



# July 2009



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<b>Sunday</b> 9 AM: Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School 10 AM: Adult Worship Children's Church 5 Communion AM: BP Checks A.C.E. Ends 6PM: JBQ Begins	<b>Sunday</b> 6PM: Worship Service 6 PM: JBQ (Junior Bible Quiz)	<b>Monday</b> 7 PM: Men's Prayer Meeting Visitation Ministry 7PM Girl Talk Rm 101/102	<b>1</b> 7PM Small Group	<b>2</b> 6PM - 7:30PM: Praise Band	<b>3</b> Office Closed In Observance Of Independence Day	<b>4</b> Independence Day
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10AM: Ladies Small Group @ Bea Cox's home 7PM Girl Talk Rm 101/102	<b>8</b> 7PM: Bible Study	<b>9</b> 6PM - 7:30PM: Praise Band	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> A.C.E. Kick-Off	<b>13</b> 7PM Stephen Ministry CE	<b>14</b> 10AM: Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's home 6PM - 8:30PM Dance Team Practice	<b>15</b> 7PM Small Group	<b>16</b> Senior Saints Trip To McLeod Peach Farm McBee, SC 6PM - 7:30PM: Praise Band	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> A.C.E. Begins 1:45PM Nursing Home Visitation	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10AM: Ladies Small Group @ Bea Cox's home 7PM Girl Talk Rm 101/102	<b>22</b> 7PM: Bible Study	<b>23</b> 6PM - 7:30PM: Praise Band	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7PM Stephen Ministry CE	<b>28</b> 10AM: Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's home	<b>29</b> 7PM 5th Wednesday Small Group Fellowship	<b>30</b> High School Senior's Trip - Cedar Point, OH July 30th - August 2nd	<b>31</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> 7 PM: Fusion Missionettes Boys Club 7PM - 8:30PM Victorious Overcomers

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### Pastoral Staff

- Rev. Bob Gruver ~ Senior Pastor**
- Rev. George Mullen ~ Senior Associate Pastor**
- Rev. Harry Jones ~ Children's Ministries Pastor**
- Rev. Matt Miller ~ Youth Pastor**
- Rev. Chris Date ~ Music Pastor**

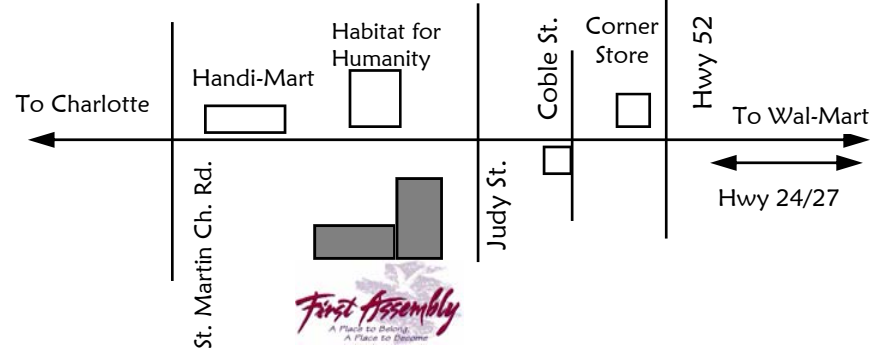
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# First glance

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## "One Nation, Under God. . ."

Many of us remember when we were kids in school and we began every day pledging allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. Though we were youngsters, pledging the flag was a daily reminder of our responsibility to our country. It was in school, as a child, that I stood in awe of this great nation of ours as I solemnly said, with my hand over my heart, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." How sad it is now that there are unpatriotic, ungodly people who think the words "under God" are no longer deemed necessary! The great fiery orator and the sixth Governor of Virginia, **Patrick Henry** (1736 - 1799), known for his "give me liberty or give me death" speech, once said: **"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religion but on the gospel of Jesus Christ."**

Our first President, **George Washington** (1732 - 1799), in his Farewell Address to our young Nation, said, **"Do not let anyone claim tribute of American patriotism if they even attempt to remove religion from politics."**

America's second President, **John Adams, Jr.** (1736 - 1826), said, **"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people...it is wholly inadequate to the government of any other..."**

Then President **Thomas Jefferson** (1743 - 1826), in his address to the Danbury Baptists, said, **"The 1st Amendment has created a wall of separation between church and state; but, that wall is a one directional wall. It keeps the government from running the church; but, it makes sure that Christian principles will always stay in government."**

Beloved, "under God" is still the best place our nation or anyone can ever be! Stand for right. . .

Be proud to be a Christian patriot,  
Pastor Bob

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

## FUSION FACTS

July is here! That means the summer is half over! How has your summer been going? Is your walk with God sizzling in the summer sun, or has the heat wave of life taken its toll? Wherever this summer season has taken you, let me urge you to keep hot for Him! Beat the heat of life and hide yourself in the Son!

July finds FUSION preparing for one of summer's biggest events, Summer Camp! With a group of our own geared up and ready to go, let me encourage you to be in prayer for our students, as we are believing for great things. Pray that God fills them with a passion and desire to fulfill His perfect will for their lives!

If you would like more information on how you and your family can support or sponsor one of our young people for Summer Camp, let me know, I can give you all the information on how you can support our students and help them get to Summer Camp, July 13th-17th.

At the end of July FUSION gets to celebrate our Seniors ONE MORE TIME! (tear\*) As we travel to Ohio to go to Cedar Point, the best roller coaster theme park on the planet! (no really it is, check out their website) We are going to have a great long weekend, July 30th-August 2nd. Seniors you will be missed, every last one of you! Thank you for being you!

And for those scoring at home, Erica and I are half way to a little Baby Miller, scheduled to debut in November!

God Bless,  
Pastor Matt

## Music Notes



July is already here and we are half way through 2009. If you are looking for the choir on stage, they will reconvene on August the 20th in preparation for Christmas. Even I can hardly believe it's almost that time again.

If you are interested in joining the choir, August the 20th will be a perfect time for you to join us. The music ministry here at First Assembly is open to anyone 14 years of age and older. There are many ways you can get involved including sound, lights, overhead, band, and choir. There is always room for one more person so I invite you to come and be a part of this ministry. Please see me and I will find a place for you to serve.



In His Service,  
Pastor Chris



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**"Girl Talk" with Linda Rakowski**  
**Tuesday, July 7th & July 21st**  
**@ 7pm, Room 101/102**  
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**LunchBunch with Char**  
**Will Resume In**  
**September - Plan to join us!!**

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**Missions Bake Sale**  
**Sunday, August 9th immediately**  
**following the morning service**

## Kids Town News

Exited, joy, heart pounding, are many of the words that our kids are expressing as Kids Camp is finally approaching. The children have been talking about camp ever since we left last year. Within 3 weeks we will be taking 41 children and 7 counselors to one of the greatest camps available in our area. The kids will rise at 6:30am and lay back down at 11pm after an exhausting day of swimming, canoeing, go-cart riding, and studying God's Word.

Our Kids will have an afternoon camp meeting with the ministry team while the counselors are given an opportunity to catch a breather (a very short one). Then, it's full speed ahead in the afternoon!

Our evening camp meeting is where the kids will gather with all the campers as Pastor Randy and his team will lead us in Praise & Worship. God's word will come alive in the hearts of the kids as the Holy Spirit touches their lives.

Pray and believe that God is going to do some mighty things in the lives of our kids. Pray for the counselors!!! We are ready to go!!! YEAH!!!

His Servant,  
Pastor Harry

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**Senior Saints Trip**  
**McLeod Peach Farm**  
**McBee, SC**  
**Thursday, July 16th**  
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