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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday 9am: Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School 10am: Adult Worship Children's Church	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 AFA Preschool 1st Day Back From Christmas Break Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K	3 JBQ - 5:45 Youth Worship Practice 5pm 6pm: Praise Team/Choir	4 7pm: Praise Band	5	6
7 Communion TBQ 9am & 6pm Gravity Adult Leaders Meeting @ 4pm In Rm 102	8 7pm: Stephen Ministry CE 7pm: Corporate Prayer	9 Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K	10 JBQ - 5:45 Royal Rangers Derby Work Day Youth Worship Practice 5pm 6pm: Praise Team/Choir	11 AFA Preschool Pajama/Movie Day 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Albemarle Jail 7pm: Praise Band	12	13 JBQ Competition 6pm: Couples Group Eating Out
14 TBQ 9am & 6pm	15 Martin Luther King Jr Day—Office Closed 7pm: Men's Ministry Meeting - YR	16 Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K	17 JBQ - 5:45 Royal Rangers Pajama/Movie Night 6pm: Praise Team/Choir	18 7pm: Praise Band	19 Senior Saints Eating Lunch @ Noon At Blue Bay Restaurant	20 TBQ Competition Greensboro Women of AFA Coffee & Quotes @ Second Street Sundries 10am
21 TBQ 9am & 6pm AM: PRC BBB Gravity Parent's Mtg After Morning Service	22 7pm: Stephen Ministry CE	23 Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K	24 JBQ - 5:45 6pm: Praise Team/Choir	25 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Albemarle Jail 7pm: Praise Band	26 Princess Party and Impact Girls 6pm	27
28 TBQ 9am AM: Baptism Newcomer's Lunch After Morning Service "One" Corporate Worship Service At The Agri-Civic Center @ 6pm	29	30 Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K	31 JBQ - 5:45 6pm: Praise Team/Choir 7pm: Small Groups 5th Wed. Fellowship	Sunday 6pm: Worship Service Tuesday 1pm: 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	Wednesday 1st, 3rd & 5th Wed 7pm: Small Groups 2nd & 4th Wed 7pm: Bible Study

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2018 - "To Know God, and hear Him..."

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 the Son of God in him, which is nourished not by food, but by prayer."

When a person is born again, the life of the Son of God is born in him, but a person can either starve or nourish their spirit life. **Prayer is the way that the life of God in us is nourished.** We look upon prayer simply as a means of getting things for ourselves, but the biblical purpose of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself.

If ever we need to pray, it is this season of our church. Prayer must be central to each of us, both privately and corporately. Would you join me, our pastors, leaders and directors to make prayer the biggest priority of your life in 2018?

God has established things so that prayer, on the basis of redemption, changes the way we look at things. Prayer is not a matter of changing things externally, but changing our thought life, our attitude, our desires and inner nature to know God. **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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Wow, that was fast! What a great Christmas season we had around AFA. A huge thank you to all the folks who worked so hard with all of the productions and special services! I love that we get to do what we do!

Coming up very quickly will be our 2018 production of "Give Us Barabbas"! Rehearsals will begin soon and we can't wait to see what God is going to do this year. Mark your calendar now and start talking it up to your friends. It's going to be Friday, March 30th; Saturday, March 31st; and Easter Sunday morning, April 1st.

From our AFA Worship Department Family to yours, we want to wish you an adventurous and prosperous new year!

See Ya Sunday,
Pastor Stacy

Senior Saints
Friday, January 19th @ Noon
Eating Lunch At Blue Bay

For More Info See Pastor
George & Janice Mullen

GRAVITY YOUTH JAM Ministries

It's 2018! I pray that this year you and your family will be blessed.

2017 was a great year for Gravity Youth. We have a lot of new faces which is exciting! I'm praying that we continue to grow!!

In January we will start gearing up for Fine Arts. I'm so proud of what our students have done in the past and what they will do this year!

Also, Saturday January 20th, will be our 3rd TBQ match in Greensboro. Our students have really done a great job with memorizing the word of God. I am so proud of them! Please continue to pray for this great ministry!

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and support you give our youth!!!!!!

Women Of AFA
Coffee & Quotes
@ Second Street Sundries
Saturday, January 20th @
10am

For More Info See Amy Mott

Men's Ministry
Monday, January 15th
Monthly Meeting @ 7pm
In Youth Room
Supper Provided

For More Information See
Keith Reeder

Happy New Year! All of God's best blessings to you!

Here in kid's ministry we enjoyed such a wonderful Christmas celebration. Thank you to all of you who helped in the Christmas program, Christmas Parties, and Nursing Home Caroling. God Bless you!! You were the best!!

Our first Parent's Night Out/BGMC Polar Express Party was a huge success. We will plan more of these movie nights in 2018.

This year we would love to see our Sunday School attendance grow. Our Sunday School has kind, loving and experienced teachers. Please check us out.

Sunday nights we plan to return to Mega Sports Camp. This fun active program is a favorite of the kids. If you can teach a sport, a game, a craft, or a recipe I would love to talk with you about being part of the team.

Wednesday nights at AFA are full of smiling children and workers. Our Rainbows, Royal Rangers, and Mpart Girls programs are thriving, building relationships and are lots of fun.

Attention all girls in the church! You are invited to a Princess Party on Friday, January 26th from 6 to 8pm. Yes, please wear your princess gown to our ball. Following the party the Mpart girls will have a sleep-over. No worries boys, the Ranger Derby is coming in February with a work day in January. Please join us!

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