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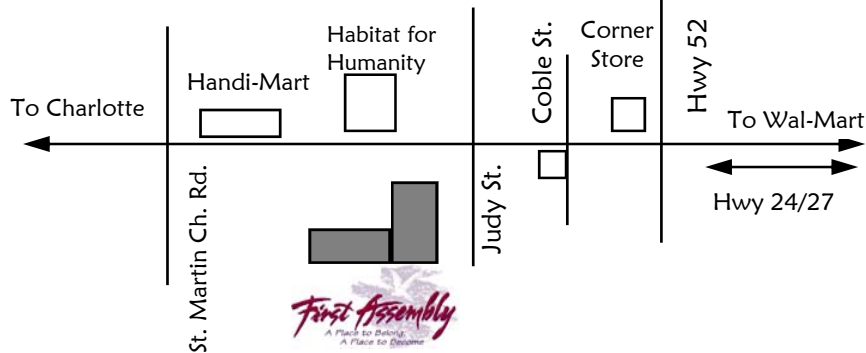
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 7pm: Worker's Appreciation Banquet SRMC	1 7pm: Worker's Appreciation Banquet SRMC	2 7pm: Visitation 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers	3 7pm: Small Group	4 10am Connect365 WM 1 Hour With HIM Sanctuary	5 Mpac Girl's Sleepover - Youth Room CFC - Room 102	6 Set Clocks Back 1 Hour
7 DS Time Ends Communion BP Checks Youth Fundraiser Dinner - After AM Service	8 Kid's Band Practice 5:30pm - 7pm	9 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers	10 7pm: Bible Study	11 Veteran's Day Office Closed 10am Connect365 WM 1 Hour With HIM Sanctuary 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice	12 Fall Youth Convention - Greensboro	13 JBQ Competition 10 AM: WM's Coffee Connection Rooms 101/102
14 Digital Camera Workshop 4pm-Youth Room	15 Kid's Band Practice 5:30pm - 7pm 7pm: Connect365 Bible Study @ Sheila Holland's 7pm: Stephen Ministry	16 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers	17 7pm: Small Group	18 10am: Connect365 WM - 1Hr With HIM Sanctuary Senior Saints Trip to Southern Supreme Gourmet Specialties 8pm-9:15pm: Adult Band Practice	19 CFC - Room 102	20 Children's Christmas Musical Rehearsal 9am - 1pm - Sanctuary
21 AM: WM's Bake Sale OCC Drop-Off - November 15th - 22nd Nursing Home Ministry @ Forrest Oaks 4PM: Children's Bells 4:30PM - 6PM: Choir - No JBQ 7PM: Community Thanksgiving Service C. United Meth. Ch.	22 Kid's Band Practice 5:30pm - 7pm	23 11:30AM LunchBunch W/Char Zaxby's 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers	24 No Evening Activities	25 Thanksgiving Office Closed	26 Thanksgiving Office Closed Operation Christmas Child Work Day Charlotte 12pm - 8pm	27
28 Nursing Home Ministry @ Britthaven	29 Kid's Band Practice 5:30pm - 7pm 7pm: Stephen Ministry	30 1pm: Ladies Intercessory Prayer @ Bea Cox's Home 7pm: Rooms 100-102 Victorious Overcomers	<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>Monday</b> 7pm: Men's Prayer Meeting Visitation Ministry <b>Tuesday</b> 6:30pm: HS Bible Study @ Ryan & Mary Story's	<b>Wednesday</b> 5pm - 7pm: Girls Dance Team Practice (Sanctuary) 7pm: Fusion Children's Ministries

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# First glance

November, 2010

*Happy Thanksgiving. . .*

The Key to HAPPINESS . . . Is "HAPPINESS" really possible in a world where so much pain, suffering and injustices seem to dominate conversations? *Absolutely!* Let me offer you the key to real happiness this Thanksgiving.

Gratitude is nothing less than the key to a Happy Thanksgiving. For this penetrating insight into gratefulness, I am thankful to Dennis Prager, author of the shrewd and perceptive "Happiness is a Serious Problem."

"There is a 'secret' to happiness," Prager writes, and it is gratitude." All happy people are grateful, and ungrateful people cannot be happy. We tend to think that it is being unhappy that leads people to complain, but it is truer to say that "...it is complaining that leads to people becoming unhappy. Become grateful and you will become a much happier person."

This is a keen observation, and it helps explain why the Christian faith places so much emphasis on thanking God and giving thanks, even for your brothers in Christ. Scripture is filled with expressions and encouragement to give thanks. "It is good to give thanks to the Lord," begins the 92nd Psalm.

Why? Because God needs our gratitude? No, because we need to express it. Learning to be thankful, whether to God or to other people, is the best vaccination against taking good fortune for granted. And the less you take for granted, the more pleasure and happiness you will experience.

When thanksgiving becomes an integral part of your life, you will find that your attitude toward life will change. You will become more positive, gracious, loving, and humble. And "HAPPINESS" will overtake you!

In everything give thanks,

Pastor Bob

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

## FUSION FACTS

Erica and I would like to thank you, the church, for making our Pastor Appreciation Service special. Thank you for all the kind words and sweet spirited cards! It is an honor and privilege to be one of your pastors! Thank you for all your love and support, it has made these past FIVE years some of the best ever! November means Erica and I are the parents of a ONE YEAR OLD! God has been so good to Erica and I and we are blessed to have a little man! Erica and I are so thankful for the adopted grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Our baby is one of the most loved babies in the world because of you!

With November comes Thanksgiving! Are you planning now on how you are going to show how thankful you are to your loved ones? Make this year an extra special Thanksgiving and go above and beyond the normal celebration and family get-togethers.

Also this month is the Worker Appreciation Banquet on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>! So let me take this opportunity to thank Erica, Stef and Darnell Almond, Kristen Burdge, Jessi Glaze, Mary & Ryan Story, Joe Helms, Reba Poplin and Paul Jenkins for all their help in FUSION! They are the best youth workers a pastor could ever wish for!

God Bless,  
Pastor Matt



Daylight Savings Time  
Ends Sunday, November 7th!  
Remember To Turn Your  
Clocks Back One Hour Before  
You Go To Bed On  
Saturday, November 6th!!!

**Senior Saints Trip**  
Southern Supreme Gourmet Specialties  
Thursday, November 18th, 8am  
Bear Creek, NC

## Firestorm Ministries

God is still moving mightily in our children's ministries. The Holy Spirit is touching and changing the lives of kids who are earnestly seeking Him.

As we move into the holiday season, I am excited to see our kids having the desire to serve others. Many times we focus on our own desires and not what God wants us to do. Many times kids act like adults, which causes them to be completely out of the will of God. The Bible says we must come to the Father as a little child. Father God is going to move in the lives of the kids in a mighty way. All I can say is...be ready and don't stand back! Join into what is getting ready to happen!!

**I CLOSE WITH THIS THOUGHT**  
**Whatever you do**

**"BURN FOR JESUS"**

**For His Glory,**  
**Pastor Harry**

### Connect365 Women's Ministry

**One Hour With Him**  
Thursdays, November 4th - 18th @ 10am  
Sanctuary

**Home Sweet Home Society**  
Monday, November 8th, 10am  
Thanksgiving Fixin's Class

**Coffee Connection**  
Saturday, November 13th @ 10am  
Rooms 101/102

**Ladies Bible Study**  
Monday, November 15th, 7 - 8:30pm  
At the home of Sheila Holland  
433 Lindsey Lane, Oakboro

**Connect365 Mission's Bake Sale**  
Sunday, November 21st

**LunchBunch With Char**  
Tuesday, November 23rd @ 11:30am  
Zaxby's Restaurant

## Mark Your Calendar

~ Monday, November 1st - Ministry Worker's Appreciation Dinner @ SRMC - 7pm

~ Friday, November 5th - Mpac Girl's Sleepover - 6pm Friday Until 9am Saturday in Youth Room

~ Saturday, November 6th - Turn Clocks Back 1Hr Before Bed - DST Ends Sunday, November 7th

~ Sunday, November 7th - Youth Fundraiser Dinner After AM Service

~ Sunday, November 14th - Digital Camera Workshop - 4pm Room 101

~ Monday, November 15th Through Monday, November 22nd - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop-Off

~ Saturday, November 20th - Children's Choir Rehearsal - 9am - 1pm

~ Sunday, November 21st - 7pm  
Community Thanksgiving Service  
Central United Methodist Church  
172 N 2nd Street, Albemarle  
NO JBQ

Bell Choir - 4pm  
Children's Choir - 4:30pm - 6pm

~ Wednesday, November 24th - NO Evening Activities

~ Thursday & Friday, November 25th & 26th - Church Office Closed For Thanksgiving

~ Friday, November 26th - 12pm-8pm  
Operation Christmas Child Work Day in Charlotte

### Couples For Christ

CFC Small Group - Fridays,  
November 5th & 19th @ 7pm - 101/102

Victorious Overcomers - Tuesdays,  
November 2nd - 30th @ 7pm  
Rooms 100 - 102