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August 9, 2026 "Faith at Home"

Retreat Flash Sale

If you haven't registered for the Women's Mini Retreat Sept. 25-26, now is the time. A Flash Sale is happening this week (until Aug. 14), and registration during this time is \$30. You may register on the Church Center app.

Grow Nights Resume

Our weekly Wednesday evening Grow Nights will be returning Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Be watching for more information in the coming weeks for more details on the groups which meet on Wednesday evenings.

Grow Nights offer discipleship with true connections with one another. There is a place for everyone.

New Social Media Specialist Announced

We are delighted to announce Caroline Johnson as FPC's newest Social Media Specialist. Many of you already know Caroline as the Surrender Youth Intern. She will continue in that role and will add the Communications role to her existing duties.

Caroline brings a strong sense of discipleship, along with a solid awareness of social media trends which complement her digital skills. Take a moment to thank Caroline for all she is doing. We are blessed by her presence.

Praying Pruners

Did you know FPC has a group of volunteers who assist with the landscaping around the church? Jim Hamer has led the group for several years and is ready to step back from leadership. If you are interested in moving into that role (it helps if you have a pickup truck), contact Jim (jimhamer50@gmail.com) for more information.

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.

Service Opportunities

If you have been thinking of ways to use your time and talents for God's glory within the church, there are several unique opportunities this fall.

Our Special Needs Ministry (SNM) and Children's Ministry (CM) both need people to serve on Sundays and Wednesdays.

As our church and community grow, there is a need for additional hospital visitors. Training will be provided for all volunteers.

If you are interested in serving with one or more of these ministries, please plan to attend the Q&A sessions today at 11:30 am. The SNM/CM sessions will be held in the Welcome Center with the hospital visitation session being held in the Conference Room.

Mission Trip to Peru

Our Missions Coordinator, Nancy Bertram, will be leading a group of volunteers to Peru April 10-17, 2027. If you are interested in participating, please contact Nancy (nbertram@fpclakeland.org) for details.

Upcoming Events

CM/SNM Volunteer Q&A | Today | 11:30 am | Welcome Center

Hospital Visitation Q&A | Today | 11:30 am | Conf. Room

Choir Rehearsals Resume | Aug. 12 | 7 pm | Choir Room

CM & SNM Volunteer Training | Aug. 12 | 5:30 pm

Chancel Choir Retreat | Aug. 15 | 10 am | Choir Room

PageTurners Book Club | Aug. 18 | 10 am | Parlor

Grow Nights Resume | Aug. 19 | 6 pm

Bell Choir Rehearsals Resume | Aug. 20 | 7 pm | Bell Rm.

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

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

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 | Register this week for a discount!

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