

## Living the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

Since the Fall of 2010 members of First Presbyterian Church have prayed, studied and worked together to identify ways in which we can open ourselves to God's transcending grace through the practice of **Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk Taking Mission & Service, and Extravagant Generosity.** The list that follows is a compilation of the ideas generated by congregants, and approved by the Session of the church for implementation. First Presbyterian Church asks all of its members to work in teams with members of our church committees to discern how to best implement these ideas for the greater glory of God. Toward that end we ask each of you to please identify and mark which of the following ideas you will help to implement through the sharing of wisdom, skills and time. Then, please return your "offering of self to God" by placing this form in the offering plate on or before Sunday, December 4.

**Please indicate your willingness to help church implementation teams to realize the following Five Practice recommendations and place in the offering plate during Sunday worship**

RADICAL HOSPITALITY	
Y/N	Create a "Random Acts of Kindness" program
	Identify our church in all of its outreach projects
	Walk the neighborhood and invite our neighbors to visit the church
	Visit and minister to those who attend "The Church in the Park"
	Offer programs for people who are at different stages of life
	Invite the community to join us in our service projects
	Host a summer "Community Event"
	Offer classes on bible studies, health, exercise, special needs, bridge, etc.
	Improve and update the church's website
	Better advertise the church & its activities
	Show church information & activities list on each <i>Concerts on Carter Creek</i> program
	Create and offer shirt and other logo items for sale to congregation
	Reach out to groups in need
	Invite new members to the front of the sanctuary to meet members after the service
	Place photos & biographical information of new members in the newsletter
	Provide training to all who will serve as greeters
	Encourage greeters & members to always wear their name badge in church
	Provide "Reserved Parking" along Carter Creek Pkwy, 31 St and Gordon St entrances
	Ensure that our entrances are well lit and have easy-to-read signage
	Ensure "Welcome Tables" are well-manned & stocked with up-to-date info & maps
	Identify & welcome visitors during worship
	Have a welcome gift for all visitors & follow up with a call
	Have cookies & coffee after worship for visitors & members
	Feature a different church group and its members in each issue of the newsletter
	Have regular collaborative worship services
	Have pot luck lunches after church
	Nursery care during church activities
	Hold a reception to congratulate and meet new session/diaconate members
	Offer a full day Vacation Bible School
	Record church services and make them available to place bound members
	Create a Disciples Café in Carter Creek Foyer for extended Fellowship opportunities

<b>PASSIONATE WORSHIP</b>	
Y/N	
	Create Worship Planning Teams
	Involve all ages in the worship wervice
	Offer a variety of worship styles & in different places
	Provide educational materials about worship
	Provide a financial incentive to attend worship conferences

<b>INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Y/N	
	Orient visitors & new members with a church tour & classes
	Make periodic calls & extend personal invitations to new members during 1st year
	New Member Gathering / Dinner
	New Member Hosts / Mentors
	Bring In inspirational speakers
	Improve communication w/ members
	Additional weekly worship opportunities
	More Sunday morning fellowship
	Small group development
	Develop Cub Scout Troop
	Organize church sports groups

<b>RISK-TAKING MISSION &amp; SERVICE</b>	
Y/N	
	Develop and support an "After School Outreach" program
	Establish a "Self-Directed Mission" program

<b>EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY</b>	
Y/N	
	Acknowledge & thank supporters of the church & its ministries
	Encourage tithing through the practice of proportional giving
	Educate congregants regarding church budget, The Foundation, ministries, and consequences (impact) of support through testimonies/stories
	Offer additional ways of paying pledges & making contributions
	Weekly loose change contributions
	Development of goals & measurable outcomes

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