PARKER STREET
MINISTRIES

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Vision

In God's presence and through His love, we are invited into the restoration, reconciliation, and transformation of our lives and the lives of our neighbors and the greater community.

Mission

To participate in the vision of God's love, Parker Street Ministries is committed to Gospel-centered community development beginning in Lakeland's Parker Street neighborhood through the focus areas of:

- Fostering Spiritual Growth so Christ and His Gospel are front and center,
- Supporting Lifetime Learners through educational opportunities,
- Stabilizing the Neighborhood by addressing the quality and availability of housing, and
- Cultivating Connections so gaps in relationships and services are bridged.

Values

Demonstrating Humility
Honoring Truth
Being Present
Affirming Dignity
Committing to Unity

2027 Impact Goals

FOSTERING SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- Incorporate spiritual focus areas into ministry activities, including the education program, emphasizing prayer, Bible reading, Scripture memorization, peacemaking, respect, and racial reconciliation
- Feature Gospel element at all neighborhood events
- Develop Kingdom-focused relationships through personal and small group interactions, and partner with churches eager to strengthen their connection with Parker Street Ministries and our families
- Invite others to pray regularly for the ministry and neighborhood families, especially as specific needs arise

SUPPORTING LIFETIME LEARNERS

- Serve K-8 students year-round through the Academic Enrichment Program, providing safe after-school and summer care that includes:
  - Homework help, tutoring, and individualized learning plans
  - Enrichment activities such as art, cooking, self-directed learning, physical fitness, and educational field trips
  - Emotional regulation curriculum and techniques
  - Advocacy with teachers, guidance counselors, and school administration on behalf of students and families
- Strengthen year-round support for high school students through academic goal setting, grade improvement, and exploration of career and educational pathways, particularly by expanding hands-on opportunities through the career studio pods introduced last year to help students discover and develop their interests
- Run the Workforce Lab summer program for rising ninth and tenth graders, equipping them with durable job skills, financial capability practices, volunteer service opportunities, and more
- Offer internships and individualized next-step coaching for older high school students and young adults from the neighborhood
- Supply neighborhood kids with uniforms, backpacks, and school essentials before school starts in the fall

STABILIZING THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- Increase the number of rental properties in the Parker Street and North Lake Wire neighborhoods
- Provide quality property management and a rental experience that raises expectations while developing new programs for homesteaded property owners in partnership with the Housing Initiative
- Creating opportunities for the Care Coordinator to grow relationships with residents and community partners while helping residents navigate resources, access services, and maintain housing stability

CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS

- Collaborate with community partners on behalf of Parker Street and North Lake Wire neighborhoods, connecting residents to resources
- Facilitate opportunities for others to learn about neighborhood needs and respond accordingly
- Encourage volunteer involvement among neighbors and community
- Celebrate people through fun neighborhood gatherings that emphasize listening and gratitude
- Give the gift of giving through the Neighborhood Christmas Store
- Utilize the Gathering Place as a hub for ministry, relationship-building, and connection, bringing together Parker Street and North Lake Wire neighbors, PSM staff, churches, and the broader Lakeland community





