

WORSHIP & WORK

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Blessing of the Backpacks

ATTENTION PARK LAKE CHILDREN AND YOUTH!

Bring your backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 9th, to receive a special blessing and prayer for the upcoming school year!



PARK LAKE YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER

Wednesday, August 12
6:30 pm
(Struble Fellowship Hall)

All are welcome to enjoy food and fellowship, prepared and served by the Park Lake Youth in appreciation of your support and love. We will have a special presentation from the Park Lake youth speaking about their summer trip to Montreat Youth conference and their mission projects from the past year.



RALLY DAY IS COMING!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
8:30 am - 10:00 am
All are welcome!



Breakfast is at 8:30 am, followed by Bible study and interactive multigenerational activities.

Rally Day is Christian Education's celebration of the end of the summer and beginning of a new season of learning and growing in our faith. This intergenerational event will be fun for all ages.



ATTENTION: MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE - YOUTH GROUP
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, August 14 and
Friday, September 11



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CO-PASTOR CORNER

As we drag into the dog days of August, someone posted a little manifesto on Instagram that struck me as a helpful way to endure the heat and humidity of the heart of summer. Things that might help one not be reduced to a puddle of inactivity. Here they are:



Quit tracking your sleep.
Eat breakfast without screens.
Read the back of cereal boxes.
Get to know your neighbors.
Wait a week for the next episode.
Stare out the car window for hours.
Chat to the locals at the coffee shop.
Stay at the table long after dinner.
Go camping with your friends.
Lie in the sun reading books.
Cruise around on your bike.
Leave your phone at home.
Listen to an entire album.
Spend a weekend offline.
Return to the good old days.

Maybe the idea is to slow down to survive.

It made me think we could come up with a church summer manifesto. What are things that could help us not necessarily “return to the good old days” of whenever. But things that could help us water our soul in the midst of the temperature of life that drains us.

Here are some of my ideas:

Memorize one verse of scripture.
Flip through the hymnal and pick out 3 favorite hymns.
Flip through the hymnal and learn a new hymn.
Ask a friend to share their childhood faith story.
Say a prayer at every red light.
Tell the grocery store clerk, God bless you.
Go to Sunday School.
Ask a youth or child at church what they’re excited about.
Go look at the names in the Columbarium and say a prayer of thanks for each person.
Come early to sit in the sanctuary and look at the large stained glass picture of Jesus.
Hold hands with somebody and pray together.



What would you add to this list of items that water your soul?

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. (Psalm 42:1)

Dan DeBevoise, Co-pastor

THANK YOU, VBS VOLUNTEERS AND PARK LAKE FAMILY!



Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS happen! To those who helped create and put up decorations; loaned skis, boots, tubes and snowboards; donated craft supplies, made name tags, prayed and those who served during the week, THANK YOU! VBS is a huge team effort, and it could not have happened without you! You are the best! We had a great week with our Challengers at the Snowball Mountain Challenge. Activities Director Ava Ruth and her friend Ollie, the cutest seal puppet, helped teach us that we can find our strength in God.

64 children joined us for the week, ages 4 years through 5th grade. Over half were alumni to Park Lake's VBS and most were from our wonderful Child Care Center. Over 50 volunteers, including 17 youth, gave their time and talent during the week and before. So, in addition to teaching the children that God loves them, VBS helps train up the next generation of servant leaders.

For our Mission Project, we collected \$1,300 from our generous VBS families and volunteers to purchase socks for those served by the Christian Service Center. Thank you for giving to those in need. To find out more about the Christian Service Center, please go to christianservicecenter.org/. We would love your help in spreading the Good News at VBS. Please contact Anne Vercheski if you are interested in helping next year. Thank you!



I can do all things through him who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER UPDATE



Big things are happening at the **Christian Service Center for the Homeless**. The campus renovation is very near completion! You can watch a 15-minute virtual tour online.

Go to www.christianservicecenter.org and look for the big picture of Eric Gray and the words Virtual Campus Tour of the Christian Service Center for the Homeless.

The Christian Service Awards and Annual Banquet is **Friday, October 9, 2026** at First Baptist Orlando, **8:00 am -10:00 am**. Both Leesa Bainbridge and John Bowers are table hosts, and we would be thrilled to have Park Lakers attend with us. Our church is well known to the CSC because we have supported it so faithfully over the years. It's free of course, and the CSC does ask all of us to give any amount of money that you feel comfortable with. The annual banquet is the primary fundraising event for the CSC. Please see Leesa or John so we can know who'll be there and get you registered.



CHOIR REHEARSALS
Come, join the
Chancel Choir!

The Park Lake Chancel Choir meets on Sunday mornings at **10 am** in the choir room prior to singing in the **10:30 am** worship. Rehearsals are after worship for the following Sunday.

Sunday, August 9
First Rehearsal
After worship, choir room

Sunday, August 16
10am warm-up
before Worship service

If you are interested in singing in the choir, please contact the choir director, Robb Ross for more information at robbparklake@gmail.com

MISSION AND OUTREACH



Deacon Ministry

FROM THE DEACON DESK

The Deacons want to remind the congregation that Park Lake is a community and that we are here for you, for support and companionship. The deacons monitor the Prayer Chain for members in need of prayer and support and follow the Birthday and Anniversary list to remember you on your special day. Of course, sometimes we miss things. Please let us know if you or someone you know at church are in need of care or a visit. Reach out to a church member you haven't seen in a while! We also want our church to be physically accessible to everyone.

Please inform a deacon or the church office if we can assist you with coming up the ramp into the Sanctuary building. If you are unsure of who your deacon is, the Church Directory has their name by your Directory entry. All deacons are listed on the church website, plpc.org/about-us/deacons/. Andy Cale was ordained and installed as our newest deacon on July 19, filling the spot vacated by Mary Daly, who has moved out of state.

Board of Deacons: Andy Cale, Billie Jo Elliott, Susan Frith, John Hunter, Barbara Martin, and Cindy Schmidt.



FAVO GIVES BACK - SHOES AND SOCKS FOR MATTHEW'S HOPE

FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando)
First Fridays and First Saturdays,
Art Stroll and Live Music

Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm



"FAVO Gives Back" is our once a year Art Stroll where we as a community come together to give and support local children. This year we are collecting shoes, socks and gift cards for Matthew's Hope (matthewshopeministries.org/). Shoes to fit children ages 5-15 years old -New tennis shoes made out of mesh and breathable for washing (no leather shoes) new socks, gift cards of any amount. Please no backpacks. This year only shoes, socks and gift cards. Matthew's Hope is an amazing organization that helps thousands of displaced families all over Central Florida.

Items can be dropped off ahead of time to FAVO **studio 241** for **Friday, August 7 & Saturday, August 8 event**.

FOOD COLLECTION for WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY

The Food Bank at Washington Shores Presbyterian Church continues to be in great need of items. **Updated request: canned ravioli, spaghetti, spaghetti with meatballs, ramen noodle cups, peanut butter and jelly, saltine crackers, cereal, deodorant and toothpaste.** Cash donations are also appreciated to purchase needed items. Please bring your pantry donations to church on Sundays before or after worship to the West transept of the Sanctuary. Thank you for helping your neighbor!



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GOOD NEWS FROM MOZAMBIQUE

Berry and Elizabeth Long brought greetings from Sebber Banda and updated us with news and photos from their recent trip to visit the ministries Park Lake supports through the Outreach Foundation. On their trip they were joined by fellow Outreach Foundation trustees Tom McDow and Mike Condrey. They were met by Project Director Sebber Banda and Presbytery Moderator Valentim Manuel, one of the three Presbyterian pastors serving 80+ churches of the Presbyterian Church of Mozambique (IPM) and Rev. Carlos Faquione, Assistant Project Director.



Carlos Faquione, Tom McDow, Mike Condrey, Berry Long, Valentim Manuel, and Sebber Banda at the Leadership Training Center.

Go to: theoutreachfoundation.org/ to read more about The Outreach Foundation.

Excerpt from Berry Long's June 2026 Trip Report *The Holistic Evangelism Project Tete Province, Mozambique*

Our team felt blessed, encouraged, and inspired by our time in Tete Province. Being with Sebber, Carlos, and Valentim for nearly a week was one of the highlights of the trip. And it was also very helpful to spend quality time with Julio the DC, Lawrence the well driller, and Edson the builder. The people we met at the various locations and the joy we shared were a real blessing. The Holistic Evangelism Project continues to thrive. We greatly appreciate your prayers, support, and gifts for this Kingdom work.

There is still much to accomplish in Tete Province. There is an ongoing need for churches, wells, schools, teacher housing, toilet blocks, and leadership training. Gifts of all sizes for these needs are very welcome. Please continue to pray for Sebber, Carlos, Valentim, Malaquias, Chimuemue and their families. They are greatly encouraged by your support. All praise and honor to our gracious and loving heavenly Father!

Zikomo kwambiri (Thank you very much),
Berry Long

Read Berry's full report in the Park Lake Up2date email sent on July 25.

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Sunday, August 2

Each month, Park Lake participates in an offering to support the Presbyterians' Answer to Hunger Program (PATH). The first Sunday of each month, Park Lake asks members to contribute 5 cents for each meal during the month on Communion Sundays. For more information about P.A.T.H. go to cfpresbytery.org/path.



UPCOMING EVENTS

THE POTTER'S HAND

Combining Art and Faith
(Struble Fellowship Hall)

Look for upcoming projects in the Park Lake
Up2date emails and the worship bulletins.
Contact Helen DeBevoise to participate.



ANNIVERSARIES

01 Pamela Coburn and Carla Edwards
12 Cheryl and Mike Woods
14 Elyse and Phillip Kelley
22 Eleanore and Frank Kaney
22 Marian and Tom Price

BIRTHDAYS

01 Renee Roche
01 Claire Ingram
03 Samilia Peasah
05 Mary Ella Simmons
10 Glynn Kelley
10 Dewayne Bevil
12 Justin Ingram
13 Barbara Kaminsky
14 Stix Cook
15 Gary Lelvis
18 Bob Larr
19 Caroline Beaty
22 Kit Patterson
25 Maria Larr
25 Madison Wray
26 Mark Walters
27 Florence Barrington
29 Jeremiah Call
30 Judy Cook
31 Rodrigo Gaboriault



GAYSTRAIGHT@PARKLAKE

August Gathering
Sunday, August 16



Our August meeting will be **Sunday, August 16** after
worship at Panera Bread, 3463 E. Colonial Dr, Orlando.
Come break bread with us and learn more about
supporting Gay/Straight@ParkLake and the LGBTQ+
community as an ally or LGBTQ+ orientation.



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and the LGBTQ+ community as an ally or LGBTQ+
orientation contact John Jenkins or use the QR code to
view our page on the plpc.org website.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, August 27
10:00 am

Downstairs Koinonia Room,
Sanctuary Building.



Our August book is "A Season for That", by Steve Hoffman.
For more information, contact Sherry Riley.

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY 2026-2027

**United Through Christ,
Bound to Each Other:
Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**
by Rhonda Mawhood Lee



Paul wrote at a time when Christians expected Jesus' imminent return; he challenged his friends to be ready when that day came. Two thousand years later, the church is still waiting, still affirming that Jesus will return, and still proclaiming that this world has already been transformed by God's life-giving love. Our challenge remains to live in ways that demonstrate our trust in the resurrection.

Many of the questions asked by our earliest siblings in faith remain ours, too. How can our lives demonstrate our trust in Jesus Christ's victory over death? What do we do when different understandings of the gospel undermine church unity? How can Christians understand gender and sexuality? When conflict arises, how do we deal with it?

**For more information about Presbyterian Women,
go to: <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/>**

PW Circle Members and those interested in participating in a PW Bible Study Circle, please contact a Circle Representative or go to: plpc.org for more information. Circle meetings are on the first Monday, or first Tuesday of each month from September—May.

Esther: Tuesday, September 1
6:30 pm, Struble Fellowship Hall
Circle Representative, Erin Cook
Bible Moderator, Anne Vercheski

Joanna: Monday, September 14
7:00 pm, Parlor
Circle Representative, Sherry Riley
Bible Moderator, Helen DeBevoise

Dorcas: Monday, September 14
1:00 pm, Westminster Winter Park
Circle Representative and Bible Moderator
Sandy Bogner

Sarah: Monday, September 14
2:00 pm, Westminster Towers, Town Square
Circle Representative and
Bible Moderator
Marian Price



Rosalyn Russell, Lee Bessonette, Helen Potter, Bonnie McKnight, Elba Barnes, Marie Butler, Forrest Cheek, Mary Bookhardt.

If you would like to receive the prayer chain emails to join others in prayer, please contact Helen DeBevoise.

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**COME WORSHIP WITH US!
ALL ARE WELCOME**

9:00 AM—10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

**From Infants - Adults
(Education building)**

10:00 AM—10:30 AM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

(Struble Fellowship Hall)

10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

(Sanctuary)