

Fall Start-Up Celebration

September 12, 2010

All Church Breakfast
8:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Worship at 8:30 & 10:35 a.m.

Children/Youth Sunday School
Classes begin

Balloon Launch following each service

Parents Meeting, 9:45 a.m.

Youth Groups begin
Jr. Highs — 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Sr. Highs — 6 to 8 p.m.

September 19, 2010

Worship at 8:30 & 10:35 a.m.

Nathan Tasker, Guest Musician

Adult Ed. Class on Youth Mission Trip

September 26, 2010

Worship at 8:30 & 10:35 a.m.

Catch Sermon Series begins

Catch Book Study Classes
& Small Groups begin

Catch Sunday Morning Classes

9:45 to 10:30 a.m.
Fireside Room
Woodruff Lounge
Room 202
Room 210

Books available for \$10 each

Invitational Outreach Opportunities

Octoberfest Dinner
PW Italian Dinner
Youth Group Trip to Fright Fest
Trunk 'n' Treat
Movie Night
Thanksgiving Service
Cookie Walk
Alternative Gift Fair Open House
with Hors d'oeuvres & Desserts
Chronicles of Narnia Movie
Rialto Christmas Service



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CATCH

Attracting and Connecting Visitors



Fall 2010 Book Study

**First Presbyterian Church
Joliet, IL**

Fall 2010 All-Church Book Study

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.
—Matthew 4:18-20 (TNIV)

Our fall all-church book study features the book *CATCH* by Debi Williams Nixon with Adam Hamilton. This 6-week study is all about connecting with Jesus Christ, The Church, Each Other, and New People.

Peter and Andrew were fishermen who would get in their boat each day and go out to the deep part of the lake to throw out their nets, hoping to pull in a catch of fish. They didn't sit in their boat near the shore and wait for the fish to jump into their boat. They went to where the fish were to catch them.

Similarly, we cannot expect people to simply find a way into our congregation just because we are here. We need to go out into our community in loving service if we want to invite more people to join us in worship. The goal is not just to grow in participation and membership, but to encourage more people to become followers of Jesus. It's about catching the spirit of A Great Place; that's a Christ-Centered Place!

Week 1 — September 26, 2010

Outward Purpose Why Do People Need Jesus Christ?

People are looking for a response on how to live a better life; individually and as a church we need to pay attention.

Week 2 — October 3, 2010

Why Do People Need the Church? Why Do People Need First Presbyterian Church, Joliet?

God intended his people to live out their faith in community with other believers. How do First Presbyterian Church's ministries and missions fill the needs of people in our community?

Week 3 — October 10, 2010

Attracting People in Our Community

We need to be intentional in our reaching out to unchurched people in our community. The Bible contains examples of highly effective outreach ideas for churches.

Week 4 — October 17, 2010

Transforming to a Welcoming Environment

Since first impressions are so critically important, we need to foster a visitor-friendly environment where guests feel comfortable and welcomed.

Week 5 — October 24, 2010

Connection and Follow-up

Effective connection and follow-up with visitors requires an intentional plan and a committed team of volunteers.

Week 6 — October 31, 2010

Helping Individuals on Their Journey

We can build a learning community for the journey of faith upon knowing, loving and serving God.