**

**Barbecue & Chicken Plate Sale** at Savannah AME Zion Church, beginning at 11:30am each day. Plates \$10. Thank you in advance for your support!

**APRIL 20**

**Singles Workshop** At Divine Unity H.O.R.M., 6090 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, 10am. Theme: "What do you do while you wait on Mr. Boaz?" with Pastor Renwick Fisher of True Holiness COG in Kannapolis, accompanied by Pastor Christine Hall of Flakes Chapel in Wadesboro & Pastor Terry Little of West Deep Creek MBC in Wadesboro.

**APRIL 21**

**190th Church Homecoming** at Gum Springs Baptist Church, 3520 Haileys Ferry Rd, Lilesville, with Rev. David Ross, Associational Missions Strategist, at 11am. Lunch on the grounds follows service. All are invited for this celebration!

**APRIL 27**

**Fish Plate & Hot Dog Sale** at Rocky Mount AME Zion Church, 12-5pm. 465 Grassy Island Rd, Ansonville.

**APRIL 27 & 28**

**160th Church Anniversary Celebration** at Galilee AME Zion Church. Sat - Banquet Celebration at Lockhart-Taylor Center, 514 N. Washington St. in Wadesboro, 1pm. Tickets \$35 individual, \$65 couple. 910-825-2909 or galileeanniversary@gmail.com. Sun-Worship at 11am at Galilee, 300 Galilee Rd. in Morven.

**APRIL 28**

**Missionary Program In Memory of Bishop William E. Taylor** at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 3pm with Bishop Walter Ellerbe. All are invited.

**MAY 4**

**Dollar Day Yard**

**Sale** hosted by Faith-Based Center of Hope at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center, located behind Pizza Hut in Wadesboro, beginning at 7:30am. All proceeds to help less fortunate Anson citizens. Contributions & donations are appreciated. For info please contact Vancine Sturdivant 704-294-0480 or Patricia Robinson 704-848-4995.

**MAY 5**

**2nd Pastoral Anniversary** for Pastor Pearl & First Lady Shirley Taylor at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 3pm with Pastor Terry Little of West Deep Creek Missionary Baptist Church. All are invited.

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**190TH Church Homecoming**

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST**

**Rev. David Ross, Associational Missions Strategist, will deliver the Homecoming message at 11am. Dinner on the grounds to follow.**

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**Events**

**APRIL 21 NAACP Meeting**  
They invited you to attend. 5pm at the HOLLA! Community Center, 229 E. Main St. in Morven. NAACP meets every 3rd Sunday of the month. For info: Sinic Marsh mrshs6@yahoo.com or 704-254-0630.

**MAY 4 Yard Sale & Bake Sale** by the Burnsville Ladies Auxiliary 7am-12 noon at Burnsville Fire Dept. Donations for the sale are gratefully accepted.

**N.C. Forest Service Urging Residents to Know When, Where and How to Safely Burn Outdoors**

March will officially cue the start of spring wildfire season in North Carolina, and the N.C. Forest Service is urging residents to use caution with all outdoor fires, especially yard debris burns. The N.C. Forest Service responded to more than 5,300 wildfires across North Carolina in 2023, with escaped debris burns as the leading cause.

"Last year, 99% of wildfires in our state were directly related to human activity," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "This means that most of our wildfires could have been prevented. Before choosing to burn yard debris, make sure you have a valid burn permit, check the weather and avoid burning on dry, windy days. You are the first line of defense when it comes to preventing wildfires."

Spring weather tends to draw people outdoors to work in their yards and many choose burning as a method to dispose of leaves, limbs and other yard debris.

"During the spring season, fires can spread quickly," said North Carolina State Forester David Lane. "Your N.C. Forest Service county ranger is a resource and can provide guidance about when, where and how to burn safely outdoors. Contact your local NCFS county ranger's office before starting an outdoor fire."

**The N.C. Forest Service offers the following tips:**

- Check local burning laws. Some communities allow burning only during specified hours. Others forbid it entirely.
- Make sure you have a valid permit. You can obtain a burn permit at any N.C. Forest Service office or authorized permitting agent, or online at: [www.ncforestservice.gov/burnpermit](http://www.ncforestservice.gov/burnpermit).
- Keep an eye on the weather. Don't burn on dry, windy days.
- Local fire officials can recommend a safe way to burn debris. Don't pile vegetation on the ground. Instead, place it in a cleared area and contain it in a screened receptacle away from overhead branches and wires.
- Be sure you are fully prepared before burning. To control the fire, you will need a hose, bucket, steel rake and a shovel for tossing dirt on the fire. Keep a phone nearby, too.
- Never use kerosene, gasoline, diesel fuel or other flammable liquids to speed up debris burning.
- Stay with your fire until it is completely out.

To learn more about fire safety and preventing wildfires and loss of property, refer to Fire Safety Outdoors. For information about creating defensible space and a fire-resistant landscape around your home and property, visit [www.resistwildfire.org](http://www.resistwildfire.org). Contact information for county rangers with the N.C. Forest Service is available online at [ncforestservice.gov/contacts](http://ncforestservice.gov/contacts).

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