

Upcoming Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Activities

Members of the Anson County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Planning Committee are preparing activities to celebrate the birthday of the late, slain civil rights leader. The theme for this year is “A Celebration of the Dream: Now Becoming a Reality.” This topic represents the view of many that Dr. King’s vision of a “beloved community” expressed in his many speeches and writings is becoming more visible.

Events commemorating the birthday of Dr. King will begin with an MLK, Jr. Jazzy Gala which will be held at the HOLLA Center, located at 229 East Main Street in Morven on Friday, January 17, from 7:00 until 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each. Expect an unforgettable evening filled with live performances by various jazz artists, delicious food and drink, along with a vibrant atmosphere. To purchase tickets for this event, contact Leon Gatewood at the HOLLA Center.

Other events commemorating Dr. King’s birthday will be held on Saturday, January 18. (The date change is due to the Presidential Inauguration being held on Monday.) The annual memorial march will begin Saturday morning at the Anson County Department of Social Services building at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. Immediately following the march the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Unity Prayer Breakfast will be held. The community breakfast will address themes of Unity, Love, Peace, End of Poverty, Freedom from Prejudice, and Belonging-Social Equity. Area ministers will render thoughts and prayers on scripture and current events. Refreshments will be provided. The day’s program will then commence at the end of the breakfast. The keynote speaker for this program will be Dr. Masonya J. Bennett of Smyrna, Georgia.

On Sunday, January 19, all local churches and other organizations are encouraged to sponsor an activity celebrating Dr. King’s birthday.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Committee, is also providing “Soup on the Square,” on Monday, January 20, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p. m. Please come out for this free meal.

For more information contact Ms. Winnie M. Bennett at 704-465-0867. All events are open to the public.

Harvest Ministries’ Community Christmas Blessing Celebrates 20 Years

Annual event provides gifts, toys, and joy to children and families

On Sunday, December 15 Harvest Ministries in Wadesboro was the place to be for hundreds of children and their families for the annual Community Christmas Blessing event, now in its 20th year!

Before the giveaways and prizes, the hundreds in attendance enjoyed a Christmas program courtesy of Harvest, complete with Christmas Carols, Dances, and of course, visits from Santa. Prior to the giveaways, prizes, and fun – a Christmas message of the free gift of eternal life that comes through Jesus was shared with those in attendance

The event featured bicycles, earbuds, scooters, remote control cars, gift cards, and over \$500 in cash given away. The highlight of the event was that every child in attendance left with two brand new toys for Christmas.

Harvest Ministries founding Pastor Tim Adams summarized the event by saying, “Even after all these years, it never gets old. Being able to bring the love, the joy, and the beauty of Christmas to so many is the true meaning of this season. It is incredible!”

Harvest Ministries would like to thank the many businesses, sponsors and donors who make this event possible each year. Due to the generosity of this year’s partners and donors, in addition to the toys, gifts, and cash given away, Harvest was able to provide Christmas for 5 families, including utility payments, clothing and more.



Founding Pastor Tim Adams addresses the attendees.

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PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT BY:
Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc.

- **Montgomery County:** The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. via Teleconference. The Conference Number is: 1-844-875-7777, Enter Code: 4259133
- **Richmond County:** The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. via Teleconference. The Conference Number is: 1-844-875-7777, Enter Code: 4259133
- **Moore County:** The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. via Teleconference. The Conference Number is: 1-844-875-7777, Enter Code: 4259133
- **Anson County:** The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. via Teleconference. The Conference Number is: 1-844-875-7777, Enter Code: 4259133

The purpose of this hearing is to allow the citizens of each county an adequate opportunity for involvement in the planning, implementation, evaluation and assessment of the Community Service Block Grant Program applied for and administered by Sandhills Community Action Program, Inc. It is with the intent to file an application for the 2025-2026 Community Service Block Grant Program funding. It is mandatory that we hold these meetings to ascertain the views, comments, questions, and proposals on how the funds will be utilized.

The purpose of the Community Service Block Grant is to provide a range of services and activities having a measurable and potentially major impact on the causes of poverty in those areas of the community where poverty is a particularly acute problem.

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