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Mission Emphasis Month



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday</b> 9am: Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School 10am: Adult Worship Children's Church	<b>Sunday</b> 6pm: Worship Service <b>Tuesday</b> 1pm: Ladies Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home	<b>1st Sunday</b> Nursing Home Ministry @ Woodhaven <b>3rd Sunday</b> Nursing Home Ministry @ Forrest Oakes	<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		1	2
3 TBQ 9am AM: Communion No PM Service	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 1st Day Of AFA Preschool Cleansing Stream Seminar-6:30pm - YR Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K	6 JBQ - 5:45 6pm: Praise Team/Choir	7 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Albemarle Jail 7pm: Praise Band Church Directory Pictures w/Lifetouch	8 Church Directory Pictures w/Lifetouch	9 6pm: Couples Group Going Out To Eat Church Directory Pictures w/Lifetouch
10 TBQ 9am & 6pm AM: PRC Walk For Life Kick-Off Financial Peace Class @ 3:30-Youth Room	11 7pm: Stephen Ministry CE	12 Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K Cleansing Stream Seminar-6:30pm - YR	13 JBQ - 5:45 6pm: Praise Team/Choir	14 Church Directory Pictures w/Lifetouch 7pm: Praise Band	15 Church Directory Pictures w/Lifetouch	16 Church Directory Pictures w/Lifetouch
17 TBQ 9am & 6pm WM Of AFA Conference Balance Due Financial Peace Class @ 3:30-Youth Room 4pm: Membership Class - RM 102 GRAVITY Adult Leaders Meeting @ 4:30pm Room 100	18 7pm: Men's Ministry Meeting - YRoom	19 Cleansing Stream Seminar-6:30pm - YR Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K	20 JBQ - 5:45 Youth Worship Practice 5pm 6pm: Praise Team/Choir	21 Senior Saints Potluck Lunch @ Noon In The Youth Room 6:30pm: Jail Ministry @ Alb. Jail 7pm: Praise Band	22 6pm: Mpac Girls Sleepover	23 GRAVITY Girls Day Trip
24 TBQ 9am & 6pm AM: Baptism Financial Peace Class @ 3:30-Youth Room Student Leaders Mtng @ 4:30pm Room 102	25 7pm: Stephen Ministry CE	26 Cleansing Stream Seminar-6:30pm - YR Living Free 7pm: Rooms 101-102 6pm: Divorce Care & DC4K	27 JBQ - 5:45 See You At The Pole 6pm: Praise Team/Choir	28 7pm: Praise Band	29	30 8:30AM PRC Walk For Life YMCA Park

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**“All In For Him...”**

Jesus said to those who followed Him (Matt 28:19) to “...go and make disciples of all the nations...” This is so high on God’s priority that we cannot push it to the side. As this age moves closer to its end, the greater this word becomes. We must be about God’s purpose even more than we might be about ours.

Beloved, the central focus of our ministry at AFA is to present to our Lord and Savior a people totally surrendered and committed to prayer for all things; hearts that are generous and compassionate to the needs of men; and, **a zeal to go anywhere to share the love of God and His marvelous message of hope to all people..., and “...ALL NATIONS!!!”**

In a year when our natural inclinations are to pull in the reins and think about ourselves, I want to challenge all of us to trust God more than ever before for **all** of our needs. Then I challenge each one of us to commit to pray, to give generously, and go in the power of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, sharing His love and message everyplace we set our feet.

If we are to do good works with perfect motives, right hearts and attitudes, then I am convinced God will do miraculous deeds in our families, our church, and our community. Our goal for 2018 is 100% participation in our Faith Promise commitments. Last year we fell short, but I Believe we can reach our goal...**So ALL NATIONS CAN HEAR THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.**

**I’m all in!! I hope you’re all in, too!!!  
All in For Him,  
Pastor Bob**

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

**Music Notes**

When I was interviewing with Pastor Bob and Char before I took the position of Minister of Music at AFA, I remember being awestruck at the level of participation that our church played in missions! This month is our annual “Missions Emphasis” and we will spend the next few weeks highlighting and celebrating the multiple avenues of missions that we support.

We are also gearing up for a special celebration of Pastor Bob’s 20th year of ministry at AFA! This year’s Pastor’s Appreciation Day will be a special time of celebration and reflection over the last 20 years of impact our pastor has had on our church and community. Mark your calendar and tell a friend to be here on Sunday, October 9th at 10am!

Please be in prayer as we begin the process of planning for next years’ production of “Give Us Barabbas”. I have folks that stop me all the time and tell me how much of an impact our work in that production made on them and their family. Begin to pray about how God would like for you to participate!

**See Ya Sunday,  
Pastor Stacy**

**Senior Saints  
Thursday, Sept., 21st  
Potluck Lunch @ Noon  
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For More Info See Pastor  
George & Janice Mullen**

**GRAVITY YOUTH JAM Ministries**

School is in full swing! We are so excited about what God is going to do this school year!

See You at the Pole is Wednesday, September 27th. It is an event where we come together and pray over our schools and teachers for the year. The students will gather around the flag pole of their school to pray before school starts. Please be in prayer with us also for God to do a great work this year.

Saturday, September 23rd will be a girls trip, more details to come later!

We will be participating in the walk for life on Saturday, September 30th at 8:30am at the YMCA Park. Students can get a walkers pledge form that will help raise money for the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Thank you for all your support, and for making this past summer such a success in the lives of our students.

**Pastor Josh**



**Women Of AFA  
Friday, Sept., 15th  
Ladies’ Night Out  
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Sunday, Sept., 17th  
Balance of WM’s Conference  
Due  
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For More Info See Amy Mott**

Welcome fall. We are excited for our days ahead.

Thank you church! God bless you! With your generous giving we were able to prepare 17 school back backs, and give a blessing to the school teachers who attend our congregation. Please continue to pray for God’s protection over all students and teachers. A huge thank you to all who made our Sunday School promotion and Slide Back2School parties a big success.

Our Preschool/ MMO program is thriving. We are so pleased with this program. Thank you Mrs. Marcy and Staff for leading us into a New Year!

We are excited to begin our Children’s Christmas choir practices on Sunday evenings. Mrs. Susan Helms and her staff are such a blessing to us. Becky Hatley and her Staff will make our Preschool presentation sparkle. We are blessed to have them. I will bring back out the Christmas Bells.

We are starting to organize Trunk or Treat. Please let me know if you would enjoy helping with this event.

Thank you for your support of our kids!

**God’s blessings to you and your families,  
Pastor Lilly, [704-438-1395](tel:704-438-1395)**

**Men’s Ministry  
Monday, Sept., 18th  
Monthly Meeting @ 7pm  
In Youth Room  
Supper Provided  
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For More Information  
See Keith Reeder**