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Church

SEPTEMBER 4 & 5

Fish Fry At Pleasant Hill AME Zion Church, 378 Pleasant Hill Rd, Wadesboro, 11am both days. Info 704-380-7142.

SEPTEMBER 6

25th Pastoral Anniversary for Pastor & 1st Lady Leak at Madison Grove Missionary Baptist Church. 11am Pastor Hall from Flakes Chapel & 2:30pm Pastor McLeod from Pleasant Hill Church.

SEPTEMBER 12

26th Anniversary Of Evangelistic Outreach Center, 7852 Hwy 74 W in Polkton, 4pm with Pastor Vincent Tillman from Life Giving COG in Concord.

SEPT 13 & 15-17

Homecoming & Revival At First Baptist Church, Sikes Ave in Wadesboro. Hommecoming Sun with Rev. Gregory Bennett, followed by lunch. Revival theme: Pursuing the Greater Glory. Tue-Dr. Rev. Jerry Tyson, Wed-Pastor Ellsworth Mingoos & Thu-Pastor Cam Richards, all at 7pm.

SEPTEMBER 17 - 19

Women's Conference At Johnson Chapel Holiness Church. Thu-Pastor Cindy Wiggins & Fri-Pastory Sylvia McLendon, both at 7pm. Sat-Lunch 11:45am & Evangelist Brenda Pratt at 1pm. All are welcome.

SEPTEMBER 27

Shoe Size Rally At Chilson Grove Baptist Church during morning worship service with Rev. C. Kiser. Come be blessed with us!

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Events

SEPTEMBER 15

Board of Commissioners Meet 6pm in the Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. Meetings are available online at [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), search for Anson Commissioners. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201.

ONGOING EVENTS

Alcoholics Anonymous Regular meetings on Mondays & Thursdays at 6:30pm and Wednesdays at 12 noon. AA welcomes all who are seeking help, as well those wanting to help another person. The AA building is located at 2177 Country Club Rd. in Wadesboro, across from the Anson EMS building.

Writers' Club Meets Fourth Sunday each month at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, 3pm (except July & Dec). Open to public, new members of all ages invited. Info 704-694-5211 or sandybruney@gmail.com.

Scammers Use Legal Tools to Steal Billions

Scammers are increasingly using perfectly legal technology — including phone services, artificial intelligence, website templates and social media — to carry out illegal schemes that cost consumers billions of dollars, according to a new investigation by the Better Business Bureau.

BBB reports that more than half of Americans encounter a scam every day, while financial fraud resulted in losses of more than \$68 billion last year. More than 98 percent of Americans surveyed said scams pose a threat to national security.

The findings are detailed in "Blueprint of a Scam," a new study from BBB's International Investigations Initiative examining how scammers reach potential victims and the legitimate tools and services they exploit.

Since 2022, more than 433,000 reports have been submitted to BBB Scam Tracker. Investigators used an artificial intelligence model to analyze the reports and identify patterns developing across the North American scam landscape. Among the most significant findings is the rapid growth of scam phone calls and text messages. BBB

recorded 5,985 scam texts and 12,562 scam phone calls in 2023. By 2025, those numbers had climbed to 21,839 texts and 38,523 calls.

Scammers frequently take advantage of legitimate services, including Voice over Internet Protocol, or VoIP, phone numbers, robocalling technology, website templates, artificial intelligence and social media. BBB also found that online platforms often struggle to identify and remove scammers quickly enough to prevent additional victims.

The organization is recommending stronger regulations, including expanding protections under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act and Telemarketing Sales Rule and providing text messages with protections similar to those covering telephone calls.

Other recommendations include stronger "Know Your Customer" requirements for service providers, changes intended to make it easier for individuals to pursue fraud cases and a proposed \$200,000 bond for national VoIP companies that could be used to pay fraud judgments.

For consumers, BBB recommends allowing calls from unknown numbers to go to voicemail. An important caller will generally leave a message. Consumers should also remember that scammers can quickly change or disguise the telephone numbers they use, so receiving a scam attempt from a different number does not necessarily mean it is a different operation.

BBB also recommends activating spam-call and spam-message filtering features on smartphones. Although the filters are not perfect, they can prevent many fraudulent calls and messages from reaching users.

Consumers can learn more about current scams at [BBB.org/scamstudies](https://www.bbb.org/scamstudies), research businesses or file complaints at [BBB.org](https://www.bbb.org), and report suspected scams through BBB Scam Tracker.

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Today's senior centers are **connecting** older adults with meaningful work and volunteer opportunities and increasing their access to valuable benefits and resources.

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