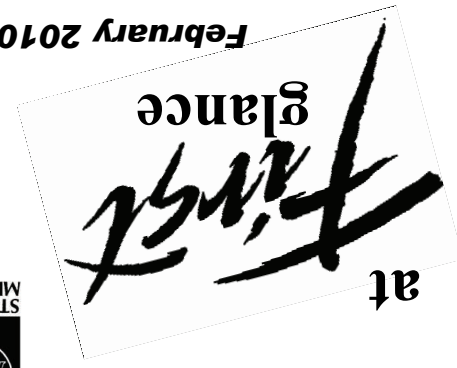


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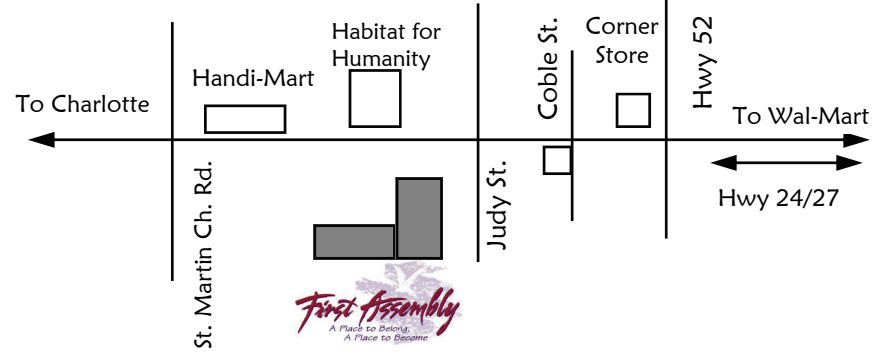
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# February 2010



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# First glance

February, 2010

## He Needs Love, too...

February is the month when we show our love for someone special. But, if we are honest with ourselves, we usually desire something in return. As I thought about how selfish we can be, thinking only of our love need and how to satisfy it; it struck me that **our Lord not only desires our love, but needs our love.** We spend great amount of time in prayer almost begging God to show us His love. And how often it seems so one-sided.

We need to hear the words of John (21:15) reminding us of His words, "Do you love me?" How awesome the thought that the all knowing God and Savior of the world would be asking us such a question. I think He means, "I know you love me, now show me and demonstrate your love for Me." What I have learned is that love is never satisfied with abstractions, it needs tangibles, like when Jesus asked, "Give Me a drink. . ." (John 4:7). We are inwardly always drinking from His fountain, but still we ask Him to demonstrate it outwardly. So **why should we be so amazed when He asks us to demonstrate our love to Him with action?** Think about it, a Savior needs sinners; the One worshiped needs worshipers; and, the Lover of our souls needs loved ones.

When I was a young Christian I thought my love for God had to be proved by doing things, but now I realize there is so much more - - - **He desires my personal fellowship.** He simply desires us, "Just to be there for Him." Will you be there just for Him?

The writer of Deuteronomy 32:9 tells us "The Lord's portion is His people." **Holiness is God's greatest requirement, but His people are His greatest delight!!!** Lord, help us to delight You with a hundred ways of expressing our love for you. Above all, let us show You our love by getting closer to you every step of the journey and being there for You.

Jesus, how can I love you more?

Pastor Bob

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

## FUSION FACTS

There are some exciting things going on this month in FUSION. We are having a blow-out Super Bowl Party on the 7th at Darnell and Stefanie Almond's house that will be a must-come to event! With great food, games, friends, oh, and some football game too, we are sure to have a blast!

Another exciting opportunity for your student is joining our FUSION Drama Team or FUSION Band, or both! The arts are important to FUSION and we want to grow your student in that area. FUSION Band practice will be at 4pm and Drama practice will be at 5pm in the Youth Room on Sundays. Check the calendar in the display board outside of the youth room.

We are also starting to think about Youth Camp 2010, July 5-9. The cost of camp will be \$200 and we are opening up payment opportunities this month! If you have a student interested in camp let me know or sign them up in the youth room.

Oh and one more thing (this is just for guys, ladies please ignore), don't forget Valentine's Day is this month. Show her that you really care by doing something extra-special this year.

God Bless,  
Pastor Matt

### Mark Your Calendar!

Membership Class  
With Pastor Bob  
Sunday, February 7th @ 4pm  
Youth Room

CFC Valentine's Banquet  
Saturday, February 13th @ 6:30pm  
Youth Room - \$25 Per Couple

Baptism - Sunday, February 14th  
In Our Morning Service

## Music Notes



Thank you so much to all those who took part in Friend Night 2010. We hoped you enjoyed the food, fellowship, and rehearsal. We hope to see you again soon in one of our audio/visual booths or on stage in the band or choir.

If you happened to miss Friend Night, the good news is that there are still seats and positions to be filled. We need you! Our rehearsals for band and choir are on Thursday nights from 6:30-8pm for choir and 8-9:15pm for the band. If you are interested in running sound, lights, or even cameras, then come and see me and we will get you connected to our ministry. We are always welcoming in new faces and even old ones too! Hope to see you soon.

One more thing, Sunday night services are great services to attend. The band is playing new music, people are singing specials, dancers are dancing, and Pastor Bob is bringing the Word. To find out what the hype is all about, you need to come to the Sunday night services at 6pm. See you there!

In His Service,  
Pastor Chris



"Girl Talk" with Linda Rakowski  
Monday, February 1st @ 7pm  
Room 102  
(No Girl Talk on February 15th)

Connect365 Bake Sale  
Sunday, February 7th  
after the morning service

Connect365 Bible Study with Linda Rakowski  
Thursday, February 11th & 25th @ 10am  
Room 102

LunchBunch with Char  
Tuesday, February 16th @ 11:30am  
At Zaxby's  
Plan to join us!!

Connect365 Coffee Connection  
Saturday, February 20th @ 10am  
Room 101/102

## Kids Town News

I hope your new year has had a great start. Several very important items are now underway in the children's ministry.

First, we have started our summer camp kickoff for 2010. We want to encourage you to really consider whether your child wants to be part of "Fire Camp 2010". We are going the week of Monday, July 19th through Friday, July 23rd; therefore it is necessary for us to close the date for camp on Monday, March 1st. By Monday, March 1st, I will need to have received a deposit of \$100 from each camper. The balance will be due no later than Sunday, May 30th. I must put these restrictions in place to be sure that all paper work is in to the district headquarters on time. If financial aid is needed, please see me.

Second, on Saturday, March 13th, First Assembly will host the state regional Junior Bible Quiz competition. On that day there will be about 300 kids and coaches gathered here to compete for a place at the state meet in Burlington, NC in April. If you want to see what this program is all about, I encourage you to come and visit for a match or two. If your desire is for your child to learn the Word of God, come see the knowledge that they can obtain and retain. You will also be amazed how much you will learn yourself as you work with them in this program.

On Friday and Saturday, March 19th and 20th, we will be attending a "Children's Worship Explosion" in Greensboro, NC for ages 8 years and up. There will be exciting workshops for your child/youth to attend. The workshops offered will be puppetry, drama, dance, clowning, face painting, balloon sculpturing, music/worship leading, and tech/video. The cost will be \$12.50 and will be due by Sunday, February 28th.

For His Glory,  
Pastor Harry

Senior Saints Pizza Party  
Thursday, February 18th  
@ Noon In The Youth Room