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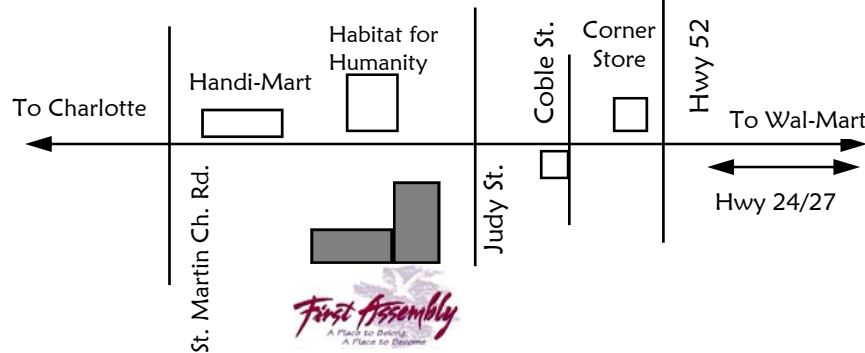
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sunday</b> 9am: Adult, Youth &amp; Children Sunday School 10am: Adult Worship Children's Church</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> 6pm: Worship Service FUSION MS Bible School - Youth Room</p>	<p><b>Monday</b> 7pm: Men's Prayer Meeting Visitation Ministry <b>Tuesday</b> 6:30pm: HS Bible Study @ Ryan &amp; Mary Story's 6:30pm - 8:30pm: Adult Dance Team Practice (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> 6pm - 7pm: Girls Dance Team Practice (Sanctuary) 7pm: Fusion Children's Ministries</p>			
<p>1 BP Checks Communion HS Seniors Return</p>	2	<p>3 3:30pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Room 100 Victorious Overcomers</p>	4	5 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice	6 CFC - Room 102	7
8	9 7pm: Stephen Ministry	<p>10 3:30pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Room 100 Victorious Overcomers</p>	11 7pm: Bible Study	<p>12 10am Connect365 Women's Bible Study - Room 102 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice</p>	<p>13 2pm - 8pm College Back2School Bash @ Dry's Home 5:30pm: Mpaact Girl's Back2School Sleepover Children's Church</p>	<p>14 12pm - 6pm (MS) Back2School Bash @ Dry's Home DCLA Mission Trip</p>
<p>15 Nursing Home Ministry @ Forrest Oaks 2pm - 8pm (HS) Back2School Bash @ Dry's Home 6pm: Children's Choir Kick-Off</p>	16	<p>17 3:30pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Room 100 Victorious Overcomers</p>	<p>18 6pm Girls Dance Resumes 7pm: Small Group</p>	<p>19 Senior Saints - Asheboro Antique Mall &amp; Petty Museum 6:30pm - 8pm: Music Department Meeting</p>	20 CFC - Room 102	<p>21 8am: Men's Breakfast Sunshine Pancake House - Albemarle</p>
DCLA - Adult Mission Trip - August 14th - 22nd						
<p>22 AM: Connect365 Bake Sale Nursing Home Ministry @ Brithaven Newcomers Luncheon 4:30pm: Nursery Ldrs Mtg 29</p>	23 7pm: Stephen Ministry	<p>24 3:30pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home Adult Dance Resumes 7pm: Room 100 Victorious Overcomers 31</p>	25 1st Day of School	26 10am Connect365 Women's Bible Study 8pm-9:15pm: Praise Band/Team Practice	27	<p>28 6pm - 11pm: TYT Downtown Market Station 6:30pm: Couples for Christ Event - Youth Room</p>

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# First glance

August, 2010

“Let the Sun Shine Out....”

August is referred to as the “Sunshine” month, for obvious reasons. And because of the heat that we all experience during this season, some of us really sweat out the salt. It seems that salt and light go together . . . As believers, we are all called to be salt and light to the world in which we live. Now more than ever, our world needs both salt and light. Think about these two items, one from the earth and the other from the sky.

Jesus has calls us to be both salt & light. “YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD” (Matthew 5:13-16) Consider the following: Salt works secretly, light in the open. Salt flavors within, light without. Salt has indirect influence, light direct. Salt works primarily through our living, while light works through our teaching and words.

David wrote in the Psalms that “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” Psalms 119:105 John the Baptist declared that Jesus is “the Light of the World. . .” John also reminds us that “God is Light and in Him there is no darkness...” (John 1:5) God’s light is to guide us through this life and beam before us, as we journey.

By its very nature, light must be visible to accomplish its purpose. We are called to be more than salt; we are to be light also. We must tell of the love of Jesus to this world and then we must provide direction, as a lighthouse does for ships on the sea.

Beloved, there is a place to be silent and be the salt. But today our world needs to hear your voice and see your light shining forth the Gospel that was so wonderfully given to each of us...

Jesus offered His Gospel to everyone He met. Are we?

**Tell the story of Jesus,  
Pastor Bob**

“A wise man makes his own decisions; an ignorant man follows public opinion...”

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

## FUSION FACTS

The start of August means a return to reality for our students. Summer break is coming to a screeching halt and the start of school is slowly revealing its unsightly head! What does that mean for the Youth of FUSION? That means it is time to get focused! We need to focus on our all around health. What I mean by that is we need to make sure we are mentally, physically, and spiritually ready for school. Here is how we can do that:

You can prepare mentally for school by doing some simple brain exercises like reading or mock writing assignments. Try writing a five paragraph essay about how my summer went a couple weeks before school. Why you may ask? Because usually by the end of summer I forgot how to write! (I really did one time – honest!)

You can prepare physically for school by changing your daily routine little by little. Crack of dawn bus stop appointments or evil early morning classes may come as a shock for the “sleep until noon crowd”. How do you remedy this? Start waking up 30 minutes to an hour earlier now and increase that time weekly until you work yourself back into your normal school routine. You can also start exercising more to increase your energy to survive post-lunch period classes like Algebra I or Beginning Quantum Physics (a.k.a. “Nap Time”).

You can prepare spiritually for school by starting to bathe yourself in prayer now! Parents this is where you can be the biggest help! Pray, pray, pray! Pray for the teachers, pray for the administration, for classes, for friends- bombard heaven with cries for help, guidance, and grace! Make sure you enter this school year with a strong love and desire for God. You will need it to keep your eyes fastened on Him!

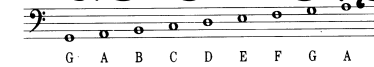
This school year can start better then any other, start planning now!

We would also like to thank the Class of `10 for all their dedication to FUSION. It has been you, the seniors, who have kept things together and have taken our group

to where it is today. Know we are praying for you as you transition out of FUSION and into other ministries here at First Assembly or as you go off to college. You will be missed!

**God Bless,  
Pastor Matt**

## Music Notes



The music and arts ministry at First Assembly is open to anyone in high school and older. There are many ways you can be involved including sound, lights, overhead, band, and choir. There is always room for one more.... come and be a part.

EVERYONE WHO IS ALREADY PART OF THIS MINISTRY AND ANYONE WHO DESIRES TO BE A PART, there will be a meeting THURSDAY, AUGUST 19TH beginning at 6:30PM in the sanctuary. We will discuss the direction of the music ministry over the next few months.

We invite you to be there...

**Music/Media Department**

**Senior Saints**

**Trip to Asheboro Antique Mall & Petty Museum**

**Thursday, August 19th**

**Connect365 Women’s Ministry**

**Connect365 Bible Study**

**With Linda Rakowski**

**Thursday, August 12th & 26th @ 10am  
Room 102**

**Couples For Christ**

**Special Event - Saturday, August 28th  
6:30pm in Youth Room**

**Men’s Ministry**

**Men’s Breakfast  
Saturday, August 21st @ 8am  
Sunshine Pancake House  
Albemarle, NC**

## Kids Town News

God moved in a wonderful way at Kids Camp last month. Many of the kids had an encounter of the first kind as God touched their lives. For some it was the first time they heard God speak into their spirit. I want to say thank you for supporting our kids in this walk with God.

Many opportunities are coming up in the months ahead. On Sunday mornings beginning August 15th through Sunday, September 19th we will take time out for a five week teaching from the Cleansing Stream Ministries for children. Victor & Linda Rakowski will be sharing this great teaching with our kids. On Sunday, August 15th @ 6pm we will kick off the children’s choir. Wednesday, August 18th we will be going to Kids Rock 2010 in Columbia SC. The cost will be \$30. More information will be coming soon.

WOW!...summer is almost over and the kids will be back in school. Before long we will be talking about Christmas!!

**I’m Tired Already,  
Pastor Harry**

## Mark Your Calendar

➤ **College Back2School Bash  
@ The Dry’s Home - Friday,  
August 13th - 2pm - 8pm**

➤ **Mpact Girls Back2School  
Sleepover In Children’s Church  
Friday, August 13th @ 5:30pm**

➤ **MS Back2School Bash  
@ The Dry’s Home, Saturday,  
August 14th - 12pm - 6pm**

➤ **HS Back2School Bash  
@ The Dry’s Home, Sunday,  
August 15th - 2pm - 8pm**