



Harvest Ministries Brings Christmas to Nearly 700

Sunday December 16th marked the annual event called Community Christmas Blessing at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center in Wadesboro. Now in its ninth year, the event drew a crowd of almost 700 people to HMOC.

Beginning with the Harvest Christmas program at 10:30 a.m. guests enjoyed singing, dramas, readings, and more. Then the Community Christmas Blessing part of the day began with a free meal served by Coach Brandon Rains, the Anson High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team, local leaders and many other volunteers.

Crowds flocked into the auditorium of Harvest for toys, prizes, cash awards, and even a visit from Santa Claus and his elf. Lines wrapped around the facility with eager children and families excited about the Christmas event.

Lead Pastor Steve Adams shared "Last year we set an attendance record of 864 during this event, which was a phenomenal thing, and this year we have set a record for the amount of toys donated and received - over 550 toys." Adams credited the generosity of the businesses, the community of Anson and the Toys for Tots campaign. "Commissioner Vance Sturdivant has always been a partner of ours in our outreach efforts, but Toys for Tots has allowed us the great honor of being linked with them to provide hundreds of toys for the children and families of this county"



Pastor Tim Adams (left) and his son, Pastor Steve Adams enjoy the fellowship and delicious food.

Adams continued, "What you see here today is a representation of every part of this county, and the greatest asset that Anson County has...its people. The future is bright - just look around."

Thanks to the many donations gifts such as bikes, cell phones, game systems and more were given away. One adult winner walked away with \$200 in cash and Charlotte Bobcats tickets!

Adams wrapped up this year's Community Christmas Blessing stating, "This event has become a staple of this community, and while we set records today, and were able to bless hundreds of people, the greatest blessing for Harvest Ministries is that 106 people prayed to receive Jesus Christ today. To me there is no better Christmas gift."

"Harvest Ministries Outreach Center would like to thank the many volunteers, organizers, community partners, churches, and others who made this years event possible."

For more information on the community outreach efforts of HMOC or next year's event feel free to contact Harvest Ministries at 704-695-2879 or visit www.harvestmin.com.

Chamber Lunch & Learn on Record Keeping & Taxes

The Anson County Chamber of Commerce and South Piedmont Community College's Small Business Entrepreneurship Center invite you to attend the next Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, January 15. The program is titled "Record Keeping and Taxes."

Improper record keeping can lead to a loss of income due to lost receipts or missed tax deductions. This seminar will focus on the importance of record keeping and taxes by identifying the users of financial information, outlining self-employment taxes, as well as addressing the importance of interaction with your finance and accounting professionals. Dan Merle, Director of the Small Business Center at South Piedmont Community College, will host the event, and Toiyi Evans, Accounting Instructor at SPCC, will be the guest speaker.

All Chamber members are invited to attend this free Lunch & Learn Session at 11:45 a.m. at the Anson County Chamber of Commerce.

Seating will be limited to the first 25, so please RSVP your attendance as soon as possible for the seminar and catering purposes. Deadline for registration will be Friday, January 11. If you RSVP and do not attend you will be billed \$5 for your lunch. You may register by calling 704-694-4181 or email to ansonchamber@windstream.net.

Don't forget your business cards for door prizes and to share with other attendees.

New Beginnings to Meet

The New Beginnings Cancer Support Group will meet on Monday, January 21 at 6 p.m. at the Lady Bug Restaurant in Wadesboro.

Equine Rescue League Event

Everyone is invited to participate in an educational and inspirational day to see how quickly lines of communication can be achieved between horses and humans to give them a bright future. Dawn Roth and Bekah Koutsos will be partnering with the US Equine Rescue League of NC (USERL) to demonstrate a natural approach to horse training with rescue horses.

The event will take place on Saturday, January 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Latta Equestrian Park, 6201 Sample Road in Huntersville. • 1-1:20 p.m. Inspirational Demo • 1:20-2:30 p.m. Rescue Horse Makeover! • 2:30-3 p.m. From Zero to Hero, reaching full potential! Cost: Free! Contact Deb Carl for info or to sign up dbcaryl@bellsouth.net.

Cheraw Arts Commission Exhibit Opening

The Cheraw Arts Commission presents Creations and Collections exhibit to coincide with National Hobby Month. The exhibit featuring Collections and handmade Creations from area residents will be displayed during January in the Burr Gallery located at the Cheraw Community Center at 200 Powe Street. Items to be displayed include quilts, a button collection, pottery, leatherware, knitted items, baskets and more.

Creations and Collections will be exhibited through January 30. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information contact the Cheraw Arts Commission 843-537-8420 x 12. The Cheraw Arts Commission is supported by the United Way of Chesterfield County and the SC Arts Commission which receives funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

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Obituaries

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March 18, 1980, in Union County, a son of Joe Leonard Thomas and Sue Harward Thomas, Sr.

Joe was a logistics manager with Turbomeca of Monroe, a French based company which allowed him to travel to Europe many times where he bonded with many fellow French co-workers. He loved to meet new people. He loved to travel abroad, whether vacationing with family or for business. Other favorite past times included working with his '61 Impala SS, being a craftsman in all his endeavors, and he always loved being outside, whether running, looking at nature or working in the yard.

Survivors include his wife, Jenny Smith Thomas

of Wesley Chapel; his parents, Joe and Sue Thomas of the Burnsville Community; his father and mother-in-law, Keith and Catherine Mills Smith of Wingate; Jenny's two sisters, Jamie (Jason) Harrell of Marshville and Jessica Smith (Joe) Earley of Raleigh; her grandfather and grandmother, Joel Smith and Betty Owens, both of Wingate; their pets, Amber, Hope and Zack; and many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

Jenny would like to thank friends, family and community for their thoughts, prayers and generosity during his 17 month battle with cancer. A special thanks to our CMC-Waxhaw family, CMC-Union family, Turbomeca family and Chick-Fil-A Wesley Chapel Family.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Union County, 1901

Brunswick Avenue, Charlotte NC 28207, a charity he worked hard for and held dear to his heart.

An online guest register book is available at davisfuneralservice.com.

Mr. Randy Purvis Walters

Mr. Randy Purvis Walters, 57, died Sunday, December 30, 2012, at Anson Community Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Friday, January 4, 2013, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Jimmy Knotts and Rev. James Haythe officiating. Interment followed in Anson Memorial Park.

Randy was born December 13, 1955, in Anson County, a son of Willard Broome Griggs of Wadesboro and the late Purvis Edsel Walters. Prior to his disability he was a residen-

tial painter, having worked with the late Richard Burriss.

In addition to his mother he is survived by his son, Clinton Walters of Wadesboro; his grandson, Trenton Walters of Wallace, SC; his brothers and sister, Eric Walters of Polkton, Michael Walters of Norwood, Jeffrey Walters of N. Myrtle Beach, SC and Karen Hornback of Wadesboro; his former wife, Cheryl Belden of Goldsboro; his aunt and caregiver, Nellie Dutton of Wadesboro, whom he loved like a mother; and his friend and nursing caregiver, Rev. James Haythe of Monroe.

Memorials may be made to Neighborhood Nurses, Inc., 1821 Rocky River Rd., Monroe, NC 28110.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

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