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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday 9am: Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School 10am: Adult Worship Children's Church	Sunday 6pm: Worship Service Tuesday 12pm: Ladies Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home	1st Sunday Nursing Home Ministry @ Woodhaven 3rd Sunday Nursing Home Ministry @ Forrest Oakes	4th Sunday Nursing Home Ministry @ Bethany Woods			1 Kids Spotlight "Give Us Barabbas" Full Show Rehearsal Cast/Crew/Dancers/Technical - 9am-1pm
2 AM: Communion GRAVITY Adult Leaders Meeting @ 4:30pm Room 102 FPU Class 3:30pm YR	3	4 7pm: Rooms 101-102 Victorious Overcomers 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K Cleansing Stream 6:30pm - YR	5 JBQ - 5:45 GRAVITY Worship Practice 5pm 7pm: Sm Groups	6	7	8 "Give Us Barabbas" Full Show Rehearsal 9am-3pm
"Give Us Barabbas" Tech Week & Rehearsals						
9 Palm Sunday FPU Class -3:30pm	10 "Give Us Barabbas" Full Show Run Thru @ 6pm 7pm: Stephen Ministry CE	11 "Give Us Barabbas" Full Show Run Thru @ 6pm 7pm: Rooms 101-102 Victorious Overcomers 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K Cleansing Stream 6:30pm - YR	12 "Give Us Barabbas" Full Show Run Thru w/Costumes @ 6pm No Wednesday Night Activities Due To Dress Rehearsals For "Give Us Barabbas"	13 "Give Us Barabbas" Full Show Run Thru w/Costumes @ 6pm 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Albemarle Jail	14 Cast: Food @ 4pm Call Time: 5pm 7pm: Easter Program "Give Us Barabbas" (No Nursery)	15 Cast: Food @ 4pm Call Time: 5pm 7pm: Easter Program "Give Us Barabbas" (No Nursery)
16 Cast Call Time: 7:30am 10am: "Give Us Barabbas" No Sunday School No PM Service Gravity Fine Arts \$100 Balance Due	17 Resurrection Monday Office Closed "Give Us Barabbas" Set Take Down @ 5pm 7pm: Men's Ministry Meeting - YRoom	18 Cleansing Stream 6:30pm - YR Jason Crabb Mass Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm At Prospect 7pm: Rooms 101-102 Victorious Overcomers 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K	19 JBQ - 5:45 GRAVITY Worship Practice 5pm 6pm: Choir 7pm: Bible Study	20 Senior Saints Spring Potluck Lunch @ Noon In The Youth Room VBS Planning Team @ 6pm In Jr Children's Ch. 7pm: Praise Band	21	22 Jason Crabb Mass Choir Rehearsal @ 3pm At Agri-Civic Center Jason Crabb Concert At The Agri-Civic Center. Doors Open @ 6pm
23 3:30-FPU Class GRAVITY Student Leaders Meeting @ 4:30pm Room 102 6pm: Barry McGee AM:: Randy Young FPU-Last Class	24 7pm: Stephen Ministry CE	25 7pm: Rooms 101-102 Victorious Overcomers 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K Cleansing Stream 6:30pm - YR	26 JBQ - 5:45 GRAVITY Worship Practice 5pm 6pm: Choir 7pm: Sm Group Fellowship, Yth, Kids	27 VBS Planning Team @ 6pm In Jr Children's Ch. 7pm: Praise Band 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Albemarle Jail	28 GRAVITY Fine Arts @ Calvary Church Greensboro	29
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“He’s Alive, forevermore....”

“Jesus is alive! And He lives, forevermore.” This month believers around the world will celebrate our risen Lord and King... When Jesus Christ walked this earth around Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago, there were those who experienced the power and love of Jesus. And many of them were becoming followers of The Christ, The Messiah. However, there were those who heard, but yet did not believe Jesus was the Messiah.... Much like people today.

Our fellowship, led by Pastor Stacy and the worship/arts ministry, will present the musical, “Give Us Barabbas...” What a great opportunity to witness the Passion of Christ through the eyes of an unbeliever (Barabbas..) And, it is also a moment when you and I can share the Gospel message with those we live around and near us during this Easter season. The presentation is a “all hands on deck...” for our fellowship... Let me encourage each of us to find a place to be a part of the effort to carry the message to our family and friends.

On another note, Jason Crabb will be with us in concert this month... If you attended his concert last year, I am sure you won’t want to miss this one!!! Consider bringing a friend or two to share in this wonderful experience. And, you might even consider purchasing the tickets for them, as a gesture of true friendship. This year a community mass choir will join Jason on stage... This month is a high energy, spirit-filled month! I hope and pray that you will first, pray for every event and everyone involved; then, reach out and invite people to join you and others at both our fellowship and at the Agri-Civic center this month.

What a way to celebrate the reality that “He’s Alive, forevermore!!!” He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today...

Expect great things,
Pastor Bob

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 a place to belong
 a place to become**

Music Notes

A few years ago God gave me an idea for an Easter production. I saw a different approach to the familiar story of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. I wondered what it would be like if we could learn about Jesus from a different angle. What if we could hear from some of the people that received a miracle from Jesus. And so, the idea for *Give Us Barabbas* was born. This year we are telling the story of Jesus, first hand, through the lives of some of the people touched. Our main character, Barabbas, fresh out of jail, meets many folks on the busy streets of Jerusalem who have met the Master. Along the way he learns more and more of the ultimate price that Jesus paid when he took the cross that should have been his! Call all your friends and family and make your plans now to attend this first annual performance of *Give Us Barabbas!* Friday & Saturday, April 14th & 15th at 7pm and Sunday, April 16th at 10am. Doors open and hour before. Get here early!

On Saturday, April 22nd, the very next weekend, we are hosting Grammy Award winning, Gospel artist, Jason Crabb! Join us at the Ag Center with a community mass choir as we celebrate Jesus! You can get your tickets on line at itickets.com or by calling 1.800.965.9324. We hope to see you there!

See Ya Sunday,
 Stacy



GRAVITY YOUTH JAM Ministries

I love the month of April. It’s my favorite! Maybe because its my birthday month, and this month is Easter!

Sunday, April 23rd is National Youth Day. We are excited that the youth will be leading service, and that it’s a chance for the church to see the wonderful Gifts God has given our students here at AFA!

The big event this month is Fine Arts on Friday & Saturday, April 28th & 29th. We have so many new categories this year and we are really excited about what God is doing through our students. Please be in prayer during this time that the Holy Spirit will anoint our students to show the Glory of God through their gifts and talents!

Thank you so much for all your support!

Pastor Josh

Senior Saints

**Friday, April 20th
 Potluck Lunch @ Noon
 In The Youth Room**

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**For More Info See Pastor
 George & Janice Mullen**

Men’s Ministry

**Monthly Meeting
 Monday, April 17th
 @ 7pm In Youth Room
 Supper Provided**

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**For More Information See
 Keith Reeder**

Welcome Spring! ☺
 Church family I really appreciate all the support that you give to our children's department.

This month I am meeting with each division of kids ministry. I'm excited to review where we are and to hear new ideas for our coming months.

"SPOTLIGHT" Kids Fine Arts will occur Saturday, April 1st, 10-4pm in Raleigh. We will need to leave the church at 7:30am. More information will be sent home.

Preschool Church will have a Resurrection party on Easter morning.

VBS Team, we are starting to march. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming a part of the creative team. We are meeting on Thursday nights at 6pm. This is a very fun process. Come share your ideas for a better VBS with us.

God bless all of your sacrifices for Him.

Because He Lives,

Pastor Lilly - 704.438.1395

Please Note

**There Will Be No
 Nursery Provided On
 Friday & Saturday,
 April 14th & 15th
 For The “Give Us
 Barabbas” Musical**