

## Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

- 6 days, 5 nights. 5 nights lodging, including 3 consecutive nights in the Cincinnati area.
- Admission to the stunning Ark Encounter and the Famous Creation Museum.
- Visit to a casino for some gaming
- April 7 -12, 2025 (Monday through Saturday)
- Departure: Food Lion parking lot at 8:00 a.m.
- Double occupancy \$725 per person & single occupancy \$954
- \$75 deposit required. After making the deposit you have 8 months to pay the balance using Grace Senior Center payment plan.

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### A COMMENTARY OF A CHOSEN VESSEL

When after voting I saw someone calling people over telling them to vote against the Referendum that only citizens should be able to vote. Yes, they can say that. It's their free speech right. In their words, "But you got to vote against this Referendum!"

**Referendum Constitutional Amendment**  
Constitutional amendment to provide that only a citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age and otherwise possessing the qualifications for voting shall be entitled to vote at any election in this state.

To those who marched at Selma, Alabama. To the Veterans who died for our freedom to have free speech, rights and the right to vote. My turn of free speech - Why would I give those who cross over the border saying I'm here let me vote?

I will ask you to think before you vote. Freedom to vote came with a price. So are you willing to give your rights to someone else?

Please vote for the Constitutional Amendment Referendum. Freedoms have come at too high of a cost to just give them away.

**A Chosen Vessel!**

# Church

### Gospel Celebration

At Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 7pm. (Prelude to Pastor T.J. Horne's Anniversary Service.) All choirs, soloists, musicians & praise dancers are welcome.

### Mother & Daughter

**Pink Tea Brunch** Victorious Women of Saron, 11am-2pm. Dress pink casual. \$10 donation.

### OCTOBER 27

#### Pastoral Anniversary

At First Baptist Church, Sikes Ave in Wadesboro for Pastor Gregory Everett & 1st Lady Donna Everett with Pastor Robert Coleman of Charlotte at 11am. All are invited.

#### 14th Pastoral Anniversary

of Pastor T.J. Horne at Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 11am with Pastor Donna McNair, followed by dinner. 3pm service with Pastor Charles Nabors. Everyone is welcome.

#### 50th Anniversary

of Pastor **Donnell Taylor** at East Rock Ford Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Jay Van Clyburn at 11am, followed by dinner. Rev. Jerry Tyson at 3pm.

### NOVEMBER 1 & 2

**BBQ Plate & Bulk Sale** at Pleasant Hill AME Zion Church, 378 Pleasant Hill Church Rd, Wadesboro. Info 704-475-2967.

### NOVEMBER 3

#### Pastoral Anniversary

For Bishop Arvester & Elder Terry Lindsey at New Jerusalem FCOG in Morven, 3pm with Elder Harvey Marsh of Lindsey Chapel FCOG in Lilesville.

### NOVEMBER 9

**Rainbow Tea** At Centenary AME Zion Church, Hwy 74 in Lilesville, 2pm. Your visit shall be returned. Pastor Bryan Cunningham.

### NOVEMBER 10

**13th Pastoral Anniversary** of Rev. Sharon Lockhart & 1st Man Robin Lockhart at New Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Teresa David at 11am & Pastor Cynthia Martin of New Life Ministry and Faith Center of Wadesboro at 2:30pm.

### NOVEMBER 16

**Prayer Brunch** At Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries, 3760 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, 11am with Min. Cynthia Henry of Morning Star Redeemed in Lilesville.

### NOVEMBER 23

**Free Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Meal** at Harmony Community Church at 12:00 noon. Info 704-272-7410. Located at 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland

### ONGOING

**HOPE Grief Support Group** at Harmony Community Church, meets Tuesdays at 5:30pm offering help for anyone suffering from grief, like death, sickness, divorce, separation from family, job, etc.. Free & confidential, everyone welcome. Come join others experiencing grief. We will pray with you. Info 704-272-7127. Located at 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland

### Events

#### OCTOBER 28

#### NAACP Meeting

They invited you to attend. 6pm at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 612 Salisbury St. in Wadesboro. They welcome you to attend. For info: Sinic Marsh [mrshs6@yahoo.com](mailto:mrshs6@yahoo.com) or 704-254-0630.

**Board of Education Regular Meeting** Closed Session begins 5pm for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel and property pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) and NCGS 143.318.11(a)(5). Open Session begins at 6pm. View at Anson County School's YouTube page. (*Search YouTube for Anson County Schools.*) Meeting takes place in Administrative Office Board Meeting Room, 320 Camden Rd in Wadesboro. For public comment, sign up in-person. Sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting.

### ONGOING EVENTS

**Bridge Club** 2nd Thursday each month, 1-3pm at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

**Free Food Distribution** at Feed My Lambs every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 1-4pm. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820

**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](mailto:sandybruney@gmail.com).

### How to Avoid Scams When Booking a Hotel Online

If you are planning an upcoming trip, keep an eye out for hotel booking scams. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) Scam Tracker ([bbb.org/ScamTracker](http://bbb.org/ScamTracker)) continues to receive reports of travelers falling victim to lookalike websites. Always confirm you are on the right website before making hotel reservations.

**How the scam works** You search for hotels in the city you plan to visit. Among the top search results is what appears to be an official hotel website or a legitimate travel booking agency. When you click the link, you find a website with professional photos from the hotel and reasonable pricing. Everything looks normal, so you decide to book a room. You enter your credit card information and check out. However, when you review your credit card statement, you notice you've been charged a much higher rate than you agreed. It turns out that you weren't on the official hotel website after all! You accidentally clicked on a third-party site without affiliation with the hotel.

One consumer reported this experience on BBB Scam Tracker: "When searching the web for a particular hotel, like [company name redacted], the hotel's logo appears on their website. You think that you are contacting the hotel that you searched for, but you are not. They are a third party that operates under the guise of being associated with the hotel. They told me they handle overflow calls for the hotel, not true. In addition to the cost for the hotel, they assess a \$16 "service" fee without advising you."

When you contact the company to cancel your reservation, you may not be able to get through to anyone. And even if you do, they'll likely tell you you've made a non-refundable reservation. The best they can do is cancel your reservation and charge you for it anyway.

#### How to avoid hotel booking scams

- Only book hotels through official websites. The best way to avoid this kind of scam is to check and double-check you are on an official hotel website before you enter your credit card information. Scammers are pros at building fake lookalike websites to fool you into giving up your information. Look closely at the URL to ensure you are on the hotel's official website or a booking agency you know and trust.
- Only make reservations through secure websites. You'll also want to ensure websites and their payment pages are secure, meaning they start with https:// and display a padlock symbol.
- Watch out for misleading ads. Look at search results carefully. Just because a website is the first result on the page doesn't mean it's legitimate. Watch out for high-ranking ads that scammers could sponsor.
- Research businesses you aren't familiar with. If you find a booking site that looks professional but you haven't heard of it before, proceed with caution. Search for reviews on third-party websites and keep a close eye out for reports of scams. Never share your personal information with a person or business until you know they are trustworthy.

### NCWorks Workforce Transition & Community Assistance

The North Carolina NCWorks Transition and Community Assistance website ([www.ncworks.gov](http://www.ncworks.gov)) contains links to resources to assist during transition from employment to unemployment or retirement, or unemployment to re-employment. It includes other community or social service programs, such as health, families and children, temporary assistance programs, legal issues, government benefits, caregiver resources, and more.

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