

# Foursquare Focus

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### \* REMINDER \*



Turn your clocks back  
one hour at bedtime on  
**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**



*Greetings,*

*For the month of October, the theme that has been running through my mind is 'Direction.' Direction is when we are moving towards something or somewhere with a purpose. I have to admit that I have been guilty in my life of just allowing my circumstances to move me here and there to no avail.*

*As humans we are often creatures of habit and have tendencies to do the same things over and over again, even expecting a different result each time. Our lives should be anything but normal and predictable if we are children of God. The direction that we must travel should depend on the guidance of God for ourselves, but it usually comes from our own guidance. So how do we really know what direction that God is leading us in?*

*There are a few keys, with the first being that we must have an active relationship with Him to know when He is speaking to us. We also must know His Word to be able to read the road map of our life, and if doesn't line up with the Word, it doesn't line up with God. And finally, we need to surround ourselves with people who believe in us and want the very best for our lives – even when we can't see it.*

*The hardest part for Christians today is to totally depend on God for everything in our lives. This includes relationships, finances, employment, and everything else deemed as important. We think that God needs our help when it comes to decisions, but I have come to realize that He is much smarter than I and if He wants my opinion, He is very capable of asking me.*

*I want to leave you with this thought: How much more would we be able to accomplish if we allowed God to direct our thoughts and our actions? I pray that you will enjoy the new direction that God is taking you and that we will accept the challenge God sets before us.*

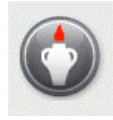
*Blessings,*

*Pastor Kevin*

## General Announcements



Are you interested in learning more about our church and the International Foursquare Church? If so, please join us on *Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>*, at 7pm for our **New Members Class**. The class will be held in Pastor Kevin's office. Please sign up on the Life Board if you would like to be part of this one-night class.



We are excited about the **Gideons** coming to share with us what their ministry has been able to accomplish over the last year and to share with us the goals for 2010. Edwin Galloway will be giving a brief report during the morning service on *October 18<sup>th</sup>* so please come prepared to sow a seed into a ministry that distributes the Gospel around the world.



Please keep the Southeast District churches in your prayers as they meet for our **District Conference** in Atlanta, Georgia, on *October 30<sup>th</sup> thru November 1<sup>st</sup>*. While we are gone, you may contact any of our council members if you need assistance.



Please join us for two **Nights of Worship** this month on *Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>*, in the Aldridge Center (CLC). Our Nights of Worship are a relaxed time of worship and fellowship; refreshments are available. Invite a friend and come see what God has in store for you during this unique time of ministry.

## Nursery Ministry

### Sunday Plus

**8:45-10 am**

**AM Service 10-11:30 am**

**PM Service 6 pm**

4 <sup>th</sup>	Young Married	K. Whittington / N. Payseur	Angie & Courtney Tignor
11 <sup>th</sup>	Middle Adults	Angie & Courtney Tignor	A. Walters / Michelle Muse
18 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Adults	T. Crews / T. Edwards	Audrey Childers
25 <sup>th</sup>	Young Married	Kerri Rudisill / Erik Hester	S. Norwood / D. W. Hester

**Wednesday 7 pm** Teresa Crews / Tom Cagle

## Preschool Ministry

**Children's Church 10-11:30 am**

Melanie Lowery

**Sunday 6 pm & Wednesday 7 pm**

(w/ Nursery)



## Children's Ministry



Don't forget **Sunday School** begins at 10am for Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Afterwards, our elementary-age children will have Children's Church in the CLC. There will be childcare for those children who come with their families for Sunday Plus, which begins at 9am.

## Youth Ministry



*October 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>* – **Fall Retreat** at Camp Harrison, just outside of Lenoir, NC ([www.campharrison.org](http://www.campharrison.org)). The cost is **\$100** per student, due before we leave Friday at 5pm; returning about 5pm on Sunday. Thanks to everyone who sponsored students for our Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser!



*October 10<sup>th</sup>* – **Cornfield Maze** in Shelby, NC ([www.cornfieldmaze.com](http://www.cornfieldmaze.com)); **\$15** is suggested to cover ticket (\$6), extras and dinner at the Wendy's in Shelby. Please meet at the church by 5pm; we will return around 11pm.



*October 12<sup>th</sup>* – Celebrate Columbus Day with a **Workday at Camp Courtney!** We will take all students who wish to go and help get the leaves, etc., cleaned up around the camp. Please meet at the church at 8:30am; we will return around 6pm. Students will need money for snacks and dinner on the way home (**\$10** is suggested).



Beginning this month, our students will begin meeting in **"Life Groups"** on Sunday nights. Our Middle School students will meet in their room upstairs in the Youth Center; High School students will separate into groups and meet in other areas of the Youth Center. Each student is encouraged to participate in a Life Group. On Wednesday nights, we will all be together for a night of ministry.



Please **Pray** for our youth ministry team as we change the student ministry format to challenge our students to dig deeper into their relationship with God!

## Keenagers



Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - Mountain Trip  
 Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> - Covered Dish Dinner

We have been blessed with wonderful attendance at our meetings and invite anyone over the age of 50 to join us for both our fellowship times – the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. Questions? See Gary or Sandra Lundquist.

## Hope Ministry



This month, **Hope Ministry** is collecting *yams, stuffing mix and cranberry sauce*. Thank you for remembering those in need within our community.

## Wednesday Night Classes



As the “Blemished” Class ends this month, a study on **Ephesians** will take its place. There is also a Crown Financial class beginning this month as well as our regular adult classes.

## Wednesday Night Dinner



Join us on *Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>*, for *chicken strips, a potato bar with all the fixings, rolls and dessert*. The cost is \$4/adult and \$2/child (under the age of 18), with a \$10 family maximum. Please sign up on the Life Board .

## Women’s Ministry ...



Nothing operates outside God’s sovereign rule, including any prince or principality of earth or air, and yet God is the ultimate exception to the saying that *“absolute power corrupts absolutely.”* Psalm 22:3 (NIV) tells us

God is “enthroned as the Holy One.” He cannot be unholy in any dimension of His authority. That is the reason why He is worthy of our fixed attentions. This is also why everything else will downsize into its proper place when we look to God alone. Just as God is enthroned over the flood, He is enthroned over everything that troubles you.

What is one of your foremost concerns? (Complete the following sentence.) *Lord, You are the Holy One and You are alertly and lovingly enthroned over \_\_\_\_\_.* (from the bible study “Stepping Up” by Beth Moore)

Be encouraged and know that God is for you!!!



This month, there will be a table set up in the foyer for the **Crisis Pregnancy Center - East** located in Mt. Holly. This table is to collect items needed to open the new facility. The needed are as follows: 0-3 month clothing; diapers (sizes 2-4); baby wipes; formula; cereal; and anything else a baby would need (up to 1 year of age). The center is also looking for a love seat and 10 reception area chairs. Thank you for partnering with us in support of this worthwhile Christian organization.

## Service Schedule

### Sunday

#### Worship Schedule

9 am Sunday Plus (Birth-Adults)  
 9:30-9:55 am Coffee 'n Fellowship (FLC)  
 10 am Morning Worship  
 Sunday School (PreK-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
 followed by Children’s Church  
 6 pm Evening Worship  
 Children’s Classes (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
 Consuming Fire Youth

Staffed Nursery available at every service!

### Wednesday

5:30-6:30 pm Dinner – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month (FLC)

7-8 pm


- \* Children’s Classes (Preschool; K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- \* Consuming Fire Youth (CLC – 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- \* Adult Class (Balcony Room)
- \* First Place (FLC)
- \* Adult Class (Sanctuary)



“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Youth Fall Retreat Leave 5pm 	
4 Choir 4:30pm Prayer 4:30pm Youth return from Fall Retreat 5pm →	5 Prayer 6-7pm	6 Women's Bible Study - "Keeping Up" by Beth Moore 10am (FLC)	7  Dinner 5:30pm Christian Classes 7pm	8	9	10  Youth - Corn Maze in Shelby 5-11pm
11 Choir 4:30pm Prayer 4:30pm	12  COLUMBUS DAY No School Youth Workday Camp Courtney 8:30am-6pm Prayer 6-7pm	13 Women's Bible Study 10am (FLC) Keenagers - Mountain Trip 	14 Christian Classes 7pm	15	16	17  Worship with us! Night of Worship 7pm (CLC)
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