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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sunday</b> 9am: Adult, Youth &amp; Children Sunday School 10am: Adult Worship Children's Church</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> 6pm: Worship Service <b>Tuesday</b> 1pm: Ladies Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home</p>	<p><b>1st Sunday</b> Nursing Home Ministry @ Woodhaven <b>3rd Sunday</b> Nursing Home Ministry @ Forrest Oakes</p>	<p><b>4th Sunday</b> Nursing Home Ministry @ Bethany Woods <b>1st, 3rd &amp; 5th Wed</b> 7pm: Small Groups <b>2nd &amp; 4th Wed</b> 7pm: Bible Study</p>			1
<p>2 AM: Communion TBQ 9am &amp; 6pm AM: Patriotic Service Youth-"Ice-Cream Sunday" @ DQ After PM Service</p>	<p>3 Youth-"Espresso Monday" @ Sundries 2:30-4:30pm 7pm: Men's Ministry Meeting - YRoom</p>	<p>4 Office Closed In Observance Of Independence Day Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care &amp; DC4K</p>	<p>5 JBQ - 5:45 Youth - "Pig-Out Wednesday" @ Arby's After Service</p>	<p>6 Youth - Scavenger Hunt @ Concord Mills Leaving AFA @ 11am, Returning @ 2:30pm. Bring \$\$ For Lunch</p>	7	8
<p>9 TBQ 9am &amp; 6pm NC Kids Camp Parent Meeting After AM Service In Youth Room</p>	<p>10 7pm: Stephen Ministry CE</p>	<p>11 Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care &amp; DC4K</p>	<p>12 Youth Worship Practice 5pm</p>	<p>13 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Albemarle Jail</p>	<p>14 7pm: Couples Group With The Reeder In The Cafe</p>	15
NC Kids Camp With Pastor Lilly						
<p>16 TBQ 9am &amp; 6pm GRAVITY Student Leaders Meeting @ 4:30pm Room 102 Youth - "Ice-Cream Sunday" @ Sonic After PM Service</p>	<p>17 Youth-"Espresso Monday" @ Sundries 2:30-4:30pm 7pm: Men's Ministry Meeting - YRoom</p>	<p>18 Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care &amp; DC4K</p>	<p>19 JBQ - 5:45 Youth Worship Practice 5pm Youth - "Pig-Out Wednesday" @ Zaxby's After Service</p>	20	<p>21 Senior Saints Dinner At Old Farmers' Buffet In Ansonville Meeting At The Church @ 3:30pm</p>	22
<p>23 TBQ 9am &amp; 6pm Youth - "Ice-Cream Sunday" @ DD After PM Service Youth Missions Trip - 7/30 thru 8/4</p>	<p>24 7pm: Stephen Ministry CE</p>	<p>25 Youth - Basketball/Volleyball @ Prospect Church. Leaving AFA @ 10am. Returning @ 2pm. Bring A Sack Lunch &amp; Drink Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care &amp; DC4K</p>	<p>26 JBQ - 5:45 GRAVITY Worship Practice 5pm Youth - "Pig-Out Wednesday" @ BK After Service</p>	<p>27 Youth - Carowinds. Cost: \$36. Meal Ticket \$15. Leaving AFA @ 2pm. Returning @ 11:30pm 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Alb. Jail</p>	28	29
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***“The Original Stars and Stripes...”***

I would like to share a wonderful thought on the Stars and Stripes we don't often focus on this time of the year... These Stars and Stripes are found in the pages of God's Holy Scripture, and were spoken of some 2,000 years ago, long before our nation even existed.

Matthew 2:2 says, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? **We saw his star** in the east and have come to worship him." The birth of Jesus was the promise of a Savior, One who would save His people from their sins. He faithfully walked the path of suffering, so that you and I might know what true liberty is.

After His death, **Isaiah foretold of another star described as the -- Day Star --** which would arise within the very hearts of all who would enter into this glorious realm of salvation. **That "Day Star" is the manifested presence of Jesus Christ in the life of every believer.**

Now, consider the stripes. 1 Peter 2:24 says, "Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—**by whose stripes you were healed.**"(NKJV) **By the very stripes (wounds and scourging) that Jesus took upon Himself, you and I have been made completely whole.** What a glorious truth this reality holds. He paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we could now, today, (this 4th of July) live in complete liberty from everything that would try to hold us captive and bound. That is, anything that would try to keep us from the glorious liberty that Christ has already purchased for us!

For sure we need to celebrate our nation's Independence Day. But everyday we, as believers and Christ-followers, ought to celebrate THE ORIGINAL STARS AND STRIPES!!!

As our grand old flag, with the beautiful symbols of the "Stars and Stripes" proudly waves across our shores, she will always, graciously, humble herself and give honor where honor is due. Honor to the one who died, in order that we as a nation might live. (Thank you Missy Butler for a wonderful reminder of where our real freedom comes from....)

**Pastor Bob**

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 a place to belong  
 a place to become

**Music Notes**

Phew...it has been a hot summer so far...and it's just begun! A huge thank you to all the folks who helped make our VBS a success!

The first Sunday in July we will celebrate our Nation's Independence. Join us as we give thanks to God for the life and freedom we enjoy in America.

I will be speaking in the evening service on July 16th. I love leading our family in worship every week and it's always an honor to get a chance to bring the Word of God to the People of God.

Hope you're having a great Summer!

**See Ya Sunday,  
 Pastor Stacy**

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**Senior Saints  
 Friday, July 21st  
 Lunch At Old Farmers' Buffet  
 In Ansonville, NC  
 We Are Meeting At The  
 Church @ 3:30pm**

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

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**Men's Ministry  
 Monthly Meeting  
 Monday, July 3rd & 17th  
 @ 7pm In Youth Room  
 Supper Provided**

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**For More Information See  
 Keith Reeder**

**GRAVITY YOUTH JAM Ministries**

Happy 4th of July! I hope you have a wonderful Independence day!

Wow we have a lot going on this month.

We will have "Ice Cream Sunday" on July 2nd, 16th, and 23rd after Sunday night service.

We will have "Espresso Mondays" on July 3rd and 17th at Sundries from 2:30 to 4:30pm.

We will also be having our "Pig-Out Wednesdays" on July 5th, 19th, And 26th after Wednesday night service.

Then, on Thursday, July 6th there will be a Scavenger Hunt at Concord Mills from 11am-2:30pm. Bring money for food.

We will have a swimming and tubing day at Lake Tillery on July 20th from 10 am to 5 pm. The cost is \$12.

We will play volleyball at Prospect Baptist on Tuesday, July 25th, from 10am-2pm.

On Thursday, July 27th we are going to Carowinds. We will leave the church at 2pm and return at 11:30pm.

You can see me for a calendar for all these events and details.

Every youth is welcome to come to any one of our summer events, so encourage every student you know to join us for a slammed packed summer!

**Pastor Josh**

Praise God for an absolutely amazing VBS!! We saw many come and give their heart to Jesus!

I believe the Lord was pleased with the sacrifice of time, energy, and love poured into this by all of our faithful volunteers. Thank you! God bless you!! Psalm 18:25 "To the faithful you show yourself faithful..." I can't express enough my sincere appreciation to all of you. Our mission project of blessing children in situations of domestic violence was so touching. Thank you for giving.

We are looking forward to kid's camp. Thank you for all the scholarship money! There will be fruit for your sacrifice. 24 very excited kids and 6 volunteers will leave for camp on July 10th-14th. God will bless them in very personal ways and life changing experiences will occur. We will have a very important parents meeting concerning camp on Sunday, July 9th immediately following our morning service in the Youth Room.

Our children's programs are strong. If you are new to First Assembly, please come and check us out. We would love to become a part of your kid's journey in growing closer to Jesus. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

**Because He Lives,  
 Pastor Lilly**