



Live in Hope: Five Practices for Followers of Christ

Thousands of Congregations and many, many Followers of Christ have grown in their witness, character, faithfulness and joy through living out the “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations.” Through Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission & Service, and Extravagant Generosity we grow in our relationship with Jesus and in living the life Christ calls us to live. This works for individual disciples and churches of all shapes and sizes and ministry contexts.

Robert Schnase, the author of *Five Practices* shares how we can “live out the irresistible message and mission of Jesus in our world today.”

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| October 7 | “A Lot Can Change in Forty Days.”
Intro—Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations |
| October 14 | Radical Hospitality |
| October 21 | Passionate Worship |
| October 28 | Intentional Faith Development
(Reformation Sunday) |
| November 4 | Risk-taking Mission and Service |
| November 11 | Extravagant Generosity
(Youth Sunday) |
| November 18 | Conclusion to the Five Practices |

Come explore the “abundant life” Jesus has for you, our church, and all the world in these next weeks.

This Sunday I am preaching on “A Lot Can Change In Forty Days.” The sermon texts are Matthew 24:5-10, 16-20 and Exodus 19:1-8. In the Bible and in life we sometimes see a lot of change in forty days. The 10 Commandments are given to Israel. Jesus spends forty days in the wilderness just before the start of his ministry. Then, when Jesus is raised from the dead, there are forty days as he appears to the disciples and ascends into heaven. Come live in hope and think what God can do in our lives in forty days. We celebrate the Lord’s Supper at both of our worship services this Sunday.

--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:

- Stewardship Council—Oct. 3, 3:30 p.m.
Night Deacons—Oct. 9, 7 p.m.
Worship Council—Oct. 10, 10:30 a.m.
Church Growth Council—Oct. 10, 4:30 p.m.
Executive Committee—Oct. 11, 6 p.m.
Session—Oct. 11, 7 p.m.

***Fellowship/Bible Studies/Small Groups:

- Men’s Breakfast—Oct. 5, 7:30 a.m. at The Old Fashioned Pancake House on Jefferson St., Joliet
Lunch Bunch Bible Discussion Group—Oct. 9, 12 noon in Room 210 (I Corinthians)
Ladies Night Out — Bunco!, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m.
Women’s Bible Study—Oct. 10, 10 a.m.; call Mary Lynn Keir, 815-782-4762
Men’s Discussion Group—Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m. (Proverbs)
Women’s Discussion Group—Oct. 10, 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

Our Church Family

Known to be in the Hospital:

Glenn Brosell at Presence St. Joseph

Congratulations to Andrew and Laura (Murphy)

Scott on the birth of June Maria, on August 29 in Bend, OR. Grandparents are Dan and Jean Murphy.

This Sunday, World Communion Sunday, we will receive the 2018 Peace & Global Witness Offering. This year 75% of the offering will be given to Feed My Starving Children and 25% to the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please prayerfully consider your donation to this special offering.

SIGN UP NOW for Shifts at our FMSC Mobile-Pack Event. The sign up Link is on our Website for you to pick a time to pack food for our Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event on November 2-3. Go to www.firstpresjoliet.org and click on the Feed My Starving MobilePack box to choose the time you wish to volunteer.

We will have four packing sessions: 1 Friday evening and 3 on Saturday with a set-up session Friday afternoon and a clean-up session at the end on Saturday. You can see the schedule online. The goal is to pack 109,000 meals to feed 300 children for an entire year!

Invite anyone you know to come and help provide wonderful nourishing meals to children all over the world. Help us raise \$23,900 by asking your family, friends, and neighbors to give to fund the meals; 109,000 meals. One meal costs only 22 cents; \$50 provides one box of 216 meals, and \$80 feeds one child for an entire year!

We are Celebrating 10 Years of Ministry for Kim Belfield and Rosie Opelt between our worship services on Sunday, October 14. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Kim and a gift for Rosie, please use the envelope you received this past week in the mail. Kim and Rosie have a wonderful ministry to our children and families.

Trunk 'n' Treat is coming up on Wednesday, October 24. It's a great way to welcome many, many children and families and people to our church for a wonderful time and evening. There are many ways you can help out as we create a joyful and fun evening for our neighborhood and community. Please volunteer.

In Christ,
Craig

Feed My Starving Children
SHIFT INFORMATION

Day	Date	Shift	Time	Stations
Friday	2-Nov	Set up	3:30-5:30PM	
Friday	2-Nov	1	6-8PM	6
Saturday	3-Nov	2	9:30-11:30AM	6
Saturday	3-Nov	3	12:30-2:30PM	6
Saturday	3-Nov	4	3-5PM	6
Saturday	3-Nov	Clean Up	5-7PM	

KIDS

Wednesday Mid-Week TONIGHT!

Save the date—Oct. 24, Trunk 'n' Treat! Sign up this Sunday to help or to decorate a trunk.

Bible Sunday is Oct. 22 and letters will be going out to parents; if you have a child 4 years old, in 3rd grade or in 6th grade who would like to receive an age-appropriate Bible, please return your card or call the church office at 815-727-9259 by October 22.

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*)

2nd Sunday Potluck is October 14. We'll gather right after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Bring a dish to share, drop it off in the kitchen, and head to worship.

Our New Guide Book & Directory is Coming Soon!

Watch for our new Guide Book & Directory. They should be arriving in your mailbox in the coming week.

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It's Another Fun Ladies Night Out
Tuesday, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Bring an appetizer or snack to share and join us for a night of Bunco and fellowship. Bunco is an easy-to-learn game and a great way to get to know others better because the teams switch throughout the evening. Invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!

Mission

Feed My Starving Children—Nov. 2 & 3

Register on our website, firstpresjoliet.org. Just click on the FMSC box and follow the directions. We have 4 shifts, plus Set-Up and Clean-Up.

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.

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

Night Deacons Free Pancake Breakfast is this Saturday, October 6, 8 to 10 a.m. Come on out and help us serve and welcome our guests.

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 October 28th.

Volunteers this Sunday, October 7, 2018

9:00 a.m.

Children's Worship:

Megan Pritz

Greeters:

Bob & Mary Haas

Acolytes:

Ushers:

Marion Somers, Capt.;

Allan Somers

Mark Dykema

Coffee Fellowship: , Capt.;

Sound Room: Cliff Stepina

Video Screens: Matt Blaser

10:30 a.m.

Kaleigh Belfield

Ed Schultz, Capt.;

Free Pancake Breakfast, October 6:

Adam Halatek, Jasmine Maxwell, Justin Keir, cooks; Allan &

Marion Somers, Barb Rodgers, Estella Jurkovich,

Pat Haldorson

Trunk 'n' Treat Oct. 24, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Be a Part of the Fun, Share the Joy as we Welcome children and their families in the love of Christ.

There are all sorts of opportunities to serve — Set-Up, Clean-Up, Serving Food, Greeting, and of course the all-important Decorating a Trunk! Just call Bo or sign up this Sunday.



This year we will have something new—Live Music—featuring *Water Within!* And of course, the Petting Zoo, Classic Cars, Fire Truck, etc.

will all be returning. It will be a wonderful Fall Family Festival!

YOUTH NEWS

Wildfire Youth Group:

Have you ever been reading the Bible and seen a long list of names and wondered “What is the point of this?” Sometimes the genealogy of the Bible can seem daunting, but did you know it's all linked together to the Promises of God? Did you know God talked about Jesus in the Garden of Eden? From the very beginning God knew and promised Him! This week we'll be learning all about those promises and examine Jesus' less than perfect Family Tree! Wildfire meets on Sundays 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Family Mid-Week:

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis are proving to be challenging reading material, but so worth it! Tonight we'll meet the patient's mother and see how the Enemy likes to use our rough family relationships to draw us away from God. Have a rocky relationship with your parents? Who doesn't as a teenager? Let's be real tonight and talk about it! Mid-Week starts at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and ends at 7:30 p.m.

Meet the Students:

Meet Jadyn! Jadyn is the oldest of three kids with two younger brothers. She's been in dance since she was three years old and her favorite type of dance is Jazz. Aside from dance, she's also a BMX racer and has held the title for state champion and Gold Cup races. She'll be turning thirteen next month and accepted Jesus into her life at eight and her favorite Bible verse is John 13:34 which says, “as I have loved you...love one another.” Jadyn is one great kid and we're happy to have her as part of the Wildfire family! See more of Jadyn at the #TeenTakeOver on November 11!



September 30, 2018

Worship Attendance — 223

Stewardship Report

2018-2019 Budget: \$ 799,852

Year to Date Receipts	\$331,755
Year to Date Expenses	\$372,476

Feed My Starving Children so far — \$7,082

(Goal—\$23,900, 109,000 meals, feeds

300 Children for an entire year)

2018-2019 Bequest/Gift Income Received — \$ -0-

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