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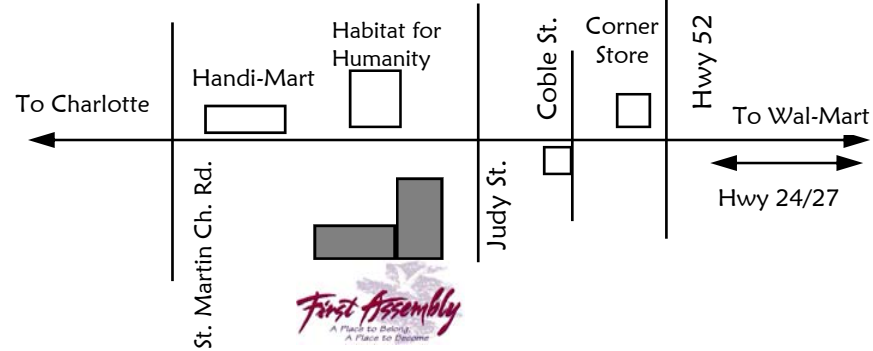
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday 9am: Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School 10am: Adult Worship Children's Church	Sunday 6pm: Worship Service FUSION MS Bible School - Youth Room	1 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers	2 7pm: Small Group	3 10am Connect365 1 Hour With HIM Sanctuary 6:30pm - 8pm - Choir 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice	4 7pm:CFC - Room 102	5
6 Communion BP Checks	7 "Home Sweet Home" Society - 10am "Cooking Up A Storm" (Chicken-n-Dumplings) Kitchen/Rm 99	8 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers	9 7pm: Bible Study	10 10am Connect365 1 Hour With HIM Sanctuary 6:30pm - 8pm - Choir 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice	11 FUSION Encounter Night 6:30pm - 9pm - YR	12 JBO Competition Here @ First Assembly 7am - 4pm Turn Clocks Ahead 1hr before going to bed
13 DS Time Begins DC NYC Bake Sale After am service DC NYC Meeting 4pm - 5:45pm - YR	14 7pm: Stephen Ministry	15 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers	16 7pm: Small Group	17 10am: Connect365 1Hr With HIM Sanctuary Senior Saints Trip to Depot Antique Mall (Concord) 6:30pm - 8pm - Choir 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice	18 Children's Worship Explosion (DoWads) Greensboro 7pm: CFC - Room 102	19
20 4pm Membership Class Youth Room Nursing Home Ministry @ Forrest Oaks	21 7pm: Connect365 Bible Study @ Sheila Holland's	22 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 11:30am LunchBunch W/Char Zaxby's 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers	23 7pm: Bible Study	24 10am: Connect365 1Hr With HIM Sanctuary 6:30pm - 8pm - Choir 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice	25	26 10am Connect365 Women's Brunch - Youth Room
27 Nursing Home Ministry @ Britthaven Baptism - During am service	28 7pm: Stephen Ministry	29 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers	30 7pm: Small Group Fellowship	31 10am: Connect365 1Hr With HIM Sanctuary 6:30pm - 8pm - Choir 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice	Monday 5:30pm - 7pm: Kid's Band Practice 7pm: Men's Prayer Meeting Visitation Ministry Tuesday 6:30pm - 8:30pm: Adult Dance Team Practice (Sanctuary)	Wednesday 6pm - 7pm: Girls Dance Team Practice (Sanctuary) 7pm: Fusion Children's Ministries

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First glance

March, 2011

"Happiness Is A Choice..."

Those are the words I read on a marquee I passed on the way to church. Simple and true. Char and I, and most of you, have traveled life long enough to realize that you have choices along the way. Choices to do right or wrong; choices of which job you take or where you live. So many choices. And one of those choices is to be happy or unhappy.

In a devotional Char and I were sharing, it tells parents to "...teach your children the value of hard work." How does that produce happiness we might ask? The writer of the devotion makes his point with these words: "Honest work is God's provision for human happiness, as well as for personal, social and spiritual growth."

Everyone wants to be part of something and they want to add value and be valued. If we think it through, then choosing to work along side of others happily, and realizing that work is God's provision for human happiness, then work becomes something we can all learn to enjoy...

Think about it...Honest work produces value in us; which produces happiness; which produces spiritual growth and more...

In the Book of Ecclesiastes Solomon wrote, "So I saw that there is nothing better for people than to be happy in their work. That is why we are here!" (Eccl 3:22)

Eccl 5:19-20 NLT "To enjoy your work and accept your lot in life - this is indeed a gift from God."

Work as though it is a gift of God,

Pastor Bob

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a place to belong
a place to become**

FUSION FACTS

February brought us freezing conditions and beautiful spring days! Of course it also gave us one good Super Bowl too! As for the game, our students enjoyed an amazing Super Bowl Party this year, with great half-time treats and snacks! I would like to send a huge thank you to my youth workers who made this event a huge success.

We also had a great time watching the movie, "To Save a Life." This movie challenged the students and adults who watched it to never take a day off, but always look for those who need a touch from God around us!

With all the amazing things that happened in February, I am excited about what God is going to do this month! How many will agree with me that God doesn't want us to be content with what He did, but to press on to what He's going to do next? I feel that God has some incredible things in store for us as a church this month.

With March comes planning for the summer! We are in full beach trip mode as we prepare for our High School Beach Retreat, "Selah." Selah is a great word meaning pause. At this retreat we are going to pause our lives and seek to hear from the Living God! The cost is just \$60 and if it's anything thing like last year, God is going to do some pretty awesome things!

God bless,
Pastor Matt

Music Notes

Choir is now back in full swing and there is always room for more. We would love for you to join us. We are focusing on Easter now and are looking forward to a worship filled Resurrection Sunday! God has given me such a desire to go to a deeper level in Him in my worship and studying His word. In a song by Israel Houghton he says "oh, God that ceiling that we were trying to break through is now the floor of a new dimension, another level, a deeper level." My prayer for our church is that we will find our freedom in worship and allow Him to take us to the next level. I believe in my heart we are on the verge of a major breakthrough in our worship. Keep pressing in and He is going to do amazing things.

In Him,
Mary Story

Firestorm Ministries

Kids ministries is in full swing in getting ready for Kids Camp 2011. Applications are now available for kids and counselors to be picked up and processed. A deposit of \$100 is required with each camp registration. The close-out date to attend camp is March 20th. The balance of \$135 is required no later than May 1st. Please get your forms to me ASAP. We will be going to camp Monday - Friday, July 18th - 22nd. Scholarships are available for those who need them. For more information about the scholarship, come see me.

In April the Junior Bible Quiz will be traveling to Raleigh to compete in the State Finals. Please be in prayer for the team as they compete next month.

Do-Wads is eagerly preparing for their mission trip to Youngstown, Ohio in May. This team will be involved in the first "Kids Rock Ohio" with Kidz Ablaze Ministries. Mrs. Lilly is praying and seeking the Lord about Vacation Bible School for this coming year. Please keep her in your prayers as she is seeking direction for kids.

For His Glory,
Pastor Harry

Couples For Christ

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

Senior Saints

Trip to Depot Antique Mall - Concord
Thursday, March, 17th

Victorious Overcomers

Tuesdays, March 1st - 29th @ 7pm
Rooms 101/102



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March Birthdays

1st	14th
Eddie Poplin	Anthony Gadd
Victor Schiavon	Josh Mullen
2nd	18th
Dawn Jarrell	Landon Craven
5th	19th
Curtis Mullen	Paul Jenkins
6th	Lynn Shimpoek
Faye Burroughs	20th
Caitlin Dry	Arturo Casal
Bridgett Riddle	Erica Miller
7th	Joy Porter
Carl Huneycutt	21st
8th	Ethan Gruver
Jane Basinger	24th
Genia Mayes	Clifford Haggerty
Mary Story	Keith Mayes
9th	Nehemiah Parah
Dawn Dube	Vance Story
Sabrina Ellison	25th
10th	Phoebe Hinson
Kelley Craven	28th
Anna Hopkins	Julia Biles
Carolyne Mauldin	Jeremy Hurlbut
11th	29th
Dan Troxler	BJ Murray
12th	31st
Libby Greenlee	James Hughes
13th	David Osborne
Mindy Blankenship	Loretta Talbert
Virginia Yandle	

Connect365 Women's Ministry

One Hour With Him
Thursdays, March 3rd - 31st @ 10am
In Sanctuary

Home Sweet Home Society
Monday, March 7th @ 10am
"Cooking Up A Storm"

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

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

Connect365 Women's Brunch
Saturday, March 26th @ 10am
In Youth Room