

## Class of 1985 Reunion Meeting

Classmates of the Anson High School Class of 1985 are asked to provide feedback about their interest in attending a 40th class reunion. The reunion date is September 20, 2025 at Twin Valley Golf Club in Wadesboro.

Requesting feedback from those interested in attending to respond through the "Class of 1985" chat on Facebook Messenger by March 3 so that planning can move forward.

## Free Tax Assistance at Grace Senior Center

Free income tax assistance will be available for Anson County Residents sixty years of age or older of low-or moderate-income, needing help in preparing their income tax returns. The assistance is a program sponsored by AARP and Grace Senior Center.

Volunteer counselors trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service will be at Grace Senior Center on Wednesday, March 5 and Wednesday, April 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. This free assistance is designed to help taxpayers fill out forms 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 and the North Carolina return.

Persons using the services should bring a picture ID, this year's tax package, age and earnings statements (forms W-2) received from employers, interest statements from the bank (form 1099-INT), a copy of last year's tax return, and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses.

All persons who have an appointment must pick up a Tax Package at Grace Senior Center before their scheduled appointment and bring the completed package to the appointment.

Electronic filing of returns will be available.

If you are interested call Grace Senior Center to schedule an appointment and for additional information at (704) 694-6616.

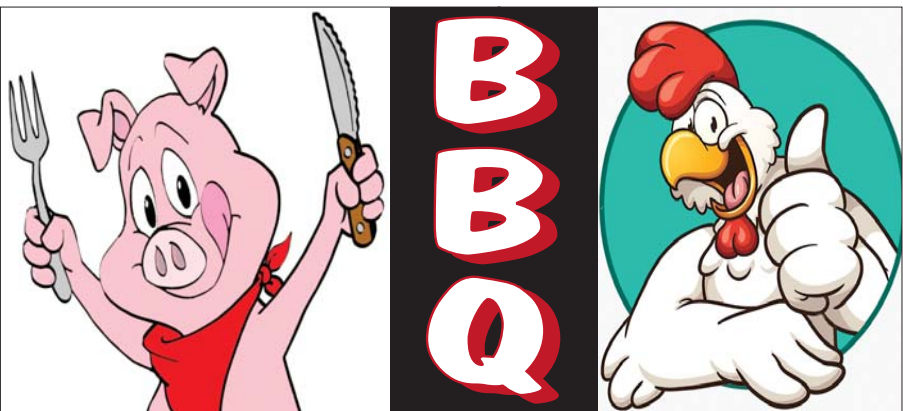
## Huge Yard Sale to Help Less Fortunate

Faith-Based Center of Hope will have a huge yard sale on Saturday, March 8 in the parking lot across from Papa Joe's Pizzeria, 911 East Caswell Street in Wadesboro, beginning at 8:30 a.m. All proceeds will go to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

Contributions and donations are gratefully appreciated.

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## GULLEDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

**Saturday, March 8 11am until...**

### CHICKEN OR PORK

*Served with  
Baked Beans, Slaw, Rolls,  
Homemade Desserts  
& Drink \$13/Plate*



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## MARTIN FURNITURE FACTORY OUTLET

Highway 74 West in Wadesboro • 704-694-3185 Mon-Fri 8:30-5 Sat 8:30-1

**VISIT OUR SLEEP SHOP**

Mon-Fri 8:30-5  
Saturday 8:30-1

## Church

**FEBRUARY 23 - 26**

### Winter Revival

At Harmony Community Church, located at 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland, with Dr. Ron Lynch. Sun 9:30am & 6:30pm. Mon-Wed 6:30pm nightly.

**FEBRUARY 28**

### Spiritual Ministry

"Refocus & Refuel, Reflecting on the Beatitudes" at Savannah AME Zion Church, 7pm with Rev. Dr. Roy Lisenby, Rev. Dr. Terry Little, Rev. Dr. Eddie Maye & Evangelist Jamal Moore. All are invited.

**MARCH 2**

### Pew Rally Program

At Rocky Mount AME Zion Church in Ansonville, 2:30pm with Elder Raymond Fox. Family & friends are invited to attend.

**MARCH 9**

### Friends & Family Day

Hosted by Youth Ministry of Victory Temple Miracle Center, 4pm with Apostle Penny Montgomery from Charlotte. 1685 Morgan Sellers Rd, Wadesboro.

**MARCH 16**

**41st Pastor Appreciation** at Victory Temple Miracle Center, 1685 Morgan Sellers Rd, Wadesboro, 4pm with Pastor Larry Williams of Tabernacle of God Ministries in Dillon, SC.

**8th Anniversary of Overseer Sylvia McLendon** at Divine Unity House of Restoration Fellowship Hall, 3760 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro. District Overseer, Pastor Iris Tillman of Church of God of Prophecy in Morven at 11am. Pastor Cindy Wiggins of House of Faith in Wadesboro at 2:30pm.

**States Rally Program** At Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ansonville, 11am with Rev. Oscar Tillman, Assist. Pastor at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Wadesboro.

### Church Anniversary and Family & Friends Day

At Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ansonville, 3pm with Rev. Dr. Eugene Sturdivant of Faith of Zion Church in Ansonville.

**MARCH 22**

**Fruit of the Spirit Tea** At New Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 4pm with various speakers. Join for a casual, yet spirit-filled experience!

**MARCH 23**

**29th Pastoral Anniversary** of Rev. Dr. R.A. Lisenby at Garriss Grove Missionary Baptist C Church, 11am with Rev. James Parker, followed by dinner. Pastor Sharon Lotharp of New Grove MBC at 3pm.

**ONGOING**

**Bible Study** Every Wednesday 6pm at New Grove Missionary Baptist Church. It is on Zoom for the winter.

## Events

**MARCH 4**

### Board of Commissioners Meet

6pm in Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. There are two regular monthly meetings, with the second March meeting on March 18. Meetings are available online at [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), search for Anson Commissioners. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201.

**MARCH 6**

### Book Club Meets

9am-2pm at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

**MARCH 14**

### Happy Potato Day At

Grace Senior Center, 9am-4pm. Free bags of potato chips! 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

**MARCH 17**

### Senior Shenanigans

**Day** at Grace Senior Center, 1-3pm. Stop by & play "Friendly Feud Game!" Win prizes! 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

**MARCH 18**

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### Disaster Preparedness

**Workshop** at Grace Senior Center, 10am-12noon. Receive a preparedness packet. 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

**MARCH 28**

### Movie Day "Leap Year"

2pm at Grace Senior Center. Refreshments served. 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

**ONGOING EVENTS**

### Free Food Distributed by Anson Crisis Ministries

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 8am-1pm. It is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. Telephone is 704-694-2445.

**Free Food Distribution** at Feed My Lambs every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 1-4pm. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820.

## More People Than Ever Travel NC By Train

NC By Train, the state-supported Amtrak service, achieved record ridership in 2024 for the third year in a row. The state's intercity passenger rail service carried over 720,000 passengers in 2024, which is a 12% increase from 2023 and a 55% increase since 2019, prior to COVID.

"We're excited that NC By Train continues to grow and be an important transportation option for North Carolinians," said Transportation Secretary Joey Hopkins. "Based on the success of the last three years, we are continuing to explore opportunities to further increase frequencies and expand service to more communities across the state."

NC By Train's growth since 2022 has been astounding with the service carrying 522,000 passengers in 2022 and 641,000 passengers in 2023. More people than ever are traveling by train in North Carolina. The service's popularity appears to be growing as more people learn how easy and stress-free it is to use, the affordability of tickets, and the positive environmental benefits and sustainability of traveling by train, rail officials say. Increased availability of daily trip options has also benefited the service as NCDOT's Rail Division continues to see a positive response to the addition of a fifth-round trip between Raleigh and Charlotte in July 2023.

Special stops and events in 2024 such as the N.C. State Fair, the Lexington Barbecue Festival, and adjusted schedules to early football games in Charlotte have also contributed to NC By Train's growth and popularity. NC By Train operated the first Open Express to Pinehurst N.C. during the U.S. Open in June and launched a new partnership with the NC Craft Brewer's Guild called the N.C. Ale Trail by Rail, which encourages people to use the state's intercity passenger rail service to explore N.C. craft breweries and support local businesses.

NCDOT encourages people to take advantage of the safe, comfortable and convenient transportation available on NC By Train with its large seats, charging outlets at each seat and free WiFi. NC By Train offers a variety of everyday discounts for children, students, active military personnel, veterans and seniors. The service also offers Share Fare, which allows groups of up to eight people to save money with each additional ticket that is purchased.

Taking NC By Train is an environmentally friendly and sustainable transportation choice that helps reduce congestion on the state's highway system. Skip the traffic and hassles of parking and take the train to a variety of events.

Visit NC By Train ([ncbytrain.org](https://www.ncbytrain.org)) for more information, to plan a trip and to buy tickets.

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