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Christ Church of Oak Brook Hosts Dr. John Perkins

International author, speaker and lecturer Dr. John M Perkins, will speak at Christ Church of Oak Brook's Sunday morning worship services on November 5 at 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 am.

Dr. Perkins is the President of the Mississippi-based John M Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation and Development. He is also the Founder of Mendenhall and Voice of Calvary Ministries, MS as well as the Harambee Christian Family Center, CA.

John Perkins and his family have ministered among the poor for the past 40 years. He left a "successful" life in California and moved back to Mendenhall, MS, to begin ministry in 1960. Within twelve years, the Perkins helped start a day-care center, youth program, church, cooperative farm, and a health center in addition to other thriving projects.

John Perkins successful ministry has been recognized by leading academic institutions as well as public and private organizations. He was awarded a number of honorary doctorate degrees in public service, education, law, and humanities. Dr. Perkins was also named as the Distinguished Black American in 1978, 1979, and 1980.

Dr. Perkins will also speak at Christ Church's Life Change Conference on the topic *Turning the Church Inside Out*. He will speak alongside Rev. Rick Rusaw, Senior Minister, LifeBridge Christian Church, Longmont, CO and Dr. Wayne Gordon, Founding Pastor of Lawndale Community Church and President of the Christian Community Association. They will help us address issues such as:

- How can Christians build bridges of blessing to our community?
- How do we get to know our community?
- How can we discover the passion for service that truly makes a difference?

The Life Change Conference will run from Thursday November 2 to Saturday November 4. This is an annual event organized by Christ Church of Oak Brook. The 4500-member non denominational evangelical church is located in Oak Brook, IL.

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