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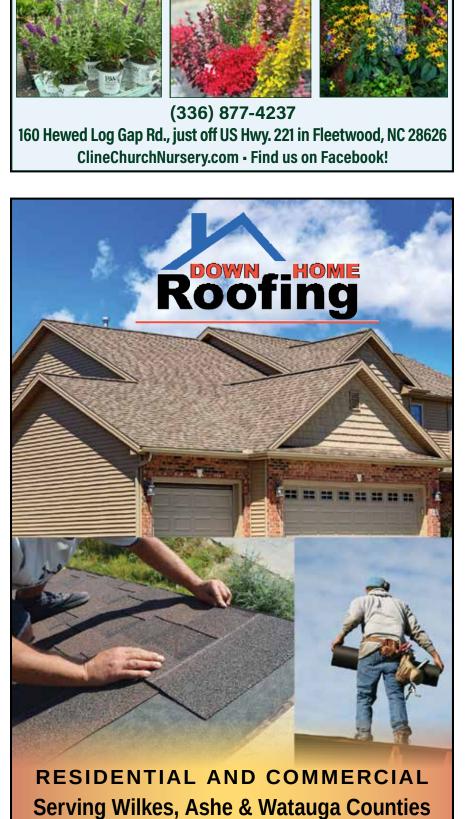


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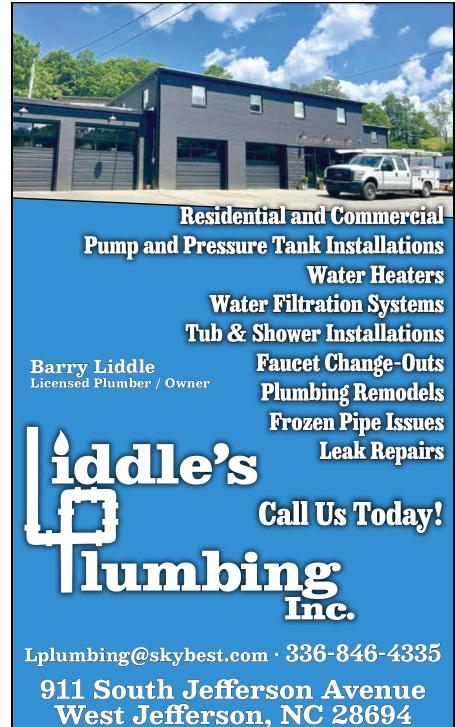




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Philippians 4:13 -I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

> Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

A generation which ignores history has no past — and no future. Robert A. Heinlein

Philippians 4:6 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word 'darkness' on the walls of his cell."

- C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain

Romans 12:2 - Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will ishis good, pleasing and perfect will.

Proverbs 3:5 -Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.

~ Friendship ... is born at the moment when one man says to another "What! You too? I thought that no one but myself ..."

~ C.S. Lewis, The Four Loves

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.

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Of all the liars in the world, sometimes the worst are our own fears. **Rudyard Kipling**

> No amount of evidence will ever persuade an idiot **Mark Twain**

It is not the man who has too little, but the man who craves more, that is poor.

~ Seneca

Jeremiah 29:11 - For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

> Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly.

~ John F. Kennedy

Live your life in such a way that you neither hide nor have a wish to display your life to people.

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I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

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~ Neil Armstrong

Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night.

~ Edgar Allen Poe

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Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it.

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If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.

~ C.S. Lewis

Never argue with stupid people, they will drag you down to their level and then beat you with experience.

~ Mark Twain

Proverbs 3:6 - In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

2 Corinthians 2:9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

Wisely, and slow. They stumble that run fast.

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- Join or host a neighborhood litter sweep-make it a fun event with friends or family.
- Mountain, Three Top, or Paddy Mountain (where the bearproof trash bin donated by KAB is located).
- Attend or volunteer at a river cleanup-give back while soaking up sunshine.
- Start a pollinator garden with native plants to support bees and butterflies.
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