



July 2010



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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| Sunday 9 AM: Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School 10 AM: Adult Worship Children's Church | Sunday 6PM: Worship Service FUSION MS Bible School - Youth Room | Monday 7 PM: Men's Prayer Meeting Visitation Ministry Tuesday 6:30PM: HS Bible Study @ Ryan & Mary Story's | Wednesday 7 PM: Fusion Children's Ministries | 1 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice | 2 | 3 |
| 4 BP Checks Communion Independence Day No PM Service | 5 Office Closed In Observance of Independence Day | 6 10AM: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7PM: Room 100 Victorious Overcomers 7PM: Visitation | 7 7PM Small Group | 8 10AM: Connect365 Women's Bible Study - Room 102 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice | 9 | 10 DCLA Car Wash First Assembly, Alb. 8am - until |
| Youth Camp @ Falcon PH Camp Ground | | | | | | |
| 11 AM: Receiving New Members "Kids Camp" Parents Meeting - 5pm Children's Church 6PM: JBQ Begins | 12 7PM: Stephen Ministry | 13 10AM: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7PM: Room 100 Victorious Overcomers | 14 7PM: Bible Study | 15 Senior Saints Lunch @ Mazatlan - Noon 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice | 16 | 17 CFC Campout - Beth Haltiwanger Retreat Troy, NC |
| 18 CFC Campout - Beth Haltiwanger Retreat Troy, NC Nursing Home Ministry @ Forrest Oaks | 19 | 20 10AM: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7PM: Room 100 Victorious Overcomers | 21 7PM Small Group | 22 10AM: Connect365 Women's Bible Study 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice | 23 6PM - 9PM: FUSION Youth Event Drift - Checkpoint 2 Main Sanctuary | 24 |
| Kids Camp @ Camp Dixie | | | | | | |
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| HS Senior Trip July 29th - August 1st | | | | | | |

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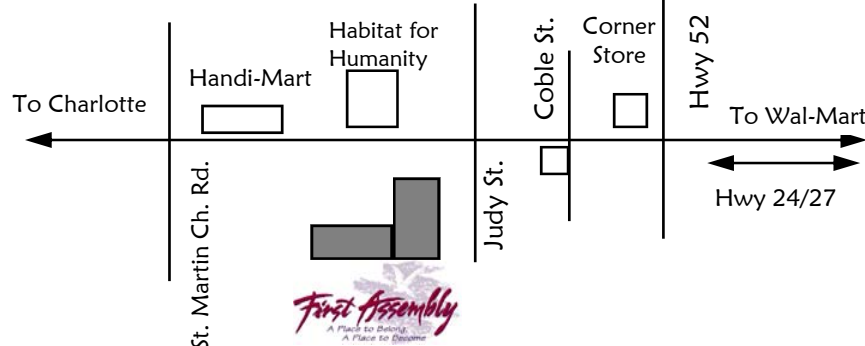
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First glance

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“Never, Never Throw Freedom Away...”

Atop the hill in Washington, D.C. stands the Capitol Building of the United States of America. The cornerstone was laid in 1793, but the crowning touch, is the statue on top of the rotunda known as the **“Freedom Lady”** that was placed there in 1863. The Freedom Lady, stands nearly 20 feet tall (that’s some lady), and stands proudly atop the dome. A crest of stars frames her face. A shield of Stars and Stripes is in her left hand.

Sculpted in Rome, “the Lady” was brought to America aboard a sailing ship. During the trip across the Atlantic Ocean, a fierce storm developed. The Captain ordered cargo thrown overboard to lighten the load. The sailors wanted to throw the heavy statue overboard, but the captain refused, shouting over the wind, **“No! Never! We’ll flounder before we throw ‘Freedom’ away.” And so, “Freedom” was saved, and the statue stands above the dome today, because one man stood for “Freedom.”**

At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, the American statesman Patrick Henry uttered the famous phrase, “Give me liberty, or give me death.” It became a slogan for the revolution. Liberty or death. There were no other options. The state motto of New Hampshire, which is on its license plates reads, “Live free or die.” They take their freedom seriously in New Hampshire. Each of us do, I am sure. . .

As Christians we take our freedom seriously but also joyously, so we celebrate not only as a nation founded on freedom but as people who have discovered and want to **share the ultimate freedom in Jesus Christ. There are no other viable options for lasting freedom.** This freedom in Christ calls us to celebrate it, to share and to live it out each day. It is for freedom that Christ has set us free!

ONLY ONE WAY TO LIVE — FREE,

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

Pastor Bob

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!

June was a great month for FUSION. We had the privilege of ministering in Jamaica with Mark Muirhead & Friends Forever Ministries. What an awesome time it was! Thank you for all your support and prayer. We would not have made it without it!

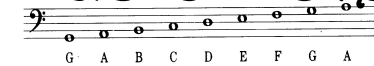
At the end of July FUSION gets to celebrate our Seniors ONE MORE TIME! (tear*) As we travel to Orlando. We are going to have a great long weekend, July 29-August 1. Seniors you will be missed, every last one of you! Thank you for being you!

God Bless,
Pastor Matt

Men's Ministry

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, July 17th @ 8am
Sunshine Pancake House
Albemarle

Music Notes



July is already here and we are half way through 2010. If you are looking for the choir on stage, they will reconvene on August the 19th in preparation for Christmas. Even I can hardly believe it’s almost that time again. Christmas is very exciting this year as we are preparing for A Christmas at City Lake Park where there will be food, games for the kids, singing, and a candlelight service. This will be a time for the whole family and all your friends to come and join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in helping out in some way, please come and see me so we can get you plugged in.

If you are interested in joining the choir, August the 19th 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



Connect365 Bible Study
With Linda Rakowski
Thursday, July 8th & 22nd @ 10am
Room 102

Couples For Christ Campout

Saturday & Sunday
July 17th & 18th
At The Beth Haltiwanger
Retreat Center
Troy, NC

Kids Town News

Kids camp is now only few weeks away. The kids are excited about what God is going to do in their lives. This is one of the most important times in their spiritual walk. The ministry team is praying for God to touch all of our lives in a fresh and new way. I know God is going to do a mighty outpouring of His presence on this great group of kids. In Joel 2:28 His word says ... “I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.” God is moving here in the hearts of our kids, they are thirsting after Him. There is a fire that is burning and beginning to spread here. If you don’t sense what God is wanting to do here, than I beg you to search you heart. Don’t be left standing on the edge of the river that is starting to run through here. Read Ezekiel 47 and let the Holy Spirit lead you into the deep waters of His presence, let the fire began to blaze up in your hearts. Don’t be left behind. Seek Him out, He is waiting for you.

For His Glory,
Pastor Harry

Mark Your Calendar

- Independence Day
Sunday, July 4th - No PM Service
- Office Closed
Monday, July 5th
- Senior Saints Trip
McLeod Peach Farm
Thursday, August 5th

Senior Saints

Lunch @ Mazatlan Restaurant
Thursday, July 15th @ Noon