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LAKELAND, FLORIDA

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"With Jesus: Learning the Heart and Way of Christ"



### July Backpack & School Supply Drive

On the heels of our successful June Food Drive, we are spending the majority of July collecting backpacks and school supplies for Parker Street Ministries (PSM). A list of requested items is available at: [www.fpclakeland.org](http://www.fpclakeland.org).

### Construction Update

You'll notice construction in the Welcome Center today. The restrooms in the Welcome Center are unavailable for use. Others are available in the sanctuary, by the choir room, and by Room A.

### Special Needs Ministry Volunteers Needed

FPC's Special Needs Ministry need volunteers. The church has committed to ministering to individuals with special needs and their families by providing safe, developmentally-appropriate spaces and groups. Many of these groups require a one to one participant to volunteer ratio.

Volunteers are needed, and training is provided. No prior experience working with this population is required.

If you are looking for somewhere to serve and to use your talents, consider volunteering with the SNM program. If you are interested, contact Libby Chappell, SNM Director, at: [lbchappell@fpclakeland.org](mailto:lbchappell@fpclakeland.org).

### New Class - Reclaiming Manhood

Beginning Sunday, July 26, a new men's three-part summer class will begin meeting. In the Reclaiming Manhood class, attendees will look at the biblical picture of a mature man: strong enough to serve, courageous enough to sacrifice, and humble enough to submit to Christ.

The three classes will be held at 11:30 am in Room A on July 26, August 23, and September 20. All men of the church are invited. Lunch will be served at the July 26 class.

### Youth Fine Arts Camp

FPC's Youth Fine Arts Camp will be held Aug. 3 - 6 from 9 am until 3 pm each day. The cost of the camp is \$40 per child, which includes all instruction and lunch on the final day. You may register your child via the Church Center app.

### Job Opening

The church is hiring a Social Media Specialist and is accepting applications now. The job description is listed on the Careers page of the FPC website ([www.fpclakeland.org](http://www.fpclakeland.org)).

Please contact Michele Trice, Communications Coordinator, for additional information or to submit a resume ([mtrice@fpclakeland.org](mailto:mtrice@fpclakeland.org)).

### Mission Trip to Peru

Our Missions Coordinator, Nancy Bertram, will be leading a group of volunteers to Peru April 10-17, 2027. The group will be working with FPC mission partners in the area. If you are interested in participating, please contact Nancy ([nbertram@fpclakeland.org](mailto:nbertram@fpclakeland.org)) for details.

## Upcoming Events

**Backpack & School Supplies Drive** | July 1 - 27

**PageTurners Book Club** | July 21 | 10 am | Parlor

**OAM Tour of Polk History Center** | July 24 | 9 am

**Widow's Journey** | July 24 | 11 am | Parlor

**Youth to Realife Camp** | July 27 - 31

**Fine Arts Camp** | Aug. 3-6 | Register on the app

**Grow Nights Resume** | Aug. 19 | 6 pm

**Women's Mini Retreat** | Sept. 25 & 26 | Loudon Hall

More event information is available on our website ([www.fpclakeland.org](http://www.fpclakeland.org)) or on the Church Center app.