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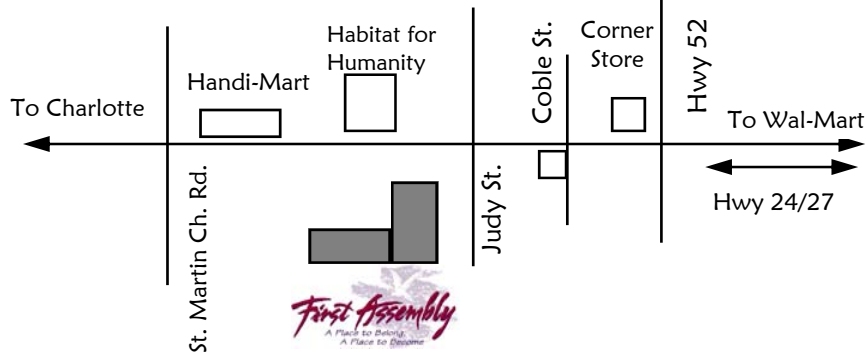
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>Sunday</b> 9am: Adult, Youth &amp; Children Sunday School 10am: Adult Worship Children's Church</p>	<p><b>Sunday</b> 6pm: Worship Service FUSION MS Bible School - Youth Room</p>	<p><b>Monday</b> 5:30pm - 7pm: Kid's Band Practice 7pm: Men's Prayer Meeting Visitation Ministry</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> 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 Communion BP Checks Connect365 Bake Sale</p>	<p>2 "Home Sweet Home" Society - 10am "Atmosphere of the Home" Room 99</p>	<p>3 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers</p>	<p>4 7pm: Small Group</p>	<p>5 10am Connect365 1 Hour With HIM Sanctuary 6:30pm - 8pm - Choir 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice</p>	<p>6 7pm: Couples For Christ - Ch. Church</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Mother's Day No PM Service</p>	<p>9 7pm: Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>10 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers</p>	<p>11 7pm: Bible Study</p>	<p>12 10am: Connect365 1Hr With HIM Sanctuary Kidz Rock - Youngstown, Ohio - 12th - 15th FUSION HS Beach Trip - Garden City, SC</p>		<p>14 10am Connect365 Coffee Rooms 101/102</p>
<p>15 Kidz Rock - Ohio FUSION HS Trip, SC Couples for Christ Picnic @ City Lake Park Nursing Home Ministry @ Forrest Oakes</p>	<p>16 7pm: Connect365 Bible Study @ Sheila Holland's</p>	<p>17 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers</p>	<p>18 7pm: Small Group</p>	<p>19 10am: Connect365 1Hr With HIM Sanctuary Senior Saints Picnic @ City Lake Park Noon 6:30pm - 8pm - Choir 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice</p>	<p>20 7pm: Couples For Christ - Ch. Church</p>	<p>21 Holy Spirit Conference 9am - until - YRoom</p>
<p>22 Nursing Home Ministry @ Bethany Woods No PM Service</p>	<p>23 7pm: Stephen Ministry Office Closed Memorial Day</p>	<p>24 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 11:30am LunchBunch W/Char Zaxby's 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers</p>	<p>25 Freedom Worship 7pm - YRoom 7pm: Bible Study</p>	<p>26 10am: Connect365 1Hr With HIM Sanctuary 6:30pm - 8pm - Choir 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
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# First glance

May, 2011

## The Power of a Praying Mother...

The world will never fully know what could have been and what has been the result of a praying mother. Soldiers have been protected and brought home safely to a loving wife and precious baby as the result of a praying mother. Daughters have been gifted with wisdom at the right moment because of a praying mother. A grandchild has been protected from a serious injury because of a praying mother.

More than once the simple cry from a praying mother's lips have rescued a drifting child. More than once a desperate child heeded the invitation to respond to a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. More than once a marriage has been saved, more than once a child has been healed, & more than once a life has been changed because of a mother's prayer.

Mother's know how to hold on. Mother's know how to plead. Mother's know how to pray!

She may not flatter others with her charm, she may not wear the latest style, she may not attempt to be popular or successful according to the world, but she knows God! And that is the most important thing a mother can pursue.

We read story after story of how Moms impact every part of society. Mom your role is incredibly important and valuable... we must never take mom for granted!!!

Moms, we love and cherish you, and you have made a difference in each of us.

Celebrate His gift to us,

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

**Pastor Bob**

## FUSION FACTS Firestorm Ministries May Birthdays

A wise man once said, "You must dictate your day, or your day will dictate you!" That is a very true statement. This month I encourage you to think about what is most important to you. Whether it is getting out and enjoying the beautiful weather with family or sitting down and reading your Bible, make a list and do what is important to God and to you! Here's an idea free of charge; make your mother or mother-in-law, grandmother or grandmother-in-law a bigger deal than ever this Mother's Day. Plus, a happy second Mother's Day to the mother of my wonderful son, my beautiful bride, Erica.

The FUSION High School Beach Trip is May 13th - 15th to Garden City, SC! This beach trip will be a time for us at FUSION to focus on God and setting a weekend aside to meet with Him. Be in prayer for this great weekend and don't forget to pick up a FUSION events calendar so your student doesn't miss anything going on this summer!

Attention GRADUATES! If you graduated this past fall or plan to graduate from your high school or place of higher education, I need YOU! Graduation Sunday is scheduled for June 5th, if you would like to be included in the festivities just let me know. We want to make this special time even more special. We will need 10 nice, fun, and embarrassing pictures and a sit down interview to make this night great! So get that meeting date scheduled with the ladies in the office and get those pictures to me! Get ready for a great night!

God bless,  
**Pastor Matt**

### Music Notes

Thank you to all who participated in Resurrection Sunday! We had such a special time of worship and reflecting on the amazing sacrifice Jesus made for us. We are looking forward to having a night of worship in August. The choir will meet in May and will be taking a break for the month of June. There's always room for more in the choir, band, and tech team so come check us out! The choir meets on Thursdays at 6:30pm in the Youth Room. Praise Band meets at 8pm in the sanctuary.

"...nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:39

Love In Christ,  
**Mary Story**

We are feeling the blessings of God in our children's department. Children's church attendance is strong averaging in the 90's between both the preschool and junior programs. The DoWads are learning to grow in their personal devotion time under the direction of the Director of Kidz Ablaze, Pastor Randy Thompson. They are excitedly awaiting for the Ohio, Kidz Rock trip. God bless the faithful adults guiding them! Our Sunday night program is under development birthing a "Mega-Sports Camp" to begin the first weekend in June. This will help us to search for more sheep to enter God's fold. Our Sunday School bus ministry has begun and a Sunday School picnic is under construction. The VBS planning committee is meeting regularly and having great fun in it's development. Our annual Holy Spirit Conference will occur on Saturday, May 21st to prepare our hearts for Kids Camp attendance. God bless you for all your camp scholarship donations! You have allowed our children to be blessed.

Because He Lives,  
**Lilly Wilson**

### Connect365 Women's Ministry

Home Sweet Home Society  
Monday, May 2nd @ 10am  
"Atmosphere of the Home"  
Room 99 - Beside the Kitchen

One Hour With Him  
Thursdays, May 5th - 26th @ 10am  
Sanctuary

Connect365 Coffee & Brunch  
Saturday, May 14th @ 10am  
Rooms 101/102

Connect365 WM's Bible Study  
Monday, May 16th  
7pm @ Sheila Holland's Home  
433 Lindsey Lane, Oakboro, NC

LunchBunch With Char  
Tuesday, May 24th @ 11:30am  
@ Zaxby's Restaurant

Connect365 Ladies Getaway  
Friday - Sunday, June 24th - 26th  
Gatlinburg, TN  
Leaving The Church @ Noon

2nd Sterling Dezimmer	18th Toby Troxler
3rd Cayson Spatcher	19th James Desmond
4th Melody Beach	20th Mercedes Blizzard
5th Gavin Bryant	21st Amanda Carter Larry Jenkins Connie Slater
6th Alisha Almond Sarah Barfield	23rd Stefanie Almond Rose Simmons
7th Brenda Harleson Olivia Story	26th Ryan Story
8th Taylor Barbee	28th Melissa Shank
9th Sarah Desmond Salina Osborne	29th Johnny Greenlee Riley O'Neil
11th Sydney Carter Merry Morris	30th Malinda Dry Will Dry
15th Shirley Barbee Debbie Utley	31st Cody Kidd
16th Shyann Kerns Matthew Osborne	
17th Lissa Medford	

### Couples For Christ

Small Group  
Friday, May 6th & 20th, @ 7pm  
Children's Church

Picnic  
Sunday, May 15th @ 2:30pm  
City Lake Park

### Senior Saints

Picnic @ City Lake Park  
Thursday, May 19th @ Noon

### Victorious Overcomers

Tuesdays, May 3rd - 31st @ 7pm  
Rooms 100-102