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Church

December 15 & 17
Cantata
Heavenly Peace - A Worship Musical presented by Deep Creek Baptist Church, 1280 Beck Rd, Wadesboro. Fri-pm & Sun-10:30am. All are invited.

DECEMBER 16
Christmas Prayer Breakfast sponsored by East Rock Ford Baptist Church Baptist Training Union, 9am. You are welcome to come & be inspired with songs, prayers, delicious full breakfast, fun, games, prizes & fellowship.

DECEMBER 17
Memory Tree & Chrismas Program at Bethany Freewill Baptist Church, 1510 Old Lilesville Rd, Wadesboro, 6pm. Finger foods served afterwards.

Christmas Concert
At Divine Unity H.O.R.M., 6090 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, 2:30pm.

Christmas Program At Sandy Plains Christian Fellowship Church, 5pm. All new program filled with a fun & a heartwarming presentation of the real story of Christmas. It promises to be a very blessed time of worship that you won't want to miss.

DECEMBER 24
Special Worship Service at Sandy Plains Christian Fellowship Church, 9:30am, including childrens' Advent devotions, reading the Biblical Christmas story, Christmas carols & communion. You are invited to this special Christmas service.

ONGOING
Weekly Praise & Worship Schedule
Shiloh Christian Community Church, 1752 Shiloh Church Rd. Preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays, Sunday School weekly, services start at 10am.

Weekly Praise & Worship Schedule
Sandy Plains Christian Fellowship Church, 1154 Cason Oldfield Rd. Preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays, Sunday School weekly, services start at 9:30 am.

Bible Study Every Tuesday at 6:30pm at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Ansonville

Bible Class At Red Hill Baptist Church, 12noon, Wednesdays, public invited

HOPE Grief Support Group at Harmony Community Church, meets Tuesdays at 5:30pm offering help for anyone suffering from grief, like death, sickness, divorce, separation from family, job, etc.. Free & confidential, everyone welcome. Come join others experiencing grief. We will pray with you. Info 704-272-7127. Located at 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland

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Events

DECEMBER 19
Board of Commissioners Meet 6pm in Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. 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.

ONGOING EVENTS
Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Sign-ups Call the Farm Service Agency Office at 704-694-3516 ext. 2 to complete eligibility forms
Senior Box Program at Feed My Lambs starts the third Tuesday each month for seniors only. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820
Food Pantry Free food every Wed, 9-11am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr. 704-826-8182
Book Club 1st Thursday each month, 10am-12 noon at Grace Senior Center, 199 Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, just past IGA. Info 704-694-6616.

The Month of December

December is the 12th month (and last month) in our modern-day Gregorian calendar (as it was in the preceding Julian calendar). However, it was initially the 10th month of the Roman calendar (until 153 BC). Hence, "December" comes from the Latin decem, meaning "ten."

December Holidays

- December 3 is the First Sunday of Advent, marking the beginning of the Advent season.
- December 6 is Saint Nicholas Day. The patron saint of children is the model for Santa Claus and gift-giving.
- December 7 marks the beginning of Hanukkah this year, the eight-day Jewish festival of lights.
- December 7 is also National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. At dawn on Sunday, December 7, 1941, Japanese planes attacked the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in an attempt to cripple the fleet and hinder U.S. intervention in other Japanese targets in the South Pacific. The Japanese military expected that Germany would defeat Great Britain and the Soviet Union, and that Japan would control the Pacific. The attack was opposed by Japanese admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, who cautioned against a war with the United States, but he was overruled. After the attack, he said, "We have awakened a sleeping giant and have instilled in him a terrible resolve." He was right. Although airfields, port facilities, and warships were severely damaged and two battleships, the Utah and the Arizona, were destroyed, the attack mobilized the United States and signaled its entry into World War II. Today the Arizona is a memorial and a national park.
- December 15 is Bill of Rights Day.
- December 17 is Wright Brothers Day.
- December 21 is the Winter Solstice - the astronomical day when the Earth is farthest away from the Sun. Starting in ancient times, people celebrated the rebirth of the Sun event through Yule.
- December 25 is Christmas Day, commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ.

The moon names come from Native Americans, Colonial Americans, or other traditional sources passed down through generations. Different Native American peoples traditionally used the monthly Moons and nature's corresponding signs as a calendar to track the seasons.

Today, December's full Moon is most commonly known as the Cold Moon - a Mohawk name that conveys the frigid conditions of this time of year, when cold weather truly begins to grip us.

- December 31 New Year's Eve

December's traditional birthstone is turquoise. It is considered a symbol of good fortune and success

December's birth flowers are the holly and the paperwhite Narcissus - a relative of the daffodil with lovely white blooms. Holly was adapted to symbolize Christ's crown of thorns. The holly's evergreen leaves represent life after death, and the red berries symbolize his blood. Paperwhites is a way to express pure or unconditional love.

NC Council on Developmental Disabilities' Self-Advocate Discussion Series

December's Topic: Giving as a Self-Advocate

The North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities (NCCDD) is continuing its monthly discussion series to boost the voices and messages of NC self-advocates for influencing social and systems change. The series is held on the third Wednesday of every month. See below for more details and how to register!

- December 20, 1 to 2 p.m. via Zoom. Spanish, ASL, and CART Captioning will be available.

Participants will discuss what it means to make an impact, and how small acts of kindness can make a bigger impact than we think. We will discuss giving back in the intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) community.

For information about registering email info@nccdd.org or call 1-800-357-6916. NCCDD welcomes people who identify as individuals with disabilities, with conditions, or as self-advocates to our self-advocate discussion.

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Are you looking for ways to get engaged and network in Anson County? Would you like to expand your knowledge of the place you live and/or work? Would you like to enhance your leadership skills?

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For additional questions contact the Chamber Board of Directors at: info@ansoncountychamber.org.