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For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sunday 9am: Adult, Yth & Kids Sunday School 10am: Adult Worship Children's Church 6pm: Worship Service</p>	<p>1st Sunday Nursing Home Ministry @ Woodhaven 3rd Sunday Nursing Home Ministry @ Forrest Oakes 4th Sunday Nursing Home Ministry @ Bethany Woods</p>	<p>Tuesday 1pm: Ladies Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home Wednesday 7pm: Small Groups</p>				<p>1 Youth Conference @ Cabarrus Arena Greeter Ministry Christmas Party At Parkway House @ 6pm</p>
<p>2 Communion Gravity Christmas Party @ 2pm At The Amhurst Community Center. Handing Out Blankets 6pm: Children's Choir Practice</p>	<p>3 10am: Moms In Prayer-Room 100 7pm: Men's Ministry Meeting - YR</p>	<p>4 6:30pm: Divorce Care & DC4K Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102</p>	<p>Angel Tree Gift Collection 12/2 thru 12/6</p>		<p>6 Children's Church "Christmas Parents' Night Out" From 6-9pm. Cost is \$15 per Child. Proceeds Go To BGMC. Children Will Have A Pajama Pizza Party</p>	<p>8 CC Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal 9am-2:30pm In The Sanctuary WM of AFA Trip To Billy Graham Library and Dinner. Leaving Church @ 3:30pm</p>
<p>9 AM: Children's Christmas Musical 6PM: Christmas Social In The Youth Room</p>	<p>10 7pm: Stephen Min. CE</p>	<p>11 6:30pm: Divorce Care & DC4K Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102</p>	<p>12 Gravity Ugly Sweater Christmas Party & Gingerbread Man Decorating Contest. Bring A Favorite Snack To Share And A Decoration For The Gingerbread Men 6pm: Choir Practice 8:30pm: Band Practice</p>	<p>13 Senior Saints Potluck Lunch @ Noon In The Youth Room 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Albemarle Jail</p>	<p>14 Gravity Going To The Operation Christmas Child Headquarters To Help With Shoe Boxes. Leaving The Church @ 3:30pm And Returning @ 10pm</p>	<p>15 Children's Church Christmas Skate Party From 2-4pm At Sk8 City and Entertainment In Albemarle Worship Department Christmas Party @ They Hyatt's. 6-8pm</p>
<p>16 5pm: Moms In Prayer-Room 100</p>	<p>17 10am: Moms In Prayer-Room 100 7pm: Men's Ministry Meeting - YR</p>	<p>18 AFA Preschool Christmas Celebration In The Sanctuary/Youth Room 6:30pm: Divorce Care & DC4K Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102</p>	<p>19 AFA Preschool Closed 12/19/2018 thru 1/2/2019 Children Caroling At Trinity Place From 7-8pm 6pm: Youth Worship Practice 6pm: Choir Practice 8:30pm: Band Practice</p>	<p>20 Office Closed</p>		
<p>23 AM: Adult Christmas Program Children's Church Preschool Christmas Party @ 10am No PM Service</p>	<p>24 Office Closed Christmas Eve Service @ 6pm</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day Office Closed</p>	<p>26 Office Closed No Evening Activities</p>	<p>27 Office Closes @ Noon 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Albemarle Jail</p>		
<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>AFA Preschool Closed 12/19/2018 thru 1/2/2019</p>				

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“Come Let Us Pray...”

Oswald Chambers said, “Prayer is not a normal part of the life of the natural man. We hear it said that a person’s life will suffer if he doesn’t pray, but I question that. What will suffer is the life of Christ in him, which is nourished not by food, but by the Word of God & prayer.”

For the believer, Prayer is the way that the life of God in us is nourished. Prayer is more than getting things for ourselves, but the biblical purpose of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself.

Prayer must be central to each of us, both privately and corporately. Would you join me, our leaders and directors to make prayer the biggest priority of your life in 2019? What will happen? God will allow us to see things through His eyes and understand the times in which we live...

Since 1941, the Assemblies of God has set aside the first full week of each year as a special Week of Prayer. Join churches throughout the AG in a prayer focus during the week of January 6th-12th. We will be publishing more info as the day nears. We urge everyone at afa to join us in Prayer...

**Let us call on Him together,
Pastor Bob**

**Albemarle First Assembly...
a place to belong
a place to become**

Music Notes

Let me be the first to wish you and yours a MERRY CHRISTMAS! Our campus has been buzzing with activity as we make preparations for all of the upcoming festivities and celebrations. Take a look at the calendar included in this month’s newsletter and make your plans to jump in on all the fun!

We are gearing up for the 2019 production of *Give Us Barabbas* and we want you to be a part. As soon as we jump into the New Year rehearsals will begin. If you’d like to be a part of this great production, please see Shelley Kerns or myself and we will get you plugged in.

I hope you all have a blessed and prosperous new year. May the favor of the Lord shine upon you and may His grace overwhelm you as you look to Him in all things!

**See Ya Sunday,
Pastor Stacy**

Senior Saints

Thursday, December 13th
Trip To Billy Graham Library
Leaving Church @ 9:30am
Eating Lunch There
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For More Info See
Pastor John & BJ Murray

Men’s Ministry Meeting

Monday, December 3rd & 17th
@ 7pm In Youth Room
Supper Is Provided
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For More Information See
Keith Reeder

GRAVITY YOUTH

Wow, 2019 is next month. Where has this year gone?

Here are just a few things happening this month.

On Sunday, December 2nd @ 2pm we will have a Christmas party at the Amhurst Community Center to hand out the blankets we made.

Wednesday, December 12 will be our ugly sweater Christmas party and gingerbread man decoration contest with games and snacks. Bring your favorite snack to share and a decoration for the gingerbread men. Come prepared to have fun.

Friday, December 14th we will be going to the Operation Christmas Child headquarters in Charlotte to help with shoe boxes. We will leave the church @ 3:30pm and return @ 10pm.

**Merry Christmas,
Your Youth Team**



Women Of AFA

Saturday, December 8th
Trip To Billy Graham Library.
Leaving Church @ 3:30pm.
Eating At Nana’s Soul Kitchen
You Will Be Responsible For
Your Meal
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For More Info See Amy Mott

AFA Kids

Merry Christmas!! It’s time to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus.

Friday, December 7th - 6-9pm, we will have our Christmas Parents Night out. We will have a Pajama Pizza Party for the children. The charge is \$15 per child all proceeds go to BGMC.

There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 8th, from 9am-2:30pm in the sanctuary for the Christmas program. Lunch will be served. God bless the team of dedicated adults who are helping to make this the best presentation ever.

Plan on being here Sunday, December 9th @ 10am for the Christmas program. Our children have been working very hard and are so excited.

All children are invited on Saturday, December 15th from 2-4pm, for our Children’s Church Christmas Skating Party at Sk8 City and Entertainment in Albemarle.

Wednesday, December 19th, from 7-8pm, Children and Parents are invited to join me at Trinity Place Nursing home to sing Christmas Carols.

Sunday, December 23rd at 10am we will have a Preschool Children’s church Christmas party.

Our Nursing home team is now involved in 5 outreaches. We would love to have extra help with our Christmas services. It is a great place to minister and teach your children to share Jesus. Please see me if you would like to plan to join us.

We love Our First Assembly Kids!

Pastor Lilly (704-438-1395)