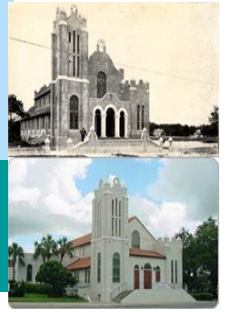


# Worship and Work

100th Anniversary  
A Century of Community in Christ  
1925—2025



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## Celebrating 100 Years of Community in Christ Park Lake's First Pastor

Dr. Clarence Harper Ferran was unanimously elected as pastor of Park Lake on October 11, 1925. Dr. Ferran and his wife, Hannah Elizabeth Moore Ferran (Bess), had six children and resided at 816 Broadway Avenue, Orlando from 1924-1943. His daughter, Miss Lucy Ferran, was wed at Park Lake on December 25, 1939 and four of he and Bess' grandchildren were baptized on the same day at Park Lake in 1941.



Dr. Clarence Harper Ferran Family  
(Approximately 1920)

After 16 years of serving Park Lake, Dr. Ferran resigned as pastor of Park Lake (for health reasons) and his resignation was accepted by the Session.

Moderator D.A. Cheney's words: "We voted to accept your resignation with deep appreciation for the effective and faithful service you have rendered this church from its inception and organization through the years of your loving ministry as pastor and friend, and it is with sincere regret that the passage of time is bringing the inevitable hour when the relationship so auspiciously begun and so finely sustained must be dissolved."

And here is a short excerpt from Dr. Ferran's final sermon:

Psalm 16-5-6

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

I bring to you today more of the salutatory than valedictory. My thought and words look toward the future more than toward the past, toward the sunrise of opportunity rather than the sunset of achievement, with its tag ends and let down. No, let us have the forward view. I want my soul to call for that sort of thing. Just to secure God's inheritance for man and nation, to receive the full cup of God's favor, to be in the full measure of God's opportunity and to live in the full love of that opportunity, that, my friend, is my most exalted wish and prayer for you and my soul.

## Sunday, June 1, 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Park Lake youth and their mentors will be taking leadership roles during our worship time. Youth Sunday is a highlight of our worship every year, and provides a chance when we can support the spiritual growth and leadership of our young people.



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**100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

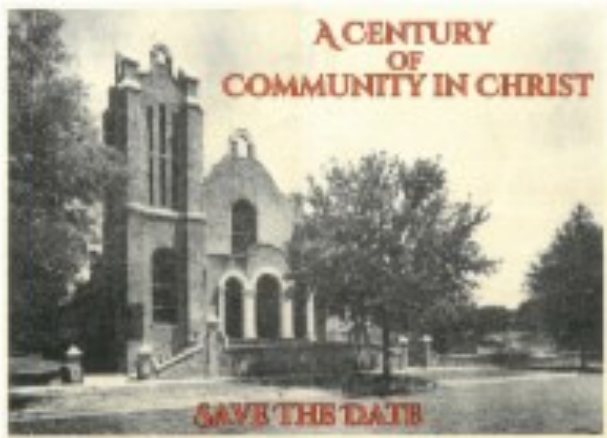
- Fellowship Luncheon  
Sunday, September 7, 2025, Struble Fellowship Hall, after worship.
- Art Show  
October 2025, Sanctuary
- Celebration Dinner  
Saturday, October 11, 2025
- Celebration Worship Service – Sunday, October 12, 2025.
- Celebration Reception - after worship



Park Lake  
Presbyterian Church  
turns 100 in October 2025!



*We hope you can come help celebrate God's blessings!*



**PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
INVITES YOU TO  
AN EVENING TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS!**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025**

**INVITATION TO FOLLOW**

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL IN MARCH**

As part of Park Lake's 100th Anniversary Celebration, there was an ice cream social held in the small parking lot of the north end of Struble Hall. Our own Andy Cale provided music and there was a magician and carnival games for entertainment. The weather was beautiful and it was a great afternoon with family and friends. Thank you to everyone who came!



If you would like to help with any of the Events celebrating Park Lake's Centennial, please contact co-chairs, Erin Cook at [erincook987@gmail.com](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com) or Susan Gantt, [sgantt2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sgantt2@cfl.rr.com).

## 100 HOURS OF SERVICE IN MAY

### *A Century of Community in Christ*

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 4:10-11*

As we continue our yearlong Centennial Celebration at Park Lake Presbyterian Church, we look forward to May when we will focus on 100 Hours of Service. Our goal is to weave mission work – always an important part of Park Lake's ministry – into our anniversary observance, involving as many from our congregation as possible. Please sign up for one or more of our outreach events and suggest additional opportunities. You can also share other outreach ideas with Leesa at [leesabainbridge1@gmail.com](mailto:leesabainbridge1@gmail.com) or 407-230-2723.



**No Child Hungry Meal-Packing Event. Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Struble Fellowship Hall. Please contact Dawn Neff at [mslavelle1@aol.com](mailto:mslavelle1@aol.com) to sign up.** Please join us in taking action to fight childhood hunger. Come to Struble Fellowship Hall, bring your family, friends or neighbors and help assemble 10,000 meals through No Child Hungry ([nochildhungry.net](http://nochildhungry.net)). This Apopka-based organization has sent meals across the United States and Central America, Ukraine and wherever the greatest need is at the time. We need 24 people to help us assemble the meals most efficiently, so please sign up and join us in this outreach.



**Blessing Bag Assembly. Friday, May 9, 2 p.m. Lucerne Room, Westminster Towers. Please contact Alice Schmidt to sign up at [alicerschmidt@aol.com](mailto:alicerschmidt@aol.com).**

Our Westminster Towers residents will gather to assemble Blessing Bags with water, snacks and more that Park Lakers can hand out to those in need. All the items will be provided. We are also working on a project with Westminster Winter Park. Details to come!



**Zebra Youth Drop-In. Friday, May 9 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please contact Howard Kurtz to sign up at [Howardvincentkurtz@gmail.com](mailto:Howardvincentkurtz@gmail.com).** We will provide refreshments and visit Zebra Youth as they gather for an afternoon movie. We will need 4 people.



**Serve Lunch To Grace Medical Home Staff/Help With Projects. Monday, May 12, Noon to 3 p.m. Please contact Leesa Bainbridge to sign up at [leesabainbridge1@gmail.com](mailto:leesabainbridge1@gmail.com).** This is a workday for Grace Medical Home staff, and we need volunteers to serve lunch and help with some projects around the office.



**Spruce Up Our Church. Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please email Erin Cook for more details and to sign up at [erincook987@gmail.com](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com).** Help spruce up Park Lake for its 100th Birthday! We will do small to moderate projects around the church, both inside and outside. Think digging in the dirt to dusting window sills! Come when you can and wear your cleaning clothes. Bring your own lunch/snacks and water bottle. All ages welcome.

Other projects such as serving lunch at the Christian Service Center are also in the works and we will continue to communicate these opportunities. If you know of someone in the congregation who needs a hand and you can help, perhaps May is the right time to reach out. Just let Leesa Bainbridge know how you served the Lord through these projects.





# Congratulations! Celebrating our Graduates!



### William Abel

William graduated from the University of Florida on December 14, 2024, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with a minor in Professional Selling. William was hired by Brown and Brown Insurance and is a broker in training.



### Eleanor Callahan

Eleanor Callahan graduates with her Master of Health Administration (MHA) degree from the University of South Florida (Tampa) on May 8, 2025. After graduation, Ellie plans to work for a healthcare system in the New York City area, in a management position.



### Jack Sonderman

Jack graduated in May of 2024 from the business school at University of Florida, studying marketing. He is now working in marketing full-time for Frontline Insurance in Lake Mary.



*"The Lord your God is with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9*

## Park Lake's Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 7 through  
Friday, July 11, 2025

9:00 am - 12noon

Ages PreK- 4  
through 5th grade

Music Games Bible Stories  
Science Snacks Crafts

Register online at [plpc.org](http://plpc.org).

### ATTENTION ALL VBS ADULT AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS!

**VBS Volunteer Kick-off Luncheon**  
Sunday, June 1  
after worship

(Struble Fellowship Hall)

Please come to share a meal with the VBS team and learn about the VBS theme "Road Trip: On the Go With God".

### VBS Decorating Prep

(Struble Fellowship Hall)

Wednesdays, May 14, 21, 28  
and June 4, 11

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

(Bring a bag dinner)

All are welcome for fun, fellowship and creativity as we start our VBS decorating prep. No experience necessary, we will be cutting and coloring decorations for VBS.

### DONATION REQUEST FOR VBS CRAFTS and DECORATING!

Please drop off at the church office or give to Carol Bookhardt, [carol-parklake@gmail.com](mailto:carol-parklake@gmail.com) or Anne Vercheski at [avercheski@cfl.rr.com](mailto:avercheski@cfl.rr.com).

- ◆ Empty paper towel rolls
- ◆ Publix paper grocery bags
- ◆ Paper road maps (maps will not be returned)



### Does your Youth need Volunteer hours for school?

Youth Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible school! Youth who are rising 6th graders - 12th grade are welcome.

Go to [plpc.org](http://plpc.org) to find the youth volunteer form to complete and return to the church office, or contact the church office at [carolparklake@gmail.com](mailto:carolparklake@gmail.com)



**CREATED IN GOD’S IMAGE:  
Unpacking Sexism**



Thank you to the Gay/Straight@ParkLake for an evening to talk and learn about Sexism using the framework of [The Central Florida Pledge](#). Thank you to the panel: Rev. Emeshe Asztalos, Chaplain for the Lifeboat Project Ministry to Human Trafficking Victims · Ralphetta Aker McClary, Orange County Public Works Manager · Alex Schelle, Youth Voice, BA in Sociology and member of Park Lake Presbyterian Church · Tiffany Sahaydak, Head Women’s Soccer Coach at UCF. It was an interesting and informative evening. Thank you to those who helped set-up, decorate and helped clean up after the event.



**Deacon Ministry**

**INVITATION FROM YOUR DEACONS  
To Memorial Services/Funerals**

The Deacons of Park Lake invite you to the Celebrations of Life of Park Lake members who have been received into their heavenly place with God. We wish to support those who are grieving with our presence at the memorial service/funeral of their loved one, whether we knew them or not. In doing so, we continue to support their families as we have prayed for them during their illness and during their life. As a community in Christ, we support one another, in life and in death. Our belief in the resurrection to life everlasting and the assurance of the communion of the saints gives us hope that we can share with those who mourn. Information on the Celebrations of Life will be communicated to the congregation, or you may ask a Deacon. Thank you for caring for one another.

**CENTRAL FLORIDA  
IN THE 1920’s**

In March, guest speaker, Rachel Williams, Historian, at the Orange County Regional History Center, shared with us an interesting presentation “Central Florida in the 1920’s “. We had over 100 in attendance and enjoyed a variety of salads for lunch. Thank you to all who organized the food, set-up, decorated, cleaned up and arranged for our guest speaker.



If you would like to help with any of the Events celebrating Park Lake’s centennial, please contact co-chairs, Erin Cook at [erincook987@gmail.com](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com) or Susan Gantt, [sgantt2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sgantt2@cfl.rr.com).

**June 2025 MISSION TRIP TO  
PERU - has been postponed  
until June 2026**

The 2025 mission trip to Peru has been postponed until June 2026 due to an unforeseen family crisis. Information about this trip will be forthcoming in a few months. Leader/Coordinator, Barbara Sayles, CFP Staff



**FOOD COLLECTION for  
WASHINGTON SHORES  
PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY**

Please bring non-perishable donations to the West transept entrance of the Sanctuary on Sundays before or after worship.





**ART EXHIBITS AT FAVO  
(FAITH ARTS VILLAGE ORLANDO)  
FIRST FRIDAYS AND FIRST SATURDAYS  
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
FRIDAY, MAY 2 AND SATURDAY, MAY 3  
FRIDAY, JUNE 6 AND SATURDAY, JUNE 7**

*Come stroll through the artist studios, kids art activity table, listen to live music and enjoy a relaxing evening with friends.*

**THE POTTER'S HAND  
Combining Art and Faith**



Look for upcoming workshops in the bulletin announcements and Park Lake Up2date weekly emails. Contact Helen DeBevoise at [helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com) to participate.

The **GAYSTRAIGHT@PARK LAKE group** invites their friends and allies to our monthly luncheon at Panera Bread, 3643 East Colonial Drive, in the Orlando Fashion Square Mall. This event is a ten-minute drive from the church. The next two meetings will be **Sundays, May 18 and June 15, 12:30-1:30 pm**. We hope to see you there! For more information, please email John Jenkins at [gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com](mailto:gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com).



**PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB  
10:00 am  
Downstairs Koinonia Room,  
Sanctuary Building.**

- **Thursday, May 22**, we will discuss "Be Ready When the Luck Happens", by Ina Garten.
- **Thursday, June 26**, our book will be "Longbourn", by Jo Baker.

For more information, email Sherry Riley, [shera27@gmail.com](mailto:shera27@gmail.com).

**MAY**

**Anniversaries**

- 01 Esther & David Gaboriault
- 05 Elaine & Ted Szymankiewicz
- 07 Betty & Forrest Cheek
- 11 Susan & Vern Boatman
- 16 Nancy & John DiSalvo
- 26 Shijia & Matthew Barnabee

**Birthdays**

- 01 Noah Krasno
- 02 Cassandra Mask
- 02 Elizabeth Siwica
- 03 Matthew Wood
- 03 Shijia Barnabee
- 05 Juanita Borysewich
- 05 Warren Foley
- 05 Afuah Baadu
- 06 John Franklin
- 06 Samantha Gabrielson
- 07 Chris Stalder
- 07 Catherine Johnson
- 09 Clay Elliott
- 11 Karen Lowdermilk
- 12 Ann Wallace
- 12 Matt Cook
- 12 Carly Wray
- 12 Mila Jones
- 14 Shawn Moloney
- 15 David VanBrackle
- 15 Kurt Hanus
- 15 Britton Bertram
- 19 Dennis Salmon
- 20 Harry Carls
- 20 Victoria Vargas
- 21 Jeremy Boitano
- 22 Susan Kaney
- 23 James Peasah
- 23 Helen DeBevoise
- 27 Jill Schubert
- 28 Evie Park
- 28 Rose Jones



**JUNE**

**Anniversaries**

- 04 Eleanor and Ron Hummert
- 06 Sandra and Raymond Burriss
- 13 Meredith and Brett Hampton
- 15 Judy and Stix Cook
- 19 Sandy and Jim Bogner
- 19 Susan and Edmund Gantt
- 20 Barbara and David Kaminsky
- 21 Jo and John Patterson
- 22 Helen and Dan DeBevoise
- 23 Katherine and Glynn Kelley
- 25 Linda and David Simmons
- 26 Katelyn and Zach Monahan
- 27 Nancy and Walk Jones

**Birthdays**

- 01 Emily Duffy
- 01 Katelyn Monahan
- 01 Logan Loucks
- 03 Carol Fisher
- 04 Brett Hampton
- 05 Mark Sonderman
- 06 Marian Price
- 09 Susan Boatman
- 10 Katherine Gore
- 12 Tom Price
- 17 Aaron Hull
- 18 Vicki Daley
- 18 Richmond Darko
- 18 Dan Wray
- 20 Patti Denniston
- 21 John Gardepe
- 23 Peggy Nicoll
- 24 Jane Roney
- 24 Jim Craner
- 26 Walk Jones
- 29 Rich Siwica



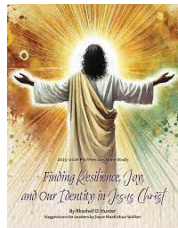
**Congratulations to Linda Shrieves** the 2024-2025 PW Life Time award recipient, presented by the 2022-2023 recipient, Vicky Nicoll (for Barbara Martin, 2023-2024 recipient) before worship on Sunday, April 27, 2025.



See you on **Sunday, May 4** at the Park Lake 2025 Annual Presbyterian Women Birthday Luncheon and Birthday Offering. After worship in Struble Fellowship Hall.

**All are welcome!**

Give or learn more about the Birthday Offering by visiting [presbyterianwomen.org/birthday](http://presbyterianwomen.org/birthday).



**The 2025–2026 PW/Horizons Bible study**

***Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ***  
By Rhashell D. Hunter

In this Bible study, we will explore resilience. This is modeled for us by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers, as well as Jesus. So, what exactly is resilience? Resilience is the ability to spring back into shape and to adapt well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or stress—such as from family, relationships, health, workplace, and financial stressors. People who survive and thrive well in change are resilient. The Bible study is also about joy. How do we find joy in a chaotic world? Christian joy may be different from how a lot of people define joy.

*Gifts Given in Memory of  
Carol Popejoy Wilson  
By*

*Rick & Karen Sparkman*

*Merwin Henning*

*Cecil & Carol Moore*

*Beverly Phillips*

*J.M. Wilson*

*William & Charlotte Sampson*

*RL & Bonnie McIntosh*

*Rosalind Club - Hand & Foot Group*

**PW BIBLE STUDY WRAP-UP GATHERING,**  
**Tuesday, June 3, 11:00 am**  
**Westminster Towers**  
**70 W. Lucerne Circle, Orlando**

All PW Circles are invited to attend. Helen DeBevoise will lead the wrap-up and review of the **2024-2025 PW/Horizons Bible Study, Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation, By Patricia K. Tull.** Carpooling is recommended because of limited parking. If you plan on attending, please **R.S.V.P. to Jane Callahan at [jcallahan@deanmead.com](mailto:jcallahan@deanmead.com).**

**PW Circle Members** and those interested in participating in a PW Bible Study Circle, please contact a Circle Representative or go to: [plpc.org](http://plpc.org) for more information.



Circle meetings are on the first Monday, or first Tuesday of each month from September—May.

- ◆ **Dorcas: Monday, May 5**  
**1:30 pm, Parlor**  
**Circle Representative**  
Anne Gardepe, [annegard64@gmail.com](mailto:annegard64@gmail.com)  
**Bible Moderator**  
Sandy Bogner, [sandybogner@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sandybogner@cfl.rr.com)
- ◆ **Sarah: Monday, May 5**  
**2:00 pm, Town Center at Westminster Towers Orlando**  
**Circle Representative & Bible Moderator**  
Marian Price, [marian@tompricearchitects.com](mailto:marian@tompricearchitects.com)
- ◆ **Joanna: Monday, May 5**  
**7:00 pm, Parlor**  
**Circle Representative**  
Sherry Riley, [sheray27@gmail.com](mailto:sheray27@gmail.com)  
**Bible Moderator**  
Helen DeBevoise, [helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com)
- ◆ **Esther: Tuesday, May 6**  
**6:30 pm, at the home of Anne Vercheski**  
**Circle Representative**  
Erin Cook, [erincook987@gmail.com](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com)  
**Bible Moderator**  
Anne Vercheski, [avercheski@cfl.rr.com](mailto:avercheski@cfl.rr.com)


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 **BREAD** FOR THE WORLD It is a tradition at Park Lake Presbyterian Church to support the Bread for the World letter-writing campaign that comes around this time each year.

We reach out to our Congressional delegation to encourage positive action for legislation that aims to reduce hunger in our country and world. As funding cuts have recently decimated global aid programs, this action has never been more important. The goal is to improve food security by asking our legislators to protect, restore and secure funding for a wide range of nutrition programs such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and WIC (a nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children).

We will be sharing sample letters and more information in the coming weeks.

Please plan to join us on May 25 for a combined Sunday School class at 9 a.m. in Struble Hall. Mariam Mengistie of Bread for the World will speak about the initiative and provide guidance and letter-writing materials. June 1 is Letter-Writing Sunday, and we will provide an opportunity to write during Sunday School or to take materials home to write there.

Look for more information in upcoming bulletins and the Park Lake Up2date weekly email.

Visit Park Lake's Little Free Library, take a book and leave a book!



Located at the Education building entrance off of Highland.