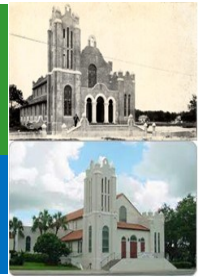




Worship and Work

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



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Park Lake is officially turning 100 years old on October 11, 2025 and We Are Celebrating!

The 100-Year Celebration Task Force, as I like to call us, had our first meeting back in December 2023 and one of the first things we were tasked with was figuring out a theme for the celebration. Well, that led us down many rabbit holes but turning to scripture finally gave us our answer, as it often tends to do.

Ephesians 2:19-22

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

As a church that has stood at the corner of a very busy intersection for ONE HUNDRED YEARS, we are visible not only through our beautiful tower and stained glass windows, but also visible in how Park Lakers of all ages celebrated the last year leading up to this October's celebration! We ate ice cream together and packed meals for No Child Hungry. We broke out the cleaning supplies and spruced up Park Lake and helped Grace Medical with some spring cleaning. Many blessing bags were made, we brought pizza to the youth at Zebra Coalition and we continue to share our time and resources at the Christian Service Center. We have built and continue to build a community with Jesus as our cornerstone.

Thank you all for being Park Lakers and celebrating with us!

Erin Cook, Co-Chair 100 Year Celebration Task Force

PARK LAKE'S 100th ANNIVERSARY Upcoming Events

- ♦ **Sunday, September 7, after worship**
"Park Lake Trivia", Fellowship Luncheon
(Struble Fellowship Hall)

- ♦ **Wednesday, October 8**
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
100th Anniversary Art Show
Open House (Sanctuary)

- ♦ **Sunday, October 12, after worship**
Celebration Worship Service
(Sanctuary)
and
Celebration Reception - after worship
(Struble Fellowship Hall)

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



**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 5, 2025**

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2025 PARK LAKE STEWARDSHIP
"A Second Century of Community in Christ"

Stewardship Dedication Sunday is November 16.

2026 Stewardship pledge cards information and materials will be distributed in **October**.



2025 SESSION / DEACONS

Class of 2025: Jim Bogner, Erin Cook, and Susan Gantt, Linda Shrieves.

Class of 2026: Mackenzie Bertram, Alice Fortunato, Aaron Hull, Vicky Nicoll.

Class of 2027: John Jenkins, Nancy Jones, Doug Lawton, Sue Thompson.

Clerk of Session: Linda Shrieves

Treasurer: John Rogers

DEACONS (Class of 2026)

John Hunter, Barbara Martin, Cindy Schmidt

DEACONS (Class of 2025)

Angela Chesser, Billie Jo Elliott, Anne Vercheski



FROM THE DEACONS' DESK

As you may or may not know, Park Lake has a robust email prayer chain. Dr. Helen emails the congregations' prayers as requested and includes a beautiful Spirit-filled prayer.



The Deacons of Park Lake invite you to become a link in the email prayer chain. If you already participate, wonderful!

The Deacons would also like to suggest, in addition to praying, emailing, texting or calling those who have asked for prayer. This extra step lets folks know that you are praying for them and forges a stronger connection/link in our community of faith.

Please contact Pastor Helen Helenparklake@gmail.com to be included in the prayer chain.



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE
PARK LAKE FAMILY
TRUNK OR TREAT**



Date: Saturday, October 25

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Where: Park Lake Parking lot

**Who: Children (ages infant to 5th grade)
Families and Friends of Park Lake!**

*Children are welcome to wear their
non-scary costumes!*

**Candy, allergy free treats, non-food treats,
crafts and games!**

The Park Lake Flower Guild would like to give a special thank you to Teresa Eddy for cleaning and organizing our flower supply closet (twice) and arranging for carpenter Clint Armstrong to repair and reinforce the shelves in the flower supply closet. After an unfortunate "collapse" of the top shelf, the mess was cleaned-up and new shelves



were installed. Several vases were broken, but we have plenty of containers now from donations. Thank you to those who donated vases. Thank you to Scott Peterson for providing the wood and supplies for the new shelves.

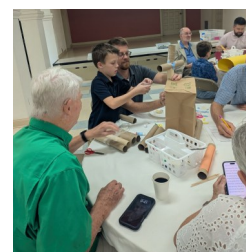
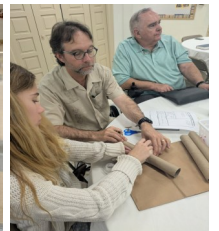


**RALLY DAY RECAP:
"BUILDING A CHURCH"**

Park Lake's Sunday School classes enjoyed a lively, multigenerational Rally Day on Sunday, August 24. We discussed what it took to build a church - to start from scratch, using God commandments to bring love to everyone.

We had 7 different teams each coming up with a plan, mission statement, scripture and physical building for their church. Churches were named: Outreach, God's Hands, Church, The Joyful Hope, Soul Repair, Fellowship and Light of the World/Rowdy Angels. These new churches created mission statements of sustainability, gardens, growing vegetables and fruits, raising honeybees, meeting people where they were - in rehab, on the streets, orphaned, immigrants, seeking Christ with Joy. Many of the church buildings were open air, no walls, welcoming all of God's creatures, shaped with a sure foundation of a triangle - the trinity.

Thank you to everyone who came and built a place of Worship together. Thank you for those who brought breakfast foods, helped set-up and cleaned up.



Each group of all ages worked together with creativity and thoughtfulness.

Park Lake High School Youth shared Montreat Youth Retreat memories.



5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Sunday, September 7 and Sunday, October 5

Each month, Park Lake participates in an offering to support the **Presbyterians' Answer to Hunger Program (PATH)**. The offering is collected on the 1st Sunday of each month on Communion Sundays, as a reminder that as we have been fed at the Lord's table we are called to feed others. **To learn more about 5 Cents a meal go to: cfpresbytery.org**



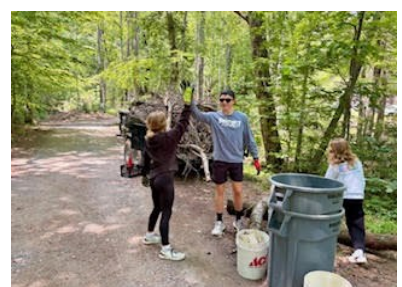
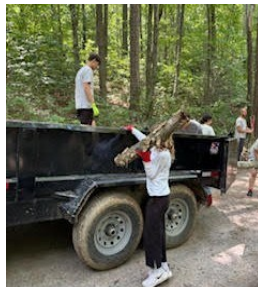
Thank you from the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families. In June, when our senior high and some middlers attended the Montreat Youth Conference, we took our "free afternoon" on Wednesday to go into Swannanoa to help with mission work. The Black Mountain Home for Children has been in existence for over 120 years.

In the Fall 2024, Hurricane Helene left that area devastated from rains and flooding. Many cabins and roads at the Children's Home were washed out. Our Park Lake youth spent the afternoon dragging brush and limbs to help clear sections of roadways. We were so proud of their amazing energy and enthusiasm for such a big task! There is much work still to be done, but with help from volunteer groups, the Home will be restored to its previous beauty.

From the Home to our group: "Thank you for having a heart for our children, many of whom have faced hardships that are too challenging to imagine. Your willingness to serve helps them have a safe home where they can begin to heal, grow, and find hope for a better future."

Go to www.blackmountainhome.org to read more about the Black Mountain Home for Children and Families.

Park Lake Youth and Leaders Volunteering at Black Mountain Home for Children and Families: Tatumn, Jensen, Campbell and Piper Bertram Connolly, Aaron Sanchez, Daetwyler Bertram, Ali Walker, Grayson Trauger, Pastor Helen DeBevoise and Mackenzie Bertram.



- **Have you recently moved?**
 - **Do we have your updated mailing address?**
- Please check your address in the online Church Directory to update your mailing address and contact information. Go to [Instant Church Directory.com](http://InstantChurchDirectory.com)**

**GAYSTRAIGHT@PARK LAKE
UPCOMING EVENT
Saturday, October 18**



GAYSTRAIGHT@PARK LAKE will have two booths at the **2025 Orlando PRIDE Festival** on **Saturday, October 18th**.

This is an 8-hour event, many volunteers are needed to fully staff two booths this year. During this day, we speak with many people, distribute business cards with PLPC information and a reminder that God loves everyone, share rainbow colored bracelets with the church's name and website imprinted.

The second booth will be for the Blessing of the Pets. Please consider joining others in a fun and invigorating celebration.



Look for upcoming details on the volunteer schedule and how to volunteer at the end of September in the Park Lake Up2date and Sunday bulletins. For more information, please email John Jenkins at GayStraight@ParkLake@gmail.com.

All are welcome!

For more information about the Pride Festival, go to <https://comeoutwithpride.org/>



2022 Pride Festival booth volunteers.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER ANNUAL
AWARDS BANQUET**



The Christian Service Center's Awards and Annual Breakfast will be on **Friday, October 10th** at First Baptist Church in Faith Hall (3000 South John Young Pkwy Orlando, FL 32805) at **8:15-10:00am**. This annual event is the primary fundraising event for the Christian Service Center for the Homeless.

Park Lake's two CSC Board members, Leesa Bainbridge and John Bowers, invite PLPC members, friends of PLPC members, acquaintances of PLPC members, everyone really, to come for the breakfast, the awards, and to hear a meaningful story or three from our fellow citizens who have been rescued from homelessness thanks to the Center.

If you would like to attend the Awards and Annual Breakfast on Friday, **October 10** please contact John Bowers at johnbowers4@cfl.rr.com or Leesa Bainbridge leesabainbridge1@gmail.com



On Wednesday August 20, the Christian Service Center introduced the new 407 Connect program, designed to expand emergency sleeping capacity and connect individuals to permanent housing.

407 Connect will operate two custom-built buses, each equipped with up to 21 climate-controlled sleeping pods, onboard restrooms, and secure storage for personal belongings. At full capacity, the program will offer 42 adults and children a place to rest safely and with dignity each night. Park Lake's generosity makes bold, transformative efforts like this possible. Thank you for helping the Christian Service Center move forward with purpose and faith. Together, we are offering not only a safe place for tonight but hope for tomorrow.



UPCOMING EVENTS

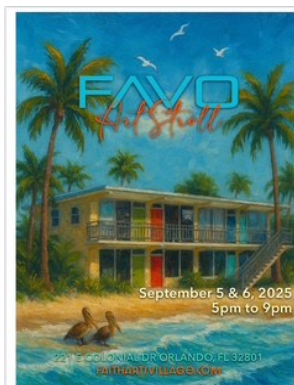


*Come stroll through the artist studios,
listen to live music and enjoy a relaxing
evening with friends.*

ART EXHIBITS AT FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando)

**Friday, September 5 and
Saturday, September 6
and**

**Friday, October 3 and
Saturday, October 4
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**



THE POTTER'S HAND: Combining Art and Faith Wednesday, September 17 6:00 pm

Struble Fellowship Hall

Please contact Helen DeBevoise
at 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 meeting will be **Sunday, September 21, 12:30-
1:30 pm. We will not have a meeting in October
because of our participation in the Pride Festival.**
We hope to see you there! For more information,
please email John Jenkins at [GayStraight@Park
Lake@gmail.com](mailto:GayStraight@ParkLake@gmail.com).



PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

10:00 am

**Downstairs Koinonia Room, Sanctuary
Building.**



Our September 25 book is:

"Blue Marlin" by Lee Smith

Our October 23 book is:

"Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt

For more information please contact Sherry Riley at
sheray27@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER

Anniversaries

- 01 Laura and Shawn Moloney
- 08 Erin and Matt Cook
- 18 Marian and Robert Saxton
- 20 Susan Frith and John Walker
- 22 Anne Vercheski and Dan Johnson

Birthdays

- 03 Marie Butler
- 03 Ruth Fiji
- 04 Justina Aniapam
- 05 Josephine Patterson
- 08 Tucker Hampton
- 09 Barbara Palmer
- 10 Phil Carrington
- 10 Alex Schelle
- 11 Kwabena Aniapam
- 13 Howard Vincent Kurtz
- 16 Ellie Callahan
- 16 Scott Trauger
- 22 Alex Aniapam
- 23 Julie Krasno
- 24 Meg Elvis
- 25 Karen Pinnel
- 26 Larry Fortunato
- 27 Donald Palmer
- 27 Andrea Choquette
- 28 Billie Jo Elliott
- 29 Lauren Poore

OCTOBER

Anniversaries

- 04 Carol and Mike Bookhardt
- 14 Hannah and Grant Patterson
- 17 John Franklin and John Rachev

Birthdays

- 4 Becky Burris
- 4 Linda Eure
- 5 Jody Eure
- 6 Matthew Barnebee
- 7 Elizabeth Giles
- 7 Jolene Brown
- 7 William Arnold
- 11 Bonnie McKnight
- 11 Elizabeth Welker
- 11 Betty Cheek
- 16 Kathy Dowless
- 17 Trevor Foley
- 19 Carolyn Ragans
- 19 Shenley Bertram
- 20 Shamba Warlick
- 20 Veronica Fortunato
- 21 Forrest Cheek
- 21 Susan Frith
- 24 Katherine Kelley
- 25 Christine Stewart
- 25 Janie Black
- 27 James Ingram
- 28 Piper Bertram Connolly
- 30 Eleanor Hummert
- 30 Elizabeth Abel
- 30 Dawn Neff



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF PARK LAKE

PW Circle Members and those interested in participating in a PW Bible Study Circle, please contact a Circle Representative or go to: plpc.org for more information. Circle meetings are on the first Monday, or first Tuesday of each month from September—May.

Esther: Tuesday, September 2
and Tuesday, October 7
6:30 pm, Struble Fellowship Hall
Circle Representative, Erin Cook,
erincook987@gmail.com
Bible Moderator, Anne Vercheski,
avercheski@cfl.rr.com

Sarah: Monday, September 8
and Monday, October 6
2:00 pm, Westminster Towers,
Town Square
Circle Representative and
Bible Moderator, Marian Price,
marian@tompricearchitects.com

Dorcas: Monday, September 8
and Monday, October 6
1:30 pm, Parlor
Circle Representative, Bible Moderator,
Sandy Bogner, sandybogner@cfl.rr.com

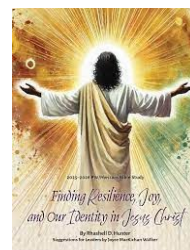
Joanna: Monday, September 8
and Monday, October 6
7:00 pm, Parlor
Circle Representative, Sherry Riley,
sheray27@gmail.com
Bible Moderator Helen DeBevoise,

The 2025–2026 PW/*Horizons Bible Study* *FINDING RESILIENCE, JOY AND OUR IDENTITY IN JESUS CHRIST*



On August 2nd, Jane Callahan and Marian Price attended the Bible Study kick-off for the 2025-2026 study.

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.



Joy is sometimes confused with happiness. For Christians, joy can occur while we are in the midst of difficult circumstances. Joy is the second fruit of the spirit, preceded by love and followed by peace (Gal 5:22-23). Trusting in God when we are in trying times can fill us with glorious joy and peace. We have joy in our suffering, because ultimately our joy is found in Jesus Christ.

We will also seek to rediscover our identity. Identity is more than who we are or who we show ourselves to be. At its core, it points to our humanity. Our core identity is not found in our titles, our positions, our spouses, our partners, or our possessions. For Christians, our identity is found in Jesus Christ.

[From the Introduction to *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*]



SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, December 7, after worship
Struble Fellowship Hall
ESTHER CIRCLE GINGERBREAD BUILD FUNDRAISER
(details to be announced)



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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

At Park Lake, we encourage you to give generously and directly to social service agencies that we support. Go to the websites of these Park Lake's ministry partners to find out how to help.



The Christian Service Center
christianservicecenter.org



Society of St. Andrew
GLEANNING AMERICA'S FIELDS
FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY
EndHunger.org

Society of St. Andrew
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Grace Medical Home
gracemedicalhome.org



United Against Poverty
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