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March 15, 2026 "From Dust to Glory"

Page Turners Book Club

Do you love to read? Join our monthly Page Turners book club at 10 am this Tuesday, March 17, in the Parlor. They'll be discussing *The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede. If you have seen the play, *Come From Away*, then you know this story. Dig into the book the play was based on, and share your thoughts with the group.

Easter at FPC

Lent and Easter are important seasons in the life of the church. We have a landing page on the FPC website (www.fpclakeland.org) with information about Lent & Easter, including Pastor John's "Rule of Life" document and worksheet.

Click "Easter at FPC" at the top of the page. And be making plans to attend our Holy Week events.

VBS Registration Open

It's time! Registration for Vacation Bible School (June 8-12) is open! You can register via the Church Center app or the FPC website.

Job Openings

We are currently accepting applications for the Assistant Director of Little Shepherds preschool. Our current Assistant Director, Tami Trent, is retiring at the end of this academic year.

We are also accepting applications for a College and Young Adult Assistant, a Nursery Worker, and a Ministry Coordinator. Job descriptions are listed on the website under the Careers section.

Giving Update

If you have used Apple Pay in the past for payments via the Church Center app, there are updates you should be aware of moving forward.

In Church Center, you may add a credit card as your preferred payment method and save that to your profile. You may not save your Apple Pay information. This is Church Center aligning with the most current practices regarding Apple Pay. There is nothing you need to do regarding this. Church Center will handle any removals, and you may still make one-time payments with Apple Pay. If you have used Apple Pay for a recurring payment, you will need to update that.

No Kids Activities this Wednesday

Kids Club and Surrender Youth will not meet this coming Wednesday, March 18, during Spring Break. Please check the church calendar to verify if your group is meeting Wednesday. Not all Grow Groups will meet.

Church Tour

If you'd like a tour of the FPC facilities, please meet in the Library today after the 10:30 am services. We'll show you all of the wonderful elements of our buildings.

Women's House Party

Are you looking for a way to strengthen the connections you have within the church? All women of the church are invited to the Women's House Party at 6 pm on March 26 at Abby Rodda's house. You'll enjoy a night of great food, fellowship, and community.

Please bring a dish to share, according to the first letter of your last name (A-Q: appetizers, R-Z: dessert). Be sure to RSVP on the app. We're looking forward to a fun evening together.

Easter Egg Hunt

This year, we are beginning Holy Week with our annual Egg Hunt. The beloved event will be held March 28 at 9:30 am on the front lawn. We invite toddlers through fifth graders to enjoy the egg hunt.

The congregation can support the event by providing cakes (or desserts) for the cake walk. Donations may be left at Anna's office on March 26 and 27.

Prayer Vigil

As part of Holy Week, we are inviting people to sign up to be part of a 24 hour prayer vigil on April 2-3. The vigil will begin at the end of the Maundy Thursday services on April 2 and will continue until the start of the Good Friday services. Consider taking time to participate in this concentrated time of prayer. Register on the app.

Upcoming Events

Shine On/Lift | March 20 | 6 pm | Rooms A, B & C

Pedal Power Work Day | March 21 | 9 am

OAM Game Day | March 21 | 9:30 am | Youth Hall

Blood Drive | March 22 | 8:30 am - 1 pm | South Portico

SEU Spiritus Piano Trio Concert | March 22 | 7 pm
Sanctuary

More event information is available on our website (www.fpclakeland.org) or on the Church Center app.