

## May 7 Sermon Notes

**Preacher:** Rev. Henry Coates

**Title:** How to Share Jesus with Others

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Micah 6:8

(New Testament, p. 173, Old Testament p. 891)

**Big Idea:** If we really believe in the redeeming and transforming power of God's presence in a person's life, then the single greatest gift we can give someone is an explanation of how to be rightly connected to Christ.

### Next Week - Mother's Day

**Sunday Worship Services at 9 and 11:30 am**

**Title: Safely Passing the Baton**

**Scripture:** 2 Timothy 1:3-8

**Big Idea:** Passing faith on to the next generation is not a given and so must be handled with care and intentionality.

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton

**Listen to Sunday Sermons** on the FPCE website or via the "First Presbyterian Church of Evanston" iTunes podcast. Sermons are usually uploaded by Tuesday evenings.

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## Highlights

**Our bi-weekly Prayer Gathering will take place, Wednesday, May 10, at 7 pm in the Parlor. All are welcome to join us as we bring our praise, concerns and listening hearts before Jesus, our savior!**

**Wednesday night dinner will be served May 10, at 6 pm. Our entrée will be Chicken Dijon.** The cost is \$5 per person or \$12 per family, payable at the door. Reservations are appreciated and can be made on our website, at the front desk, or by calling 847-864-1472.

**The next New Members Class led by Pastor Ray Hylton will be this coming Saturday, May 13, from 9 am-2:30 pm, for all interested in membership at First Presbyterian Church of Evanston.** Childcare is available with a reservation. Contact Janice at 847-864-1472 or at [jjobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:jjobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org) to register or receive more information.

**Youth participating in our summer mission trip to Wetumpka, Alabama, are seeking your financial support through silent auction and "stock sale" tables in the lobby, narthex and Roy Hall today.** They have raised \$5109 toward their goal of \$20,000 to help fund their trip. Please stop by to see what they have to offer and fulfill any previous pledges!

**Beginning Sunday, May 29, our summer worship service schedule will begin, moving to one service on Sundays at 10 am.**

## Worth Noting

**First Pres will be conducting baptisms for children and adults on Mother's Day, May 14, 2017 at the 9 am or 11:30 am services.** Please contact Janice at 847-864-1472 or via her email at [jjobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:jjobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org) if you are interested or would like more information.

**Join us for dinner at Culver's in Skokie on Monday night, May 22, and help raise summer camp funds for kids!** From 5-9 pm, a portion of sales will benefit the Connie Floyd Memorial Church Camp Scholarship Fund. Come enjoy a burger, frozen custard, or cheese curds and support a great cause! When ordering, be sure to mention that you are there to support Church Camp scholarships. Their address is Culver's of Skokie, 9455 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, IL 60077.

**Stephen Ministry will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary at FPCE on Sunday, June 4 with a luncheon following the service.** All members who might be interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister are invited to attend. In September, a Stephen Ministry training class will be held. Call RuthAnn Ostrowski at 312-613-0644 or Michael Denesha at 847-612-9479 for more information.

**All are invited to a farewell party for the Curry family on Sunday, June 4, from 3 pm to 7 pm at the home of Sherryanne Robertson.** Please bring a potluck dish to share, and the main dish of a roast pig will be provided. For more information (including the address), please inquire at the church front desk.

**First Presbyterian Church of Evanston is looking to fill a part-time position for a Youth Ministries Program Assistant.** The job is for 12 hours per week with flexible work hours, Monday through Friday, with availability on Sunday mornings as needed. The job description is posted on the First Pres website at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/about-us/employment>. To apply, please e-mail your resume to [jjobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:jjobschuetz@firstpresevanston.org) with "Youth Ministries Program Assistant" in the subject line.



## Missions

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### Pray for Our

#### Mission Partner

Pray for our mission partners, Larry and Lisa Roettger of Wycliffe Bible Translators, listed on pages 86 and 87 of *52 Weeks of Prayer for Missions*. Pray for their work as translation consultants as they support overseas teams in Nigeria, working to create simplified bible teaching aids and accurate New Testament translations.

## Children and Families

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### Vacation Bible School registration is now open online!

Join us at the Maker Fun Factory as we discover that we were created by God and built for a purpose. We'll meet at church July 24-28, from 9-11:45 am, to learn Bible stories, play games, create projects, and learn how God wants us to be involved in our world. Children who will enter 3-year-old preschool through 6th grade in the fall of 2017 are invited to participate. Learn more and register online through our website at <http://www.firstpresevanston.org/events/event-registration/>.

**Families are invited to join us for a weekend Family Camp, August 4-6, at Stronghold Camp in Oregon, IL.** Our weekend will include games, crafts, swimming, campfires, and fellowship in the beauty of God's creation. Camp fees include lodging (tent or retreat center), food, activities, and programs for all ages. Contact Kristin Mueller for a registration form.

**Scholarships are available for all of our summer programs and camps. Contact Kristin Mueller for an application.**

**Friday's community playgroup has concluded for the season.** We look forward to offering more playgroup dates in the fall!

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/serve/in-the-world/>

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/children/>

## Calendar Updates

**Let us continually remember the reality of Christ's resurrection!** Free concert with the FPCE Chancel Choir and orchestra featuring works of Handel's La Resurrezione and Part III of Messiah on Sunday, May 21, 3pm, in the Sanctuary.

*Calendars are available in the Narthex or at the Front Desk. They are inserted in the "First Pres at a Glance" at the beginning of each month.*

## Youth

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### NUBS (6th-8th Grade)

Meetings are 7-9 pm Fridays in the NUBS Lounge on the third floor.

### PYGS (High School)

Meetings are 4-6 pm Sunday afternoons in the PYGS Lounge on the lower level. Dinner will be served.

**NUBS and PYGS t-shirts are now available.** First come, first served! Purchase at the front desk.

**Registration for Great Escape is here! The trip will take place July 10 through 15!** This event is for rising 6th graders through graduating 8th graders! Great Escape is a sleepaway camp in Greenlake, Wisconsin for Middle Schoolers. Registration forms can be found online and on the children's and youth table.

**The PYGS' 2017 Mission Trip is set for July 29 through August 5.** The team will be traveling to Wetumpka, Alabama, as part of an outreach by Youth Works. Registration forms are available online and on the children's and youth table.

*More details about Youth events can be found in our weekly email. Text YOUTHGROUP to 42828 to subscribe!*

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/students/>

## Important Web Links

Events:

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/events/>

Resources:

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/resources/>

Small Groups for Adults:

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/adults/small-groups-at-fpce/>

## Young Adults/Families

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### Family Open Gym

*Thursdays, 4-7 pm, Roy Hall*

Open for parents and their children to come run around, shoot some baskets, play some games. No need to RSVP; just show up and have a great time!

### Bodyweight Workouts

*Thursdays, 6 pm, Roy Hall*

For those training to be in the Spartan Race or anyone just wanting to work out. Come on out and let's exercise hard together!

**Pastor Henry is looking for donations of medicine balls, kettle bells, and slam balls for the weekly exercise class he is hosting during open family gym time in Roy Hall.** Donations should be made to Pastor Henry's office and are greatly appreciated!

**Pastor Henry is looking to put together a team for the 2017 Chicago Spartan Race.** The Reebok Spartan Sprint is perfect for athletes of all levels; from first timers to seasoned obstacle courses racers. The 3-5 Mile Sprint packs more than 20 Signature Spartan Obstacles. If you think you can't do it, you're wrong. The race will be in the afternoon of Sunday, June 11. If you're interested in participating or looking for more information, connect with Henry after church or shoot him an email at [hcoates@firstpresevanston.org](mailto:hcoates@firstpresevanston.org). Partial scholarships are available. Training sessions have begun, and all are welcome (see above). Deadline for registration with Pastor Henry has been extended to June 9. The Spartan Race is a fun, challenging event, and it would be great if we could put together a team from First Pres!

<http://www.firstpresevanston.org/learn/adults/young-adults/>

## Stewardship

Following is the giving revenue received through April 25:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Pledges	\$305,835	\$367,019	\$294,601
Faith giving	46,124	61,509	53,978
Loose plate	5,997	5,463	4,036
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$357,956</b>	<b>\$433,991</b>	<b>\$352,615</b>

Thank you for your support. Please contact our Business Manager, Melody Henrie, if unforeseen circumstances will prevent you from meeting your 2017 pledge commitment.