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Aurora Church Trying to Make a Difference

- First Presbyterian Church is dedicating a whole week of community service.

Aurora, Ill., July 3, 2014 (*The Religion Wire™*) — Go. Serve. Tell. That's what the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Aurora are going to do in a couple of weeks. During the week of **July 20-27**, the church will hit the streets of Aurora with over 240 volunteers hoping to make a difference in the community. These volunteers will be at serving at various times from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and at varied venues from baseball/soccer fields with youth to giving manicures to hurting mothers.

FPC Senior Pastor Jeff Moore describes this week of service, "***Mission Aurora,***" as the church's "re-toning its muscle." The church for many years has had a summer family camp in Wisconsin, but instead of camp this year, Pastor Jeff has worked with the church's camp leadership and others in developing a community outreach program with some 16 sites and opportunities of service. He feels the burden for the city of Aurora, and for his congregation to be the "hands and feet" of Jesus. He is encouraging community members to join with his church members in service... one day or the whole week.

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Pastor Moore earlier this year visited Ethiopia as part of a team with the ministry Joni and Friends. There he saw a poor Ethiopian church doing amazing ministry to hurting people. These Christians of Ethiopia challenged him to think differently about his own Aurora congregation. “Jesus is the missionary God who came from heaven to serve and save us in genuine love and grace. As followers of Jesus, who have been transformed by that grace, we pour out His love into our community. Jesus calls us to love. Its just that simple. That’s what Mission Aurora is all about!”

During ***Mission Aurora*** week, the campus at 4th Street and Downer Place will serve as a base of operations while the congregation goes out each day into 16-plus venues to love and serve. Each evening the congregation will gather back at the church to eat together, to worship and celebrate what God has done, and to have a lot of fun. The community is welcome to join them Tuesday through Friday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for worship and teaching by the Rev. Tommy Moore, a pastor and Church Mobilizer for World Relief, Aurora/DuPage. On Monday at 7:00 p.m. join FPC at the Paramount for a showing of “Chariots of Fire” on the big screen. On Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. will feature the “hilarious humor” of comedian Daren Streblow (check out www.darenstreblow.com). Admission is free.

The areas of service include: mobile food pantries – Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry, baseball and soccer camps, Hesed House, Triple Threat day camp, Triple Threat clean-up, nursing home and shut-in visits, landscaping and landscaping clean-up, Backyard Bible Clubs (in eight different locations in and around the city), Habitat for Humanity, encouragement team card ministry, Respect Life Ministries, Lifespring spa day, Wayside Cross Ministries, meal preparation and clean-up, and All God’s Children Disability Ministry – day camp.

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For more information and schedule about **Mission Aurora** call (630) 844-0050 or visit <http://www.firstpresaurora.org/MissionAurora.aspx>. **Mission Aurora** is also present on Facebook and at the Twitter hashtag #MissionAurora.

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