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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 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	1 JBQ - 5:45 6pm: Praise Team/Choir 7PM: Place Workshop Room 101	2 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Albemarle Jail 7pm: Praise Band	3 Youth Convention @ Concord First Assembly	4 Set Clocks Back 1 Hr B4 Going To Bed
5 DLST Ends Fall Fest - Friends Day Communion Financial Peace Class @ 3:30-Youth Room GRAVITY Adult Leaders Meeting @ 4:30pm Room 102	6 Worker's Appreciation Dinner - SRMC @ 7pm	7 Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K	8 JBQ - 5:45 Youth Worship Practice 5pm 7PM: Place Workshop Room 101 6pm: Praise Team/Choir	9 7pm: Praise Band	10 6pm: CC - Christmas Musical Rehearsal (Speaking Parts Only) In The Jr. CC	11 Veteran's Day JBQ Competition 6pm: Couples Group Eating Out Worship Department Cookout/Give Us Barabbas Kick-Off 5-8pm @ Hyatt's
12 TBQ 9am & 6pm	13 Veteran's Day Observed Office Closed 7pm: Corporate Prayer	14 Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K	15 JBQ - 5:45 6pm: Praise Team/Choir	16 Senior Saints Potluck Lunch @ Fresh House In Locust @ Noon 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Alb. Jail 7pm: Praise Band	17 6:30-9pm: WM of AFA Thanksgiving Dinner. Bring A Covered Dish 6pm: CC - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party - In Jr. CC	18 9am-2pm: C. Church Christmas Musical Rehearsal In The Sanctuary
19 TBQ 9am & 6pm WM of AFA Bake Sale Student Leaders Mtng @ 4:30pm Room 102 7pm: Community Thanksgiving Service @ 1st Baptist Church	20 7pm: Men's Ministry Meeting - YRoom	21 AFA Preschool Thanksgiving Lunch In Youth Room Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K	22 No AFA Preschool Office Closes @ Noon No Evening Activities	23 No AFA Preschool Thanksgiving Office Closed	24	25
26 TBQ 9am & 6pm	27 7pm: Stephen Ministry CE All Church Christmas Decoration @ 6:30pm 7pm: Corporate Prayer	28 Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K	29 JBQ - 5:45 6pm: Praise Team/Choir 7pm: Small Groups 5th Wed. Fellowship	30 7pm: Praise Band 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Alb. Jail	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop-Off - Nov. 14th - 20th	
					Wednesday 1st, 3rd & 5th Wed 7pm: Small Groups 2nd & 4th Wed 7pm: Bible Study	

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“The True Measure of Thanksgiving...”

Rudyard Kipling was a great writer and poet, and handled the English language masterfully. One time a newspaper reporter came up to him and said, “**Mr. Kipling, I just read that somebody calculated that the money you make from your writings amounts to over a hundred dollars a word;** Mr. Kipling raised his eyebrows and said, “Really, I wasn’t aware of that.”

The reporter cynically reached down into his pocket and pulled out a one hundred dollar bill and gave it to Kipling and said, “**Here’s a hundred dollar bill, Mr. Kipling. Now, give me one of your hundred dollar words.**” Mr. Kipling looked at that hundred dollar bill for a moment, took it and folded it up and put it in his pocket and said, “**Thanks.**”

He’s right! The word ‘thanks’ is certainly a hundred dollar word. And carries an incredible weight...

Beloved, **God’s Word strongly encourages us “...in all things give thanks.”** Are you aware that “87% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving,” according to the National Turkey Federation. Can you imagine if 87% of America offered up thanksgiving everyday, how much different this world would be? God encourages men to “...give thanks in everything.” (Ephesians 5:20)

WT Purkiser said it well, “**It’s not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, that is the true measure of our Thanksgiving.**” How will you use your blessings this year?

Almighty God, we give you “Thanks for...”
Pastor Bob

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

Music Notes

Cool weather...finally!
This will be a busy month as the worship department begins gearing up for next year’s production of *Give Us Barabbas!* On Saturday, November 11th we will have our worship department cookout/*Give Us Barabbas* kickoff at the home of Tony and Joleen Hyatt from 5-8pm. We invite all of those involved in the worship department, and all the cast from last year who might be interested in being in the production this year. We also want to invite all those who may be interested in being in next year’s production! We will have a sign-up in the lobby beforehand.

We will be having auditions this month for *Give Us Barabbas*, and rehearsals will begin late in the month and into December for specific scenes, songs, and dances. We will post information soon with the where and when.

Let me be the first to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!

**See Ya Sunday,
Pastor Stacy**

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Senior Saints

**Thursday, November 16th
Lunch At Fresh House In
Locust @ Noon**

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

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Office Closings

**Wednesday, November 22nd
Office Closing @ Noon
No Evening Activities**

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**Thursday, November 23rd
Office Is Closed**

GRAVITY YOUTH JAM Ministries

Gobble, Gobble...Thanksgiving is here and it’s one of my favorite holidays! We will be blessing some family’s again this year with a Thanksgiving meal. If you would like to be part of that blessing, you can help by donating any of these items: boxes of instant potatoes, boxes of stuffing, canned green beans, corn, yams and cranberry sauce. These items need to be into the office no later than Sunday, November 19th. If you have any questions, feel free to come see me or contact the church office at 704.983.3719.

Please be praying for the Youth Convention on Friday & Saturday, November 3rd and 4th. We are so excited to see what God is going to do in our youth this year.

Also, a big thank you for Pastor Appreciation. This church makes me and my family feel so loved! We can’t tell you how much we love this church and what a blessing you have been in our lives!

Pastor Josh

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**Women Of AFA
Friday, November 17th
Thanksgiving Dinner-6:30-9pm In
Youth Room. Bring A
Covered Dish**

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**Sunday, November 19th  
Bake Sale After AM Service**

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For More Info See Amy Mott

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Men’s Ministry

**Monday, November 20th
Monthly Meeting @ 7pm
Supper Provided**

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**For More Information See  
Keith Reeder**

Thank you so much for all of you who work in any capacity in Children’s ministry. You truly make AFA wonderful for our children. From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much for your generous Pastor Appreciation gifts. Bruce and I really appreciate your kindness.

Many thanks for all your help at our Family Fall Festival! All the contributions of candy, cars, and hard work are really appreciated. What a fun afternoon! Thank you, Amy Mott, for helping complete this project while I was on our mission trip to India. I love you!

I am so proud of our JBQ coaches and teams!! Way beyond cool!

I would like to invite all of the children and parents to attend our annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party. It will be held on Friday night, November 17th from 6-8pm. We have the boxes. Please bring items for the children to have fun packing. We will serve pizza. Please bring snacks to add to the table. This is great fun! The Mpart girls will have a sleepover at the church afterwards.

**Christmas Musical Rehearsals**

Friday, November 10th from 6-8pm in the Jr Children’s Church. **This is for speaking parts only.**

Saturday, November 18th from 9am-2pm in the sanctuary. **This is for everyone.** If you have any questions see Mrs. Susan Helms.

**Because He Lives,  
Pastor Lilly**

