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August 23, 2026 "Faith at Home"

Montreat Fundraiser

The youth will be holding a bake sale this morning at 11:30 am in the Welcome Center to raise funds for their 2027 trip to the Montreat Worship and Music Conference. At Montreat, students grow their talents as future worship leaders. Your support helps offset registration, travel, and lodging expenses.

Older Adult Ministry Happenings

Did you know FPC has an Older Adult Ministry (OAM) catering to people 55 and older? It is one of the most vibrant and active ministries at FPC.

These are some of the many activities OAM has scheduled in the coming months.

Movie Night | Aug. 31 | Meet at 5 pm at the church or 5:45 pm at the Lake Gibson Village Theatre | The group will be seeing *Casablanca*.

BINGOcize | Mondays & Wednesdays beginning Sept. 14 | 10 am | Loudon Hall | The program combines BINGO with exercise, teaching techniques to reduce falls. Must be 60 or older.

Rays v A's Baseball Game | Sept. 17 | Meet at the church at 10:30 am | Cost per person \$50 | Cost includes ticket, transportation, and tote bag.

The group also gathers monthly for the following:

Spirit of Service Luncheon | 2nd Friday of the month beginning in October | 10 am | Room A | No cost for the program. The lunch is \$12 per person.

Game Day | 3rd Saturday of the month | 9:30 am | Bring your favorite breakfast or snack to share & enjoy some fun games together.

The events are for the 55+ community, but everyone is invited to attend. Unless otherwise noted, all activities are free.

Nursery Worker Needed

Our Children's Ministry is in need of one additional part-time, paid nursery worker. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Anna at: abutler@fpclakeland.org.

Reclaiming Manhood Returns for Second Class

The men's three-part summer class will have its second meeting today at 11:45 am in Room A. 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.

All men of the church are invited.

Service Opportunity

We have an amazing group of volunteers who drive the FPC bus on Sundays to pick up those members who are not able to get to the church on their own for services. For many years, Ken Hansen has been the bus captain.

We are in need of additional drivers and of an additional bus captain who works to schedule drivers for each Sunday.

Each driver serves one Sunday a month, and a CDL license is not required. This is an important ministry that makes in-person worship possible for some in our community. Please prayerfully consider if this is a place where you can serve.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Isaac Anderson, FPC Ministry Coordinator, at: ianderson@fpclakeland.org.

Upcoming Events

Reclaiming Manhood Class | Aug. 23 | 11:45 am | Room A

Blood Drive | Aug. 30 | 8:30 am - 1 pm | South Portico

New Member Orientation | Sept. 13 | 9:15 am | Library

Open House | Sept. 13 | 11:45 am | Next Gen spaces

OAM to Rays Game | Sept. 17 | Meet at 10:30 am | RSVP on the Church Center app

Reclaiming Manhood Class | Sept. 20 | 11:45 am | Room A

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

Generations Sunday | Oct. 11

Chili Cookoff | Nov. 8 | 4:30 pm | Loudon Hall

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