

Anson County Toys for Tots 2018 Gratitude Banquet will be held this Saturday, January 12 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, beginning at 6 p.m. The guest speaker for the evening will be the Honorable Judge Christopher Windly Rhue. Pastor Steve Adams from Harvest Ministries Outreach Center will be the Master of Ceremony. Clerk of Superior Court of Richmond County Vickie Daniel will grace the event with her singing talents.

The theme for the 2019 Toys for Tots campaign is 'The Joy of Family Togetherness.' Coordinator Sturdivant stated, "This theme brought back memories of my home as a child and with my husband. We were trained to always eat dinner together as much as possible, especially on Sunday. So, some of the gifts given by the Toys for Tots Foundation were board games such as Memory, Don't Spill the Beans to Monopoly, Scrabble and Guesstures for older youth and adults."

Sturdivant continued, "Judge Rhue has been one of our greatest contributors since the beginning of Toys for Tots in Anson County."

Judge Rhue, is the son of Geraldine Laviner Rhue of Wagram, N.C. and the late Richard Windly Rhue of Vanceboro, N.C. Judge Rhue attended Wagram Primary, Shaw Middle School, and graduated from Scotland High School in 1989. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington where he earned a B.A. Degree in History. He then attended law school at Cumberland School of Law of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama where he earned his Juris Doctor degree.

Upon receiving his law degree in 1996 Judge Rhue began his legal career as a private attorney with a law firm in Abingdon, Virginia where he practiced law in Federal and State Court and was admitted to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia. He worked in Virginia from 1996-2001. In 2001 Judge Rhue moved back to his hometown to practice and was appointed Assistant District Attorney for Superior Court for District 16A (Scotland and Hoke Counties) in 2001. He prosecuted cases there from 2001 to 2014. In 2014 District 16A was expanded to include Anson, Richmond, Scotland and Hoke Counties. Judge Rhue filed for the judicial seat of Judge William McIlwain who was retiring in the new four county district and was elected by the people with no opposition in all four counties to the office of District Court Judge.

Judge Rhue is married to Dr. Jennifer Isenhour, M.D. of Scotland Memorial Hospital, and who also is a volunteer at the Scotland County Free Clinic. They have an eight year old daughter Vivienne Grace Rhue. Judge Rhue is a member of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church where he is a past Deacon and currently serves as an Elder. He is a member of the Laurinburg Rotary Club, Scotland Youth Development, Scotland County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, and he serves as a volunteer on the Scotland County Truancy Court.

With Toys for Tots being the only major project supplying toys to the less fortunate in Anson County each year the need was even greater. During the 2018 campaign they were able to have their first "Senior Citizens Prom" and the Toys for Tots Motorcycle ride sponsored by Playaz Elite Motorcycle Club.

Special recognition will be given to all the contributors, sponsors and volunteers. Especially Harvest Ministries Outreach Center, Apostle Tim Adams and Pastor Steve Adams, who graciously open their doors each year and allow Toys for Tots to operate from their facility for 4 to 5 months. Sturdivant said, "For this I am truly thankful."

"For without each of them, the campaign would have never been such a success," Coordinator Vancine Sturdivant stated. "It truly brings joy to our hearts to be able to supply toys for so many less fortunate kids. We have already begin strategizing for the 2019 campaign. With the support of our Executive Board, the great leaders and citizens of this fine county, we will have a successful campaign."

## Planning Underway for Local Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Events

Members of the Planning Committee for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Remembrance have set the following activities and events for Dr. King's Birthday.

• On Thursday evening, January 17, for the first time this year, each community will hold a "Mountaintop Fellowship Experience." Each community will host an Experience where members of the Anson County community can come together to reflect and fellowship on the impact of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr on their lives and in the communities in which they live.

**Wadesboro hosting ministers are** Rev. Rodney Moore (Kesler Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church) and Rev. Tim Hushion, (Calvary Episcopal Church). Location: Calvary Episcopal Church.

**Ansonville hosting ministers are** Rev. Jeff Glenn (Ansonville Baptist Church) and Rev. Antonio Smith (Pleasant Hill Baptist Church). Location: Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

**Morven hosting ministers are** Rev. Iris Tillman (Church of God of Prophecy) and Rev. Tommy Threatt (Morven Baptist Church). Location: Church of God of Prophecy.

**Peachland/Polkton hosting ministers are** Pastor John Green (Polkton Baptist Church) and Co-Host TBA. Location: TBA

**Lilesville hosting minister is** Rev. Jamison Quick (Parson Grove Missionary Baptist Church) and Co-Host TBA. Location: Parson Grove Missionary Baptist Church

**Deep Creek hosting ministers are** Rev Terry Little (Deep Creek Missionary Baptist Church) and Rev. Mark Perko (Deep Creek Baptist Church). Location: Deep Creek Baptist Church.

Each Mountaintop Fellowship Experience will convene at 6:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served at each location.

• HOLLA! of Morven is hosting an MLK "Night of Jazz" featuring Carl Ratliff on Friday evening, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the HOLLA! Center. Tickets are \$10 each. If you are interested in attending this event the contact person is Leon Gatewood, HOLLA! Director, at 704-851-3144.

• On Sunday, January 20 the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast will be held at Lady Bug Restaurant in Wadesboro. The breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. All members of the community are invited to attend and participate.

• The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial March will begin on Monday morning, January 21 at 8:00 a.m. Preloading for transportation to the Anson County Department of Social Services (DSS), located at 118 North Washington Street in uptown Wadesboro, from Harvest Ministries (HMOC) will take place at 7:30 a.m. HMOC is located on Highway 74 behind Pizza Hut. The march will begin from the DSS parking lot.

• The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program will begin at 9:00 a.m. following the march, and it will be held at Harvest Ministries. The keynote speaker for this program will be Rev. Alban Burney, the newly installed Pastor of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Wadesboro.

Planning is still going on, and if you would like to assist or participate in any activity please contact a member of the committee or those persons listed below.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information about any event contact Winnie Bennett at 704-851-9269, Marlene Richardson at 704-694-2337 or Dannie Montgomery at 704-694-8326.

# Church News

JANUARY 12 & 13

## Installation Service

For Pastor-Elect Rev Alban Burney at Ebenezer MBC in Wadesboro. Sat-Meet & Greet at Wadesboro Primary School, 1542 Hwy 52 South, Wadesboro, 5-8pm. Sun-Installation Service at Nicey Grove MBC, 318 Camden Rd in Marshville, 4pm with Bishop Claude Alexander. All are invited

## JANUARY 20

### 169th Church

Anniversary at Centenary AME Zion Church in Lilesville, 2:30pm with Rev Carol Turner. All are invited

### Healthy Cooking

Class at Pathway to Peace Ministries, 3-5pm

### Church Anniversary

At Morning Star Redeemed COG, 3pm with Apostle Leonard Williams

## JANUARY 27

### Men Day Program

At Henderson Grove MBC, 2:30pm with Rev Lewis Blakney. Everyone is invited

### Annual Program

New Grove MBC Deaconess Ministry, 3pm with Rev Warren Parsons. Special recognition to Clarence & Elma Taylor/Mother & Father of the church. All Deaconess are invited

## ONGOING

### Guest Speakers

Choirs, singers & more on 2nd & 4th Sunday nights at Harvest Ministries, 6:30pm. www.harvestmin.com

### Prayer & Bible

#### Study

At Ramsey Chapel Church each Tuesday 6-8pm

#### Bible Study

On book of Revelation Sun nights at 6pm at Mount Beulah Baptist Church

#### Bible Study

Wed & Sat 7:30pm at Church in the Name of Jesus Christ

#### Soup Kitchen

Every Wednesday at New Life Ministries, 1678 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, 12-

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2pm. Info 704-690-4900 of Evangelism Church every Sat 9am & Sun 8am

### Bible Study

Wednesday nights, 6pm at Church of God of Prophecy

### Bible Study

Wednesdays, at Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 6:30pm

### Prayer Service

Intercessory Prayer at Voice

### Schedule

At New Hope Methodist Church, Hwy 742 South.

Preaching 1st & 3rd Sun, 9:45am. Sun School 1st & 3rd Sun, 10:45am - 2nd & 4th Sun, 9:45am

### Come Worship With Us

# Events

## JANUARY 10

### Compassionate Friends Meet

7pm in Training Rm at Pee Dee Electric, Hwy 52 South in Wadesboro. Support group for anyone who has lost a family member or friend who was a child

## JANUARY 14

### 50+ Club Meets

10:30am at Hampton B. Allen Library with program of bluegrass & country music by Knights at the Museum. All are invited. 704-694-5177

## JANUARY 22

### Board Meeting

Brown Creek Soil & Water Conservation District, 10am at 1758 Morven Rd in Wadesboro. Info 704-694-3516

## FEBRUARY 6

### Free Groceries

For families in need. Mobile Food Pantry at Wingate United Methodist Church,

111 Hinson Street in Wingate. Register 8:30am. Call for details 704-694-2445

## ONGOING EVENTS

### Cognitive Disability

Caregiver Support Group, second Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church, Wadesboro. 7-8:30pm, Nancy Capel 704-694-3156, Cynthia Furr 704-695-3233

### Anson Singers

Rehearsal, Every Tuesday, 7-8:30pm at First United Methodist Church in Wadesboro. Info Emily Privette 704-475-0491

### Compassionate Friends

Meet on the 2nd Thursday of month, 7pm, at the Training Room at Pee Dee Electric, bereaved parents, family and friends invited, 704-826-6063 or 704-694-2425

### ACDVC One on One

Call us to meet & discuss how to keep you & your children safe. Anson County Domestic Violence Coalition 704-694-4499

### Regular Monthly Meeting

of Wadesboro Housing Authority 2nd Tuesday each month at 12noon at Papa Joes

### Anson County Board of Commissioners

Monthly Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm in Board Rm (Suite 209) of Government Bldg, 101 S. Greene St in Wadesboro. Info 704-994-3201

### After School Program

Kid Cafe Mon-Fri from 2:30-5:30p.m. at the Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, 704-826-8737

### Lions Club Welcomes New Members

The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joes Restaurant the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at 6:30pm For more info or to purchase a broom please call Jim Chandler 910-571-1448

### Childcare Association

Meets every 3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30pm. Info 704-695-1666

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### Oil painting workshop

Charleston artist Joyce Hall returns to Cheraw for the weekend of February 15-17 with an oil painting workshop. Transparent and Reflective Surfaces will be the topic for the workshop. It is appropriate for artists of all skill levels including beginners. Joyce is an international award winning oil painter and has exhibited in galleries and museums nationally. www.thestudiosc.com

Cost for the 3 day workshop is \$200. A supply list will be provided to participants upon registration. The workshop will be held at the Cheraw Police Department Community Room, located at 258 Second Street, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

For additional information contact the Cheraw Arts Commission 843.537.8420 x 12.

## Foster Parent Support Group

A meeting of the Foster Parent Support Group will be held on Tuesday, January 15 at the Anson County Department of Social Services, located at 118 North Washington Street in Wadesboro, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Resources and refreshments will be provided free.

Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995 or by email at connectionsfsp@gmail.com for more information.