



Mrs. Gladys Jones Wright Celebrates Her 100th Birthday

Mrs. Gladys Jones Wright turned 100 years old on Tuesday, February 3. A birthday celebration was held on Saturday, February 7 at Deep Springs Baptist Church in Peachland. Mrs. Wright has lived her entire life as a resident of Peachland, and has been a member of Deep Springs Baptist Church where she continues to attend. She was married to the late Frank Wright. Mrs. Wright has two daughters, Rebecca Nance and Sybil Ferree and two sons, Bobby and Sheppard, 13 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Wright's 24th great-grandchild Addison Hill shares the same birthday, 99 years apart. On February 3 when Mrs. Wright turned 100, Addison turned 1 year old. They are pictured together here.



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Parks and Rec Youth Little League Baseball Registration

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- February 16 at Ansonville Elementary School
- February 17 at Peachland-Polkton Elementary School
- February 18 at Lilesville Elementary School
- February 19 at Wadesboro Elementary Gym
- February 24 at Morven Elementary School

For more information contact Wendell Small, CPRP at 704-694-5868 or email wsmall@co.anson.nc.us.

Toys for Tots Gratitude Banquet Held January 10

The Anson County Toys for Tots Gratitude Banquet was held on Saturday, January 10 at Lockhart-Taylor Center. The guest speaker for the evening was Attorney Fred D. Poisson, Jr. from Poisson, Poisson and Bower Law Firm in Wadesboro.

The theme for the 2014 Toys for Tots campaign was "The Joy of Giving." Toys for Tots Coordinator Vancine Sturdivant said, "Who else could we ask to be the speaker. Attorney Poisson contributes his time and finances to this county. Among the many things he has done to help, he took time out his hectic schedule to help me deliver meals to the needy."



During his speech Poisson gave several examples of projects that not only he was involved in, but projects his father organized in this area. He stated, "When we pray, God whispers. When we are happy, God laughs. When we are in sorrow and pain, God shouts." This is a passage from author C. S. Lewis.

Sturdivant added, "With Toys for Tots being the only major project supplying toys to the less fortunate in Anson County, this year the need was even greater. During the 2014 campaign we were able to have fundraisers, the Toys for Tots Motorcycle ride and a raffle. Also, the Charlotte Panthers donated a football signed by all the players. (Dr. David Casey of Pinehurst Surgical won the football.) Dr. Robert Keller donated all the batteries for toys in need of batteries."

Special recognition was given to Fred D. Poisson, Poisson and Bowers law Firm, Lanesboro Correctional Institute, Wallace & Wallace Properties, Walmart, Pearson's Trucking Services, Playaz Elite Motorcycle Club, and ALL the county employees for bringing gifts or donations during the county luncheon. With the expertise of Councilwoman Denise Cannon, Toys for Tots was able to get a Walmart grant for \$1,000. The 2014 contributors and sponsors were: Judge Lisa Thacker, Dr. David Casey, Rep. Mark Brody, Senator Gene McLaurin, Judge Christopher Rhue, Jamie Jarrell, Brian Jenkins, Randy Henry, Evan Carville, Shane Drake, Anna Baucom, Dr. Jim Sims, Ross Sreater, Smith's Funeral Services, Lawrence Gatewood, Bonnie Huntley, Lilesville Town Council, Ansonville Town Council, Polkton Town Council, Town of Wadesboro, Anson County School System, JROTC, Anson High School, George Truman, Marilyn Bennett, Frank Liles, Sharolyn Carpenter, John & Vickie Daniel, Evadne Smith, VFW Post 10403, BeLinda Deese, Michael McLeod, Sylvia McLendon, Fairview Church of God, Hanna Chapel United Methodist Church, Bethel/Long Leaf/New Hope Charge, Garris Grove MB Church, Temple of Truth Life Changing Ministries, James McCray, Marvis Rorie, Clarence Howard, Pleasant Hill MB Church, Elizabeth MB Church, Tim Adams, First Baptist Church, New Home Baptist Church, Freedom Ministries #1, Henry Grove Baptist Church, Rock Hill MB Church; Ebenezer MB Church, State Employees Credit Union, CMH Flooring, Dollar General, BB&T, Judy's Tax Service, Faith-Based Center of Hope, US Contractor Little, Tractor Supply, Keith Rosebud, Dannie Montgomery, Cindy Little, Keisha Ingram, Ronald Little, Poplar Hill Lodge #331, Enoch Sturgill, Betty Huntley, C's & T's Daycare, Debra Rosebud, Taskmasters, Robert Colf. Coordinator Vancine Sturdivant stated, "It truly brings joy to our hearts to be able to supply toys for so many less fortunate kids. We have already begun to strategize for the 2015 campaign. With the support of our Executive Board and the great leaders and citizens of this fine county, we will have a successful campaign."

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