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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday 9am: Adult, Yth & Kids Sunday School 10am: Adult Worship Children's Church 6pm: Worship Service	1st Sunday Nursing Home Ministry @ Woodhaven 3rd Sunday Nursing Home Ministry @ Forrest Oakes 4th Sunday Nursing Home Ministry @ Bethany Woods	Tuesday 1pm: Ladies Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home Wednesday 7pm: Small Groups		1 AFA Preschool Trip To The Pumpkin Patch 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Albemarle Jail	2	3 DLST Ends Sunday. Set Clocks Back 1 Hour Before Going To Bed Tonight.
4 DST Ends Communion FPU Class 3:30pm-102 6pm: Children's Choir Practice	5 10am: Moms In Prayer-Room 100 7PM: Workers Appreciation Banquet @ SRMC	6 6:30pm: Divorce Care & DC4K Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102	7 JBQ - 5:45 6pm: Youth Worship Practice 6pm: Choir Practice 8:30pm: Band Practice	8	9 CC Christmas Musical Rehearsal (Speaking Parts Only) 6-8pm In The Youth Room	10 JBQ Competition In Greensboro Gravity Youth Raking Leaves For A STL Fundraiser
11 6pm: Corporate Prayer 6pm: Children's Choir Practice	12 Veteran's Day Observed Office Closed	13 6:30pm: Divorce Care & DC4K Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102	14 JBQ - 5:45 6pm: Youth Worship Practice 6pm: Choir Practice 8:30pm: Band Practice	15 Senior Saints Potluck Lunch @ Noon In The Youth Room 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Albemarle Jail	16 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop-Off - Nov. 13th-19th Mpac Girls Sleepover After Shoebox Packing Children's Church Shoebox Packing/ Pizza Party 6-8pm	
18 OCC Shoebox Drop-Off Nov. 13th-19th Thanksgiving Baskets Food Drive Ends 6:30pm: Community Thanksgiving Service @ The Gathering	19 10am: Moms In Prayer-Room 100 7pm: Men's Ministry Meeting - YR	20 AFA Preschool Thanksgiving Lunch In The Youth Room 6:30pm: Divorce Care & DC4K Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102	21 AFA Preschool Closed 11/21 & 11/22 Office Closes At Noon No Evening Activities	22 Thanksgiving Office Closed	23	24
25 AM: Angel Tree Kick-Off 6pm: Corporate Prayer 6pm: Children's Choir Practice	26 All Church Christmas Decorating - 6:30pm 7pm: Stephen Min. CE	27 6:30pm: Divorce Care & DC4K Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102	28 JBQ - 5:45 6pm: Youth Worship Practice 6pm: Choir Practice 8:30pm: Band Practice	29 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Albemarle Jail	30 Fall Youth Conference 11/30-12/1 Concord, NC	

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“In Everything Give Thanks...”

Rudyard Kipling was a great writer and poet whose writings we have all enjoyed. 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. Beloved, God’s Word strongly encourages us “...in all things give thanks.” I read an interesting statistic recently which read 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.” Great thought for this year. How will you use your blessings this year?

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

Pastor Bob

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

Music Notes

Fall came in pretty quick this year... and not a moment too soon! I love this time of year!

This month we will host our annual workers appreciation banquet to honor all of the folks who make the ministry of AFA possible. I want to take this month’s Music Notes column to give a shout out to the entire Worship Department. Every week you all work behind the scenes and on the platform to help create impactful services that are full of the Spirit of God! You are so faithful in times when faithfulness comes at a premium! I want you to know how much I appreciate all your hard work! It is a joy to get to worship alongside you every week!

Our busy season is just around the corner with Christmas and a few months later, *Give Us Barabbas*. Many people don’t know how much time and effort goes into creating our special services. They also have no idea the joy we experience in the process! I look forward to working with you in the new seasons God has in store for us. A special thanks to all the new folks that have joined us in the last year, welcome to the team!

See Ya Sunday,
Pastor Stacy

Women Of AFA

Saturday, November 17th
Thanksgiving Dinner @ 6pm
In The Youth Room
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Sunday, November 18th
Bake Sale
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For More Info See Amy Mott

GRAVITY YOUTH

Wow, it’s November already! 2018 has flown by!!

We have just a few things to remember this month.

Worship practice is every Wednesday @ 6pm.

On Saturday, November 10th we will be raking people’s leaves to raise money for Speed the Light.

Sunday, November 18th, we will join other churches for the Community Thanksgiving Service @ 6:30pm at the Gathering on first street. There will be no evening service or activities here at AFA.

Wednesday, November 21st there will be no evening activities.

Friday and Saturday, November 30th and December 1st is the Fall Youth Conference in Concord. Your final payment will be due before the conference. We will let you know in plenty of time to get it in.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Your Youth Team

Senior Saints
Thursday, November 15th
Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch
@ Noon In The Youth Room
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For More Info See Pastor George
& Janice Mullen

AFA Kids

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Thank you so much to all of you who work in any capacity in our 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. Brother Bruce and I really appreciate your kindness.

Many thanks for all your help at our October 28th Fall Fest! All the contributions of candy, the cars, and hard work are really appreciated. What a fun afternoon!

I would like to invite all of our children and their parents to attend our annual Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party. It will be held on Friday, November 16th 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 a great time of fun! The Mpack girls will have a sleepover at the church after the shoebox packing.

Love,
Pastor Lilly (704-438-1395)

Men’s Ministry

Monday, November 19th
Monthly Meeting @ 7pm
In Youth Room
Supper Is Provided
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For More Information See
Keith Reeder