

Church News

JANUARY 13
Concert
 Faith Walkers 4, a nationally known gospel singing group from High Point at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, 7pm. Public is invited. Info call Tom Parrish, 704-694-9432

JANUARY 14
1st Program of Year
 At Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 5pm w/Pastor F. Little

JANUARY 15
Installation Service
 For Rev Sharon Lockhart at New Grove MBC, 3pm w/guest preacher Rev Anthony Hooks

3rd Anniversary
 Of Program Committee at Gatewood Station AME Zion, 2:30pm w/Rev Sylvia McLendon

JANUARY 16
Martin Luther King
 Program at West Deep Creek MBC, noon w/Rev Jackson

JANUARY 21
BTU Congress
 And Zion Sunday School at Flat Rock MBC in Wadesboro. Registration 9am, Congress 9:30am

JANUARY 22
28th Anniversary
 Of Combined Choir at New Grove MBC, 3pm. All choirs invited to attend

Building Fund Program
 At Madison Grove MBC, 3pm w/Rev Annie Bostic
JANUARY 29
Peew Rally
 By Poplar Springs MBC Choir

FEBRUARY 5
Guest Speaker
 Pastor Terry Little at Henry Grove Baptist Church, 2:00pm

ONGOING
 Every Wednesday at Poplar Springs MBC, 6-7pm
Bible Class
 At Lindsey Chapel FCOG every Tuesday, 6:30pm. Genesis to Revelations. Everyone invited

Power Hour
 Every Wednesday, 7pm at Tabernacle House of Praise

Tools for Christian Living
 Academy, fourth Saturdays, New Piney Grove Ministries, 6pm

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

Catholic Faith
 Learn about the Catholic Faith at Sacred Heart Catholic Mission, in the Convent, Wednesdays 3pm

Men's Prayer Breakfast
 Every second Saturday at 9am at Garris Grove MBC

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

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

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 At Sacred Heart Mission, Wadesboro, Sun-8:30am, Thu-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, Class taught by Pastor McLaurin, all welcome, 704-848-4176

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

Guest Speakers
 Choirs, singers & more on 2nd & 4th Sunday nights at Harvest Ministries, 6:30pm. www.harvestmin.com

Bible Study
 Wednesdays, at Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 6:30pm

Come Worship With Us
 At New Life Church, behind Dollar General in Wadesboro w/Pastor Christ Jackson. Sun-10:30am & Wed-6:30pm

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
 Wednesdays, at Cedar Creek Baptist Church, 6:30pm

Baptist Training Union
 On the 3rd & 4th Sundays after morning service at Cedar Creek MBC

Substance Abuse Class
 For women at New Parkers Grove MBC, noon-1:30pm each Tue & Thu. Snacks served

Weekly Bible Study
 At Centenary AME Zion Church, Wednesdays, 6:30pm, public invited

Bible Study & Prayer
 At Savannah AME Zion Tuesdays at 6pm. The public is invited

Live on the Radio
 Min Gregory Williams on WADE 1340AM every 1st & 3rd Saturday, 2pm

Bible Class
 Tuesday nights at Lakeside Holiness Church, 6:30-7:30pm, activities for children

Bible Study
 At Parsons MBC Tue at 6:30pm & Wed at noon

Noon Prayer
 At Greater St. Mark COD, noon on Tuesdays

Food Pantry
 Food Pantry in Peachland, hours of operation, Wednesdays and Fridays 10:30am-12noon, Wednesday nights 9pm-9:30pm, Sundays 1:30pm-2pm, call 704-272-7866 last Friday each month 11am-12noon to make appointment unless emergency

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Events

JANUARY 11
Tourism Meeting
 Anson County Tourism Development Authority meets at noon at Lady Bug Restaurant. Public is invited

JANUARY 12
Bridges Out of Poverty
 And Ally training session at First United Methodist Church, Wadesboro, 6-9pm. Info 704-994-2333

Compassionate Friends
 Meet at 7pm in Training Rm at Pee Dee Electric. 704-694-8774

JANUARY 13
Toys for Tots Banquet
 Gratitude Banquet at Lockhart-Taylor Center, 6pm. Everyone invited. Tickets \$10 at door, or call 704-848-4412 for info & tickets

JANUARY 16
MLK Acknowledgement
 At Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, noon w/Dr. Samuel Cash. Across from Burnsville VFD on Hwy 742. 704-826-8182

JANUARY 17
MLK Day Celebration
 By Anson County NAACP, 9am Lockhart-Taylor Ctr for breakfast & program, then march to courthouse for program, then march to Wadesboro UMC. Info 704-694-6749

Lunch & Learn
 Presented by the American Cancer Society to all Chamber of Commerce members,

free, at 11:45am in Chamber office. RSVP by Jan 13 by calling 704-694-4181 or ansonchamber@windstream.net

JANUARY 24
Free Movie
 Dreamer at Hampton B. Allen Library, 10am. Info 704-694-5177

JANUARY 27
Barn Blast
 6pm-midnight in Ingram Rm at Lockhart-Taylor Center. Enjoy dinner, dancing, drinks, auctions & fun while helping support children's literacy programs right here in Anson County. Tickets \$35 now, \$45 after Jan 13. Sponsorships also available. For tickets & info call Anson County Partnership for Children 704-694-4036

JANUARY 30
Brown Bag Book Club
 Meets at noon w/potluck lunch & talk by genealogist Cecil Campbell. Please bring dish of food. Info 704-694-5177

ONGOING EVENTS
1st Sunday Breakfast
 At Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center, 1st Sunday of each month from 7-10:30am. No charge, but donations for the Center gratefully accepted

Anson Farmers Market
 On Highway 52S open every Wed & Sat, 6:30am-1pm, June 4 through Nov 20

Storytime
 Tuesdays, Hampton B. Allen Library, 10am

Program 50+ Club
 At Hampton B. Allen Library, second Mondays, Pritchett

What is a 1915 b/c Medicaid Waiver?
 You may want to know more about "The Waiver" if you or a member of your family depend on publicly-funded behavioral health services.
 Behavioral Health Services are those related to mental illness, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance abuse.
 The "Waiver" will be implemented on July 1, 2012. Everyone is invited to a public forum to learn the facts, ask questions, and get answers.
 Tuesday, January 17 6:00-8:00 PM
 Lockhart/Taylor Center, Ingram Room - 514 N. Washington Street, Wadesboro, NC
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Prescribed Fire Prevents Wildfire, Benefits Habitat

It may seem counterintuitive to start a fire to prevent a fire, but that's exactly what the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is doing in some of its game lands in eastern North Carolina. The Wildlife Commission, working with the N.C. Forest Service, recently burned about 60 acres on the Pettiford Creek tract of the Croatan Game Land in Carteret County. The area sits close to homes and neighborhoods, and the burnt area of the Croatan National Forest. While it might seem dangerous to burn land near houses, a carefully started and monitored prescribed fire has multiple benefits to plants, animals — and the people living in the neighborhoods.

Regular controlled burning reduces the fuel load — or build-up of grass, leaves, pine straw and other forest debris — preventing wildfire and allowing firefighters to suppress a wildfire much quicker than they would have otherwise. "We have protected the houses in that area, while we are benefitting wildlife," said Ken Shughart, a forester with the Wildlife Commission. "Thirty or more acres had never been burned before, and the longleaf ecosystem really benefits from regular prescribed burns."

In addition to reducing fuel load, controlled burns maintain habitat for protected animal and plant species such as the red-cockaded woodpecker, gopher frog, Venus flytrap and rough-leaf loosestrife, which occur in the longleaf pine habitat in and around Pettiford Creek tract.

Shughart said that Commission staff responsible for controlled burns receives extensive training to ensure that they are careful to protect surrounding communities, themselves and the land they are working to restore.

"Fire experts do a great deal of work before the burn," Shughart said. "They create a burn plan, which includes smoke-management details, fire-control measures, acceptable weather parameters, equipment and personnel needs. The plan also details how the ecosystem will benefit from fire."

Fire once occurred naturally in eastern North Carolina. Low-intensity fires burned every 3-5 years, fueled by grass, leaves, pine straw and other forest debris. They kept the forest open, allowing sunlight to penetrate to its floor and reducing buildup of dangerous fuel loads. Fire suppression altered the landscape, allowing fuels to accumulate and putting people and communities in jeopardy.

Fire-dependent ecosystems also rely on the sunlit forest floor created by burning to maintain the habitat native to North Carolina. Deer, turkey and songbirds are abundant on the Pettiford Creek tract and surrounding areas.

For additional information on controlled burns, download "Using Fire to Improve Wildlife Habitat," from the N. C. Cooperative Extension. For more information on the Wildlife Resources Commission, visit www.ncwildlife.org.

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