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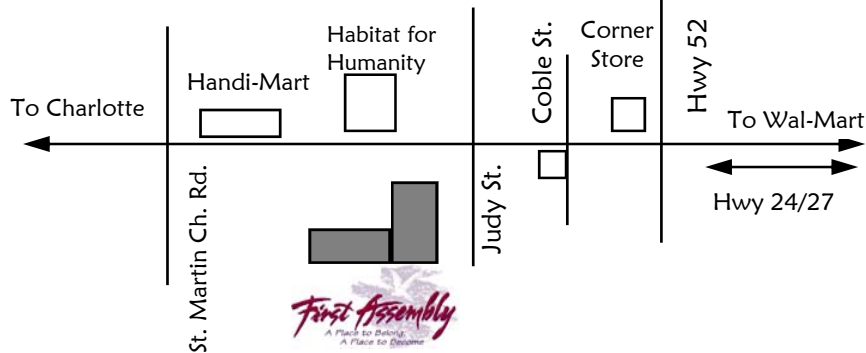
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sunday</b> 9am: Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School 10am: Adult Worship Children's Church	<b>Sunday</b> 6pm: Worship Service FUSION MS Bible School - Youth Room	<b>1</b> 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers	<b>2</b> 7pm: Small Group	<b>3</b> 10am Connect365 1 Hour With HIM Sanctuary 6:30pm - 8pm - Choir 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice	<b>4</b> 7pm:CFC - Room 102	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Communion BP Checks A.C.E. Begins Connect365 Bake Sale	<b>7</b> "Home Sweet Home" Society - 10am "Fall In Love With Sewing" Kitchen/Rm 99	<b>8</b> 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers	<b>9</b> 7pm: Bible Study	<b>10</b> 10am Connect365 1 Hour With HIM Sanctuary 6:30pm - 8pm - Choir 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> JBQ Competition DC NYC Meeting 9am - 12pm - YR 6:30pm: CFC Valentine's Banquet Youth Room
<b>13</b> AM: Barry McGee	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day 7pm: Stephen Ministry	<b>15</b> 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers	<b>16</b> 7pm: Small Group	<b>17</b> 10am: Connect365 1Hr With HIM Sanctuary Senior Saints Valentine's Potluck Lunch - Rms 101/102 Noon 6:30pm - 8pm - Choir 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice	<b>18</b> 7pm: CFC - Room 102 Youth Leaders Summit @ Concord F/A	<b>19</b> 10am Connect365 Coffee Connect Rooms 101/102
<b>20</b> Light Board Training 2pm - 5pm Sanctuary Nursing Home Ministry @ Forrest Oaks	<b>21</b> President's Day Office Closed 7pm: Connect365 Bible Study @ Sheila Holland's	<b>22</b> 11:30AM LunchBunch W/Char Zaxby's 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers 7pm: Visitation	<b>23</b> 7pm: Bible Study	<b>24</b> 10am: Connect365 1Hr With HIM Sanctuary 6:30pm - 8pm - Choir 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> FUSION Movie Night "To Save A Life" 6:30pm - YR
<b>27</b> Nursing Home Ministry @ Britthaven	<b>28</b> 7pm: Stephen Ministry			<b>Monday</b> 5:30pm - 7pm: Kid's Band Practice 7pm: Men's Prayer Meeting Visitation Ministry	<b>Tuesday</b> 6:30pm - 8:30pm: Adult Dance Team Practice (Sanctuary)	<b>Wednesday</b> 6pm - 7pm: Girls Dance Team Practice (Sanctuary) 7pm: Fusion Children's Ministries

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# First glance

February, 2011

*“Love God, Love One Another. . .”*

We celebrate our love for someone special this month. . . And that is good. But every believer is special to the Father, and ought to be special to every other believer. We all need to feel the love of God through others, who are serving Him as they serve one another.

When we consider the word “L-O-V-E,” each of us has a picture of what that word means. It is not only the expression but the degree of expression that changes the picture we have of Love. Romans 12:9-11 NLT speaks loudly to us today when we read it: “Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. . .Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.”

Beloved, the economy has pinched and squeezed everyone of us, and some more than others. Look around you and when you see a brother or sister in need, pray for them. Then, let your prayer be moved to action that demonstrates genuine affection and honoring of a brother or sister in Christ.

Hospitality and generosity are not dependent on how much you have but on an attitude that says, “. . .what I have, I will share. . .” Let this be the beginning of sharing not just from our abundance, but even out of sacrifice, and God will bring us closer as a fellowship; He will testify to our community that love is alive; and we all will experience the Love of God and how special each one is. . .

Luke 3:11 reminds us that "If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry." Let's not wait until someone is hanging on by a thread, let's share before we get there...

May the love of God be poured out to and through each of us,

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

**Pastor Bob**

## FUSION FACTS Firestorm Ministries February Birthdays

There are some exciting things going on this month in FUSION. We are having a blow-out Super Bowl Party on the 6th in the youth room at 6pm. This will be a must-come event! With great food, games, friends, oh, and some football game too, we are sure to have a blast! Pick up a FUSION events sheet in the Youth Room, we have lots of pretty awesome events coming up!

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.

In January we kicked off meetings for our 2011 Mission's Trip to the New York Dream Center. If your student missed out, it is not too late to join in and be a part. Like our '09 trip to LA, NYC will be an amazing trip serving people and Jesus!

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**

### Music Notes

To kick off 2011 the Music Department had a "Friend Night" which was a great night of fellowship and looking ahead. We're so excited to have choir back in full swing. We are now gearing up for Easter which is going to be a time of worshipping our Savior and remembering the great sacrifice He made for us. If you have a heart for worship then choir is the place for you to be. Please join us Thursday nights @ 6:30pm in the Youth Room. "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks." John 4:23

**In Christ,  
Mary**

As we start the new year I wish to share with the church what is going to be our course of action for reaching and leading the kids for Christ. Our mandate is simple; raise up a generation that can openly display the raw power of God. In 1Corinthians 4:20 "The kingdom of God is not a matter of Talk but of Power" every where Jesus went He preached and healed the sick. No time do we not see Him doing both. He directed His disciples to preach "that the kingdom is near and to heal the sick" we as His disciples must be doing the same. My goal for this year is to teach the kids that God has more for them, just important as it is for the kids to have the baptism of the Holy Spirit this is the vehicle that God uses to reach into His Kingdom. Empowering your kids with God's power and seeing His signs and wonders is what a Christ-like life is all about.

This month we kick off our registration for Kids Camp which will be held Monday through Friday, July 18th - 22nd. More information will be available as it comes in. Also this year our Holy Spirit conference will be held Saturday, May 21st. It will be an all day event.

I am really excited for our Do-Wads ministry team. We have been asked and have accepted the opportunity from Kidz Ablaze International Ministries to be part of Kidz Rock USA in Youngstown, Ohio in May. It will be an outreach to the kids in the area to tell them the "Good News" of Jesus Christ. Please be in much prayer as we hear God's voice in "training up" His kids.

**For His Glory,  
Pastor Harry**

### Senior Saints

Valentine's Pot Luck Lunch  
Thursday, February, 17th @ Noon  
Rooms 101/102

### Victorious Overcomers

Tuesdays, February 1st - 22nd @ 7pm  
Rooms 101/102

1st	18th
Janis Burris	Charity Burdge
Dylan Haigler	19th
4th	Hannah Huneycutt
Frances Greenlee	Caleb Jones
Justin Greenlee	20th
David Thornton	Avery Carrick
5th	21st
Susan Helms	Brenda Foster
6th	22nd
Troy Kryzalka	Matt Deal
8th	Cynthia Thompson
Kellie Cullingford	25th
9th	Colt Greer
Dennis Blankenship	26th
Emily Greenlee	Eli Hopkins
12th	27th
Kathy Sowards	Mica Harward
14th	Wendy Jenkins
Gerry Dry	Ed O'Neil
Rob Greenlee	28th
15th	Jennifer Furr
Hannah Carrick	Char Gruver
17th	Clarke Wilson
Sharon Cook	

### Couples For Christ

CFC Small Group  
Friday, February 4th & 18th, @ 7pm  
Rm 101/102

CFC Valentine's Banquet  
Saturday, February 12th @ 6:30pm  
Youth Room  
Entertainment by: Barry McGee

### Connect365 Women's Ministry

One Hour With Him  
Thursdays, February 3rd - 24th @ 10am  
In Sanctuary

Home Sweet Home Society  
Monday, February 7th @ 10am  
"Fall In Love With Sewing"

Connect365 Coffee Connect  
Saturday, February 19th @ 10am  
In Rooms 101/102

Connect365 WM's Bible Study  
Monday, February 21st  
7pm @ Sheila Holland's Home  
433 Lindsey Lane, Oakboro, NC

LunchBunch With Char  
Tuesday, February 22nd @ 11:30am  
@ Zaxby's Restaurant