



Evangelist Dr. Tangula A. Diggs, Assistant Pastor of Friendship One Accord Worldwide Church of God, will speak at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 7 during their Women's Day program. Dr. Diggs, the daughter of the late Lucinda Diggs Redfern, was born, reared and educated in Wadesboro. An honor graduate from Anson High School, Tangula entered UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Pembroke, Nova Southeastern University and Fisher Hill Bible College. Dr. Diggs is an Educator with the Anson County School System and an Instructor for Apex School of Theology. In addition to being a National Board Certified Educator. Dr. Diggs has earned various accolades including Teacher of the Year, Young Educator of the Year, NC Regional Support Person of the Year, Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted Congressional Scholar, and Who's Who among America's Teachers. After traveling to numerous countries and receiving many accolades, Diggs' says her call to the ministry is the most rewarding and fulfilling accomplishment. Each year, January 15th marks the anniversary of her initial sermon preached in 2005. Diggs builds her life around spreading God's word and finds good pleasure in loving, serving and encouraging people. Program Director Vancine Sturdivant stated, "Dr. Diggs was chosen as the speaker because of her enormous love for others and her 'servant' attitude. I want our youth and young mothers to see we have citizens their age who are willing to give back to our community. Dr. Diggs was very helpful during the holidays with helping me feed the less fortunate. She is truly a servant of God. She is making a difference."

Over the Counter Medicine Give Away to Anson Residents is this Thursday, May 4

NC MedAssist is a statewide non-profit pharmacy that gives free prescription medicine to low-income and uninsured people. They will hold a free Over the Counter (OTC) Medicine Give Away Day in Wadesboro on Thursday, May 4. The event, which is sponsored by Carolinas HealthCare System, is open to any individual or family needing OTC medication. The give away will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro. Identification is not needed to participate. "Carolinas HealthCare System is proud to sponsor the over-the-counter medicine give away in Wadesboro," said Mike Lutes, president of Carolinas HealthCare System Union. "The OTC Give Away Day is expected to have a huge impact on the community. Our mission at Carolinas HealthCare System is to bring health, hope and healing to all, and what better way than to partner with NC MedAssist to do so. We know that even with insurance, many people cannot afford OTC products." This will be the first OTC event held in Wadesboro. Individuals will receive \$100 worth of OTC product, which includes items such as allergy relief, pain relief, indigestion relief, cold medicine, first-aid and vitamins. NC MedAssist's overall goal is to help ease the cost for those who are making the choice between buying food or purchasing medication. The OTC program relies on community volunteers. Serving over 1,000 individuals in one day takes many hands to make sure the program runs smoothly and that all patients are served before the door closes. NC MedAssist is partnering with Carolinas HealthCare System to have volunteers serve in roles such as pharmacy consultation, client 'personal shoppers,' and OTC sorters. If you would like to volunteer, please visit www.medassist.org/volunteer to sign up. "We are honored to bring an OTC Give Away Day to Anson and Union Counties, thanks to Carolinas HealthCare System," said Executive Director Lori Giang. "NC MedAssist is excited to work with the community to give back to our neighbors in need. Through the OTC Give Away we will be able to reach more and more individuals and educate them on our free pharmacy program resources. No one should go without medicine, and this program is enabling us to reach those who are unaware of our services." Last year NC MedAssist gave away more than \$1.9 million dollars of donated OTC medication to North Carolina individuals and clinic partners. This year, the organization plans to give away more than \$2 million. There are currently more than 11,700 adults in both Anson and Union County who live below the federal poverty level and do not qualify for insurance. For more information on the OTC Program and NC MedAssist, please visit www.medassist.org. To learn more about MedAssist and find out how to get involved, visit medassist.org, like them on Facebook or follow them on Twitter.



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