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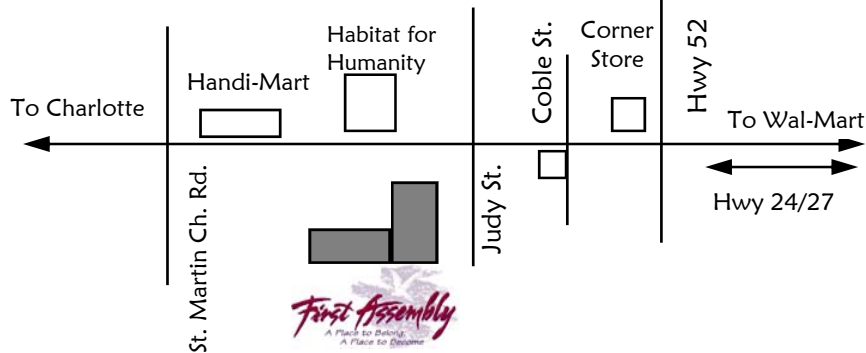
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| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday                         | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Sunday</b><br>9am: Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School<br>10am: Adult Worship Children's Church                      | <b>Sunday</b><br>6pm: Worship Service<br>FUSION MS Bible School - Youth Room                                   | <b>Monday</b><br>5:30pm - 7pm: Kid's Band Practice   | 1<br>7pm: Small Group             | 2<br>10am Connect365 1 Hour With HIM Sanctuary<br>8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice  | 3<br>7pm: Couples For Christ - Ch. Church New Class Begins "The Art of Marriage" | 4<br>FUSION MS Trip To Emerald Pointe (Greensboro, NC) Leaving Church @ 9am |
| 5<br>Communion<br>BP Checks<br>Children's Sunday School Picnic @ Rock Creek Park after morning service<br>6pm: Grad Night | 6  | 7<br>1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home<br>7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers  | 8<br>7pm: Bible Study             | 9<br>10am Connect365 1 Hour With HIM Sanctuary<br>8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice  | 10   | 11<br>DC NYC Meeting 9am - 12pm - YR  |
| 12<br>Wes Daughenbaugh Morning & Evening Services   | 13<br>7pm: Wes Daughenbaugh  | 14<br>1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home   | 15                                | 16<br>10am: Connect365 1Hr With HIM Sanctuary<br>8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice<br>VBS Set-Up with Lilly Wilson - Youth Room                                  | 17   | 18  |
| 19<br>VBS Set-Up - YR<br>Father's Day No PM Service<br>Nursing Home Ministry @ Forrest Oakes                              | 20<br>Middle School VBS - June 20th - 24th /High Schoolers Helping<br>VBS - June 20th - 24th - 6:30pm - 8:30pm | 21<br>1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home   | 22                                | 23<br>10am: Connect365 1Hr With HIM<br>Senior Saints - Noon Ryan's Restaurant<br>Ladies' Getaway to Gatlinburg, TN - 6/24 - 6/26 Leaving Church @ Noon on 6/24 | 24   | 25  |
| 26<br>Ladies Trip<br>Nursing Home Ministry @ Bethany Woods<br>VBS Swim Party at Rock Creek Park 6pm - 8:30pm              | 27<br>7pm: Stephen Ministry  | 28<br>1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home<br>7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers | 29<br>7pm: Small Group Fellowship | 30<br>10am: Connect365 1Hr With HIM Sanctuary<br>8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice   |  | <b>Wednesday</b><br>7pm: Fusion Children's Ministries                       |

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# First glance

June, 2011

*“Dad, Thanks for everything...”*

"Honor your father and mother." This is the first of the Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. And this is the promise: If you honor your father and mother, "you will live a long life, full of blessing." Pause for a moment and consider the position of this command among the Ten. First it connects us with both God the Father and our earthly father...That is huge! God is really saying to us that in loving, honoring, and holding in highest esteem your earthly father and mother, you are, in fact, honoring God the Father. It is also the most significant of our earthly and social commands; because society doesn't work if we don't honor this command! We are seeing the effects of the dishonoring of parents in our society today. The list is too long to sketch out. But, so many of our societal dysfunctions stem from not honoring this command of God the Father. But we can reverse this tragic condition by working to restore our relations with Mom and Dad. Don't miss such a great opportunity to honor your father and mother not just on the holidays, but everyday.

And now a word to you fathers. Don't make your children angry by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction approved by the Lord. Ephesians Chapter 6 verse 4, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord."

Fathers are the biggest source of strength for a child. The innocent eyes of a child perceive father as the all-powerful, most knowledgeable, truly affectionate and the most important person in the family. For daughters, fathers are the first men they adore and fall in love with. While for sons their fathers are the strongest person they know and someone they aspire to emulate. Even for the grownups fathers are someone whom they look up to for the most experienced and honest advice that is always in the best of our interests. For this great figure in our life that we know as father-it becomes our utmost duty to pay our humblest tribute on the occasion of Father's Day.

DAD, THANKS FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE AND ALL YOU DO...TEACH US MORE ABOUT GOD AND HIS SON, BECAUSE WE NEED TO KNOW BOTH FATHERS TO APPRECIATE EACH OTHER.

**Happy Fathers Day,**

**Pastor Bob**

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a place to belong  
a place to become**

## FUSION FACTS Firestorm Ministries

May was a great month! With our beach trip to Garden City, SC, where our high school students spent the weekend having a blast on the beach and in the Word. With our emphasis on being lead by the Holy Spirit we were able to share to the students on how we can be more in tune to Him in our daily lives. God most definitely showed up! If you want to know more about FUSION and what we do, I encourage you to join us Sunday morning, June 5th, as the students of FUSION take over our AM service. You will hear and experience all the amazing things God is doing in our youth! I will also be sharing a new direction that God is taking FUSION Student Ministries. It's great news, you will not want to miss it! Congratulations to all the soon to be graduates. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. God has some great plans for you if you just hold tight to Him. I would also like to invite everyone to Graduation Sunday on June 5th, at 6:00pm as we celebrate this past year's graduating class! Hope to see you there as we offer our love and support to the class of 2011! Also this month, FUSION is venturing to a place we've never gone before, Emerald Point Wet' n Wild Water Park with our middle school students on June 4<sup>th</sup>! We will leave the church at 9am. This "out of school" party will be a blast and I want to personally invite your middle school student to attend. It's approaching quickly so see me if your student wants to go!

**God bless,  
Pastor Matt**

### Connect365 Women's Ministry

#### One Hour With Him

Thursdays, June 2nd - 30th  
@ 10am in the Sanctuary

#### Ladies' Getaway

Friday - Sunday, June 24th - 26th  
Gatlinburg, TN  
Leaving The Church @ Noon  
\$25 Deposit Due by June 5th  
Be sure to pick up a brochure in the lobby and sign-up!!

We are so blessed! We have been enjoying the ministry of Rev. Randy Thompson and were thrilled with the opportunity to be a part of Kidz Rock in Youngstown, Ohio. Many thanks to all the teachers and helpers who blessed the kids during our Holy Spirit Conference on May 21st. Praise God for His touch! Thank you Melissa Griffin for helping with Kids Camp registration. All applications are in... Thank You Jesus!!! Our Wednesday evening programs are guided by faithful leadership who are doing a wonderful job. June is packed full of fun. Our first annual Sunday School Picnic will occur on Sunday, June 5th at Rock Creek Park immediately after our morning service. Our Sunday School Bus Ministry is growing. Our Mega Sports Camp will begin on Sunday, June 12th at 6pm. The VBS planning committee is buzzing as we prepare for VBS "Panda Mania" which will run Monday through Friday, June 20th through 24th from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. We will conclude our VBS celebration with a swim party at Rock Creek Park on Sunday, June 26th from 6 - 8:30pm. Thank you to all the volunteers! If you are feeling God's calling to help in the children's ministry, come, join us and be blessed!!

**Because He Lives,  
Lilly Wilson**

### Music Notes

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone in the music ministry and a special thank you to Curtis Mullen for his leadership over the AV team. We are going to miss the Mullen family but I know God has amazing things in store for them as they open a new chapter in their lives. It has been such a wonderful experience leading the choir over these past few months and I could not have done it without each person's commitment to our music ministry. I am looking forward to what God has in store for our church through our new Minister of Music Matt Gilliam and his wife Jamie. Please keep the music ministry in your prayers as we move forward.

**Love In Christ,  
Mary Story**

### Couples For Christ

Small Group  
Friday, June 3rd , @ 7pm  
Children's Church  
New Class - "The Art of Marriage"

## June Birthdays

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1st                  | 15th              |
| Linda Gardner        | Jessie Carter     |
| Nancy Murr           | 16th              |
| Chuck Porter         | Sherman Greer     |
| 2nd                  | Bryson Whitley    |
| Brad Dempsey         | 17th              |
| Christina Turbeville | Kristen Murr      |
| 3rd                  | 18th              |
| Megan Biggers        | Carrol Foster     |
| Morgan Biggers       | 20th              |
| Dannie Burris        | Mikayla Kidd      |
| Dennis Kidd          | 21st              |
| 4th                  | Perry Moser       |
| Mel Gardner          | Jim Yandle        |
| 5th                  | 22nd              |
| Joseph Harwood       | Tracey Furr       |
| 6th                  | Parker Jenkins    |
| Hannah Blankenship   | Will Jenkins      |
| 7th                  | 23rd              |
| Melissa Conklin      | Eric Brown        |
| 8th                  | Sondra Hutton     |
| Laura Smart          | Ella Thompson     |
| 9th                  | Robert Williamson |
| Jerry Talbert        | 24th              |
| Martha Thornton      | Janna Murr        |
| 10th                 | Wendy Pedigo      |
| Jonathan Harwood     | 25th              |
| Bonnie Morton        | Larry Milano      |
| 11th                 | 26th              |
| Alexys Dodge         | Jo Harward        |
| 12th                 | 27th              |
| Bill Braley          | John Cauble       |
| Stephanie Harrington | Charles Heun      |
| 13th                 | AJ Troxler        |
| Max Hutton           | 29th              |
| Sydney Morgan        | Sarah Almond      |
| Coley Whitley        | 30th              |
|                      | Rachel Smith      |
|                      | Jayden Spatcher   |

### Senior Saints

Lunch at Ryan's Restaurant  
Thursday, June 23rd @ Noon

### Victorious Overcomers

Tuesdays, June 7th, 14th & 28th  
@ 7pm - Rooms 100-102