



"Overcoming: Reconnect and Sustain Your Life in Christ"

We live in challenging times in what is being called a "Post-Christian" era. People have become more and more disconnected from meaningful work, as 70%-80% of workers hate their jobs. More and more people in our frantic paced society are becoming disconnected from other people, the good world God created, meaningful values, real hope, the Church, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The good news is the tremendous opportunity we have to do ministry in these challenging times. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we can help people Reconnect: that is reconnect or connect with the Savior, reconnect with the community of God's people the church, and reconnect with a purpose-filled life serving the Lord and others.

The Lord wants to work through us to help others reconnect to the real hope we have because God so loved the world. Perhaps there are areas in our own lives in which we need to "Reconnect" with Jesus, His Church and other followers of Christ, the good world God created, and the living hope we have in God.

Remember Jesus words, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

September 16- "Made for More"

Genesis 1:26-31, Psalm 8, Ephesians 1:15-19

September 23- "Choices..."

Matthew 7:13-29, II Kings 13:14-20

September 30- "Making Work, Work"

John 6:25-40, Colossians 3:23

This Sunday I am preaching on "Made for More." We will look at the love of God in creating humankind and the significant purposes the Lord has for us. We matter to God deeply and are loved greatly in and through the Lord Jesus Christ. We are "Made for More" and in Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are created to live abundant lives that make a difference in this world.
--Craig Herr

Music this Sunday:

9:00 a.m. — Chancel Choir

10:30 a.m. — Worship Band

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The Week Ahead

***Upcoming Council/Committee Meetings:

Church Growth Council—Sept. 12, 3:30 p.m.

Executive Committee—Sept. 13, 6 p.m.

Session—Sept. 13, 7 p.m.

Human Resources Council—Sept. 19, 8 a.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

Thurs. Morning Circle—Sept. 13, 9:15 a.m.

Mary Circle—Sept. 13, 12 noon (bring a sack lunch);
meeting and study at 12:30 p.m.

C4 Men's Group at Panera Bread on Rt. 59—Sept. 13,
6:30 p.m.; meet at 6 p.m. for dinner if you wish

Lunch Bunch Bible Discussion Group—Sept. 18, 12 noon
in Room 210 (I Corinthians)

Dinner Out—Sept. 18, 6 p.m. at Syl's Restaurant, 829 Moen
Ave., Rockdale.

Quilt Group—Sept. 20, 7 p.m. in Room 210

Ladies Day Retreat—Sept. 22 at the Jacob Henry Mansion

Men's Discussion Group—Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m. (Proverbs)

Women's Discussion Group—Sept. 19, 6:30 p.m. (*Everybody
Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and
Difficult People*)

Praise Yoga—Tuesdays at 7 p.m. & Thursdays at 8 a.m.
in the Narthex

Centering Prayer—Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in Room 217

Volunteers this Sunday, September 16, 2018

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Bo Mircea

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Greeters:

Jan Gehrig

Acolytes:

Emma Corcoran

Rafe Rogers

Ushers:

Marion Somers, Capt

Lisa Ambler, Capt.;

Allan Somers

Ed Schultz

Mark Dykema

Coffee Fellowship: Jon Belfield, Capt.; Misti Lakin

Sound Room: Keith LeVasseur

Video Screens:

This Sunday. Come live and worship with us this Sunday, in the joy, hope, purpose and presence of the Lord Jesus, our Savior.

We Welcome James Brownold as the new Director of our Handbell Choir. They are already practicing and preparing for worship. James has worked over 35 years as a director in church music at a number of churches. He has directed handbell choirs over the years and worked with musical groups of all ages. I look forward to introducing you to James when he is here. I encourage you to welcome James to our church when you see him directing the Glory Ringers later this month.

Watch for Details on Signing up for Shifts at our FMSC MobilePack Event. Very soon the online sign up Link will be on our Website for you to pick a time to pack food for our Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event. We are doing this again November 2-3. We will have four packing sessions; 1 Friday evening and 3 on Saturday with a set up session Friday afternoon and a cleanup session at the end on Saturday. It's just like we did last year, only bigger, as we are packing 8,000 more meals. Invite anyone you know to come and help provide wonderful nourishing meals to children all over the world. Help us raise \$23,000 by asking your family, friends, and neighbors to give to fund the meals; 109,000 meals. One meal costs only 22 cents and \$80 feeds a child for an entire year!

Midweek Family Night Starts Tonight! Come and enjoy great fellowship and conversation as well as learning opportunities and fun for all ages. We begin again tonight, Wednesday, September 12. We start with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Hoffman Hall. After dinner there are learning opportunities for kids, youth, and adults. That's something for everybody! Invite your family and friends, and your neighbors, too!

In Christ,
Craig

September 9, 2018
Worship Attendance — 161

Stewardship Report
2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

Year to Date Receipts \$291,659
Year to Date Expenses \$323,223

Farragut School Supplies — \$1,425
Feed My Starving Children so far — \$6,997
(Goal—\$23,900, 109,000 meals, feeds
300 Children for an entire year)
2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$ -0-

To make a donation on your credit card, please visit
our website, firstpresjoliet.org

KIDS

Wednesday Mid-Week start TONIGHT!
Save the date—Oct. 24, Trunk 'n' Treat!

WILDFIRE YOUTH GROUP, Sundays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

We're beginning our year's journey of "Who is Jesus?"

FAMILIES

Mid-Week Family Night, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.—Dinner for everyone

6:30 p.m.—Kids Music & Learning

—Teen Bible Study

—Men's Bible Discussion Group (Proverbs)

—Women's Discussion Group (Bob Goff's book, *Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People*)

We are rekeying the outside doors of the church. If you presently have an outside door key, you may come to the office to receive a new key. At that time you will be asked to complete a key check-out form and will be assigned a new numbered key. If you plan to come at lunch time, please call ahead to make sure we will be here. We will also be on hand in the office between services the last 2 Sundays in September to check out the new keys. The locks will be changed as of October 1st, at which time none of the old keys for outside doors will work.

If you have keys which you no longer use, outside or inside doors, please return them to the office. Perhaps you were a Deacon or Elder and no longer hold that position, or you were issued keys for a class or event that is no longer meeting. Please return the keys. Keys cost up to \$20 each to make. The cost of making more keys adds up. Please help us be good stewards and return any keys you are no longer using.

Our Church Family

Known to be in the hospital:
Paul Berg at Presence St. Joseph

The hospitals will no longer call to tell us if members have been admitted, so please let us know if you or a member of your family is in the hospital.

The men's group will have their first September Get-together at Panera Bread, IL Route 59 and Caton Farm Road, Plainfield, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 13. First Pres. men of all ages are welcome, even if you have not attended the men's group. Come at 6 p.m. if you wish to have dinner together first. Why not bring a friend, too!



2018 Ladies Day Retreat

Sat., September 22, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Jacob Henry Mansion Estate

Lunch, Workshops, Worship
Amy Logan, guest speaker (author of "A Girl with a Cape" book series)

Registration is online at www.firstpresjoliet.org, at church Sunday mornings, or by mail; cost is \$40; registration deadline is Sept. 16

Thursday Morning Circle: PW Horizon's Bible Study for the coming year is "God's Promise: I am with you." Thursday Morning Circle invites all of you seeking to find God's Promises through the study of the Scriptures to join us the second Thursday of the month (beginning September 13) in the Fireside Room at 9:15 a.m. We will have coffee, tea and munchies.

Mary Circle: On Thursday, September 13, the Mary Circle will start the fall season at noon with our sack lunches, followed by dessert. At 1 p.m. there is a short meeting followed by our study time. This year we are viewing and discussing a DVD by Andy Stanley entitled "The Three Bad Men of Easter." Please come and join us to enjoy Christian fellowship and study.

Mission

Feed My Starving Children—Nov. 2 & 3
Watch for details later this month on signing up on our website. We'll have 4 time slots again this year—
Friday Night—6 to 8 p.m.

Saturday—9:30 to 11:30 a.m.; 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; 3 to 5 p.m.

Plus set-up and clean-up shifts

Ask your extended family, clubs, sports teams, neighbors, etc. to sign up, too—it's fun to work as a group!

Mission to the Homeless—Check out the list in the narthex for items to bring—easy open canned goods, warm socks, toiletries, etc. Socks are especially needed. If you work for a company that would like to share in this mission, call Linda Zoellick at 520-400-8396. Our next packing day is Sunday, September 23.

Summer Lunch Program—We have received a nice thank you note from one of the families who came for lunch—each member of the family wrote a message, expressing their appreciation for feeding, playing, reading to the children, etc.

Mid-Week's Teen Bible Study:

Come for a family style dinner at 5:30 p.m. and stay for a great Bible Study! Every evening will begin with some sort of game, so if you have the wiggles, don't worry—Karissa won't make you go instantly into studying after a great meal. Then we'll not only read but hear an audio version of *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. It's a novel written in the form of letters from one demon to another. We'll come together and take a look at how the devil tries to trip us up as we live.

Confirmation:

Are you in 8th or 9th grade looking to explore your faith with some other teens? Join our confirmation class—"3 Directions"—and experience God like never before with a group of kids going through the same process! We meet Sundays at 4:30 p.m. in the café area on the second floor.

Youth Group:

Join us this week as we begin our year's journey of "Who is Jesus?" We will begin with open play, have a snack, enjoy worship and a lesson, then end with small groups (Junior High and Senior High separated). We can't wait to see you there! Wildfire Youth Group meets Sundays; 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meet the Students:

Meet Klara! She's a junior in High School and is on the swim team! She plays violin in her school's chamber orchestra while also playing the bass guitar outside of school. She is currently enrolled in the Mokena School of Rock. This past July she spent two weeks volunteering at a Christian camp called Covenant Harbor Bible Camp where her faith was really strengthened. She plans to be a day camp counselor there next year and even a future staff member! She enjoys music and acting and plans to major in music production after graduation. She's a beloved member of our family and we love her! See more of her on November 11th when the Wildfire Youth Group hosts #TeenTakeOver. It'll be a blast!



Community Bulletin Board

Shorewood Glen's Fall Festival is October 13. Crafters can reserve space by contacting Stacey Shelton at 815-730-8530 or shorewoodlife.style@fosterpremier.com. The festival is free to the public and offers food, raffles, crafts and fun!

The Housing Authority of Joliet announces that registration is continuing (until Dec. 31, 2018) for the 1 bedroom waiting list for elderly individuals (age 62 and older), near-elderly individuals (age 50 to 61), and for individuals with disabilities. Applicants may register for the waiting list by visiting the Joliet Housing Authority website, www.hajoliet.org.