

**Barter Players of Famed Barter Theater Presenting  
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer January 31**

The Cheraw Arts Commission presents The Barter Players in "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" in January. The performance will be presented at the Theatre on the Green on Thursday, January 31, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. This presentation is based on the writings of Mark Twain and is appropriate for family audiences, from school age to adult.

Whether it's fishing with Huckleberry Finn or convincing his friends to whitewash Aunt Polly's fence, nobody loves life more than the irascible Tom Sawyer. Join Tom and Huck on the most exciting adventure of their lives where they learn that man's greatest treasure is the gift of friendship.

The Barter Players is a group of professional artists who perform world-class theatre for young audiences. The troupe presents high-energy and original productions that capture the imagination of today's youth while providing the best in classic literature and beloved story adaptations.

In the grand tradition of Barter Theatre in Abingdon, VA, the Barter Players perform with a unique combination of education and entertainment, plus the commitment to bring world-class theatre to young people of all ages and backgrounds.

Admission is \$4. Advance tickets are available at the Cheraw Community Center, located at 200 Powe Street in Cheraw. Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission for additional information at 843.537.8420 x 12.

**Bright Star Touring Theatre Presenting  
Let Freedom Ring: Music & Poetry of Black History**

The Cheraw Arts Commission presents Bright Star Touring Theatre in two shows during February at the Theatre on the Green. *Let Freedom Ring: Music & Poetry of Black History* is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. *Black History Heroes, Soldiers & Spies* will be presented on Wednesday, February 6 at 9:15 and 10:30 a.m. Both productions are geared for family audiences -ages 3rd grade through adults. Two actors will portray the individuals from America's past in these two 45 minute productions.

Audiences will hear powerful words and melodies in *Let Freedom Ring: Music & Poetry of Black History*. This moving show celebrates the works of Maya Angelou, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Sojourner Truth and others. These authors are brought to life on stage by the Bright Star actors. Admission to the performance is \$4 per person.

*Black History Heroes, Soldiers and Spies* celebrates the stories of Black American heroes. A number of important figures from American history are featured on the stage to share the importance of their work. Audiences will join the courageous Buffalo Soldier Colonel Charles Young as he helps settle the American West and some of our first National Parks. They'll also meet the Tuskegee Airmen as they take flight to help win World War II and Mary Elizabeth Bowser as she spies for the Union during the Civil War. Admission to these daytime shows are \$4 per student with accompanying adults/teachers admitted at no charge.

Bright Star Touring Theatre is a national professional touring theatre company based in Asheville, NC that serves nearly 1,500 audiences in schools, theaters, libraries, museums and more across the country. The group offers a wide variety of curriculum-based programs. The company performs regularly at the National Theatre in Washington DC and has gained international attention, having visited Russia and Germany with their productions.

Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission for additional information at 843.537.8420 x 12. The Cheraw Arts Commission is located at the Cheraw Community Center, 200 Powe Street.

**Free Tax Assistance at Grace Senior Center**

Free income tax assistance will be available for Anson County Residents sixty years of age or older of low or moderate income needing help in preparing their income tax returns. The assistance is a program sponsored by AARP and Grace Senior Center.

Volunteer counselors trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service will be at Grace Senior Center on Wednesday, March 6 and Wednesday, April 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. This free assistance is designed to help taxpayers fill out forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 and the North Carolina return.

Persons using the service should bring a picture ID, this year's tax package, age and earnings statements (forms W-2) received from employers, interest statements from banks (form 1099-INT), a copy of last year's tax return, and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses. Electronic filing of returns will be available.

If you are interested call Grace Senior Center to register and for additional information at 704-694-6616 or 694-6217.

**Blood Pressure Testing at Grace Senior Center**

Blood pressure tests will be offered at Grace Senior Center on Wednesday, March 20 at 10:45 a.m. Additional tests will be offered on March 20, June 19, September 18 and December 18, all at 10:45 a.m.

Grace Senior Center is located at 199 Highway 742 South in Wadesboro, just past IGA.

The telephone number is 704-694-6616.

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**Church News**

**JANUARY 27**

**Dedication Service**

For "Mother" Montisa Johnson at Forestville ZME Zion, 723 Clark Mountain Rd in Lilesville, 3pm. Colors: pink, white & gold

**Building Fund Program**

at Madison Grove MBC, 11am with Rev Fred Leak & 2:30pm with Pastor Ledbetter from Piney Grove Baptist Church

**Pre-Annivesary Program**

For Bishop Freddie Burns, 3pm at Tabernacle House of Praise with Pastor Randolph Melton. All are invited

**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

**FEBRUARY 2**

**Special Service**

Day of foot stomping & worship at Church of God of Prophecy, 8477 Hwy 52 South in Morven, 3pm

**FEBRUARY 10**

**Old Fashioned Day Program**

at New Hope Christian Faith Church in Ansonville, 3pm with Rev Althea Harris. Wear old fashioned attire if you have it. All are welcome

**February Birthday Service**

at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 3:30pm with Apostle Annette Ross. All are invited

**Family & Friends Program**

at Madison Grove MBC, 11am with Rev Fred Leak & 2:30pm with Pastor Little from Cedar Creek Baptist Church

**FEBRUARY 13 - 15**

**Women of Fire Revival**

At Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 7:30pm nightly. Wed-Pastor Sandra Ellerbe, Thu-Pastor Donna McNair, Fri-Pastor Betty Tillman. All are invited

**FEBRUARY 17**

**Fruit of the Spirit Program**

at Forestville AME Zion, 3pm. Refreshments served after service

**ONGOING**

**Bible Study**

Each Wednesday, 7pm at Madison Grove MBC. Everyone invited

**Church Service**

Pee Dee Cowboy Church meets every Monday at 6:30pm for refreshments & service. A Southern Baptist outreach church serving the community by giving to missionaries & others. Covered & heated facility. Info Rev Robert Wells, 704-272-0955

**Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Every second Saturday at 9am at Garris Grove MBC

**Prayer Line**

Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm at Expected End Ministries, 704-695-1842

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**GED Program**

At New Parkers Grove MBC Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-7pm, 704-994-9182

**Mass Schedule**

All welcome to services at Sacred Heart Catholic Mission in Wadesboro. Masses every Sun-8:30am, Thur-6pm & Sat-9am

**Bible Study**

At Evangelistic Outreach Center, first and third Sundays, 4:30pm

**Weekly Bible Study**

At Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Wednesdays, 6pm. All are welcome

**Youth Bible Study**

At Min. Gregory Williams' home, Thursdays, 3 Franklin Street in Wadesboro behind Wade Mill, 5pm, all youth encouraged to attend, age 8 and up, refreshments served

**Bible Study**

Every Monday, 6pm at Johnson Chapel Church

**Bible Study**

Every Tuesday 6:30pm at God Will Make a Way Ministries, 1207 N Greene St, Wadesboro

**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, 12-2pm. Info 704-690-4900

**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 of Evangelism Church every Sat 9am & Sun 8am

**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**

At New Life Church, 600 Camden Road in Wadesboro w/Pastor Chris Jackson. Sun-10:30am & Wed-6:30pm

**Events**

**JANUARY 26 & 30**

**Free Groceries for Families in Need**

at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center. Sat 1-4pm & Wed beginning at 10am. Call 704-826-8737 for eligibility info & details

**JANUARY 28**

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**

in Administrative Office Board Meeting Rm, 320 Camden Rd in Wadesboro. Closed Session at 4:30pm, Open Session at about 5:30pm

**Free Movie**

*The Greatest Showman* at Hampton B. Allen Library, 10am. All are welcome. Info 704-694-5177

**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

**FEBRUARY 12**

**Soup Luncheon**

Hosted by Anson Women's League, 11am-

1:30pm at First Baptist Church, Lee Ave in Wadesboro. Dine in, take out & deliveries of 10+ available. Plates are \$8 & include homemade vegetable soup, toasted cheese sandwich, homemade dessert & drink. Info & deliveries RHuntley@co.anson.nc

onnie.morgan@windstream.net or 704-695-5373

**FEBRUARY 23**

**Black History Month Celebration**

hosted by East Polkton School Alumni at Lockhart-Taylor Center, 4-8pm with speaker Nathal Hailey, President of Union County NAACP. Ticket info 704-408-2729

**ONGOING EVENTS**

**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

**Ladies Out**

Every Monday, 1pm at Grace Senior Center. Info & register 704-694-6616

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