

## Students Offered Free Back to School Haircuts

Harvest Ministries partnered with barber Larry Harrell to provide free haircuts



When Pastor Steve Adams of Harvest Ministries Outreach Center was approached by Anson County natives Gloria Howard and Larry Harrell about the opportunity to provide free haircuts to children in Anson County for back to school...it was a no-brainer. Adams stated, "Anything, any endeavor, any chance to give back to Anson and reach more people with blessings...we always want to be a part."

Soon Adams and Deacon Weaver Thomas of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Wadesboro partnered to plan and make the blessing possible. On Monday, August 20 professional barber Harrell came to Anson County on his day off and provided haircuts from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to many children in grades K-8. While the kids were waiting for their turns, Deacon Weaver Thomas and Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church provided them with hot dogs, drinks and snacks. Thomas also shared a motivational and encouraging "back to school" message to the kids. Harrell, who now owns his own barber shop in Monroe shared, "It's always good to give back to the hometown."

Adams, who graduated from Anson High with Harrell, stated, "Anson is home, and to have Larry back and give his time and show his love to these children is just another testament to what it means to never forget where you came from. These kids will always remember that someone cared enough to do this for them - it really is a picture of the compassion of Jesus."

Adams continued, "A special thanks to Miss Gloria Howard for coordinating the event, along with Deacon Thomas and Ebenezer Baptist, as well as the volunteers and members of Harvest Ministries for their commitment to serve Anson County. This event was done in memory of Lance 'Face' Howard." Plans are in the works for Harrell to return around Thanksgiving or Christmas to provide haircuts for the holidays in Anson County. For more information on other outreaches and events contact Pastor Steve at 704-695-2879.

## Singers Invited to Participate at Jazz Mass

In association with the South Carolina Jazz Festival in Cheraw this October

The 2018 South Carolina Jazz Festival - Celebrating Jazz in Dizzy Gillespie's Hometown will be held during the weekend of October 19-21 in Cheraw. Singers of all ages are invited to participate in the annual Jazz Mass that will be presented at Cheraw First Baptist Church.

The festival concludes on Sunday, October 21 with a Jazz Mass at 3 p.m. in the church's Family Life Center, located at 126 Greene Street. Worship Pastor Chris Bridges will serve as Director of the Jazz Mass Community Choir. The first practice will be on Sunday, September 30 at 3:30 p.m. at the church.

All practices will be held on Sunday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. leading up to the festival. Additional rehearsal dates will be Sunday, October 7 and Sunday, October 14.

Area musical and vocal ensembles are also invited to participate and should contact Chris Bridges at Cheraw First Baptist Church - 843.537.3863.

Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843.537.8420 x 12 for additional information.

## Dates Set for 2018 Anson Ag Expo & Fair

Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 21 - 22, the dates for this year's Anson Ag Expo & Fair. The event's planning committee has started meeting to prepare for traditional and new fall festivities.

The annual 4-H Youth Livestock Show will be held at Circle G Arena, while the Ag Fair will be held at the Extension Center in Wadesboro on Saturday, September 22. Again, this year there will be a Family Fall Fest, held at Circle G Arena on Friday night, September 21, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

The Family Fall Fest will feature fall and agriculture themed relays and competitions for kids, food trucks/vendors, games for small children under the shelter, and more. Come out and enjoy an evening of family fun and entertainment.

The annual 4-H Youth Livestock Show will begin at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday in Lilesville, while the Ag Fair will be open to the public on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Wadesboro.

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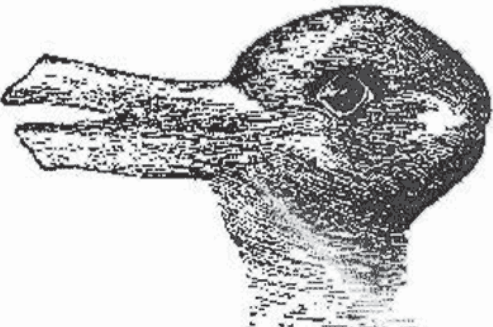
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