



A NIGHT OF SPIRIT-LED INNOVATION

Thursday, June 6

Every year at Annual Conference, we learn about and celebrate the exciting missional movements happening across our state: from Fresh Expressions to MLAB, from Generative Leader Academies to Dinner Church. This year you can **experience these innovative ways of being the Church** right here in Lakeland!

After our plenary session concludes at 5:30 p.m. on **Thursday, June 6**, we're breaking out all over town to immerse ourselves in some of the most innovative movements happening in our connection, and we hope you will experience at least one of these inspiring sessions.

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A banner image showing a top-down view of a dining table with various dishes, including a salad, bread, and a bowl of food. Hands are visible reaching for the food. The text "DINNER CHURCH & HANDS-ON CHURCH SESSIONS" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font, with "6:00-7:30PM" below it.

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6:00-7:30PM

All sessions will include dinner. Cost to attend each session: \$5.00 for adults, no cost for youth or children.

Our Dinner Church Initiative is launching 55 new worshipping communities in Florida in 2019. At any Dinner Church, you will meet new friends and engaging deep topics of faith over a meal. Yet, every single one of them is unique to their own context and the specific community it serves. In the same way, four unique Dinner Church teams are bringing their ministry to you on Thursday night of Annual Conference! We hope you will choose a Dinner Church gathering that is similar to the community that you serve or hope to reach soon.

Eat, Pray, Love

Host: Grace Church

Location: Florida Southern College, Thrift Alumni Room

Eat, Pray, Love takes place at a community center in the second-largest trailer park in the United States. People come together here to share life, a hearty meal and a story of Jesus. Now in its third year, Eat, Pray, Love has become "church" for dozens of residents of this blighted community where lost and lonely people are finding hope, friendship and exploring discipleship together.

Taste of Grace

Host: Wildwood UMC

Location: Florida Southern College, Ordway

Taste of Grace is served every Wednesday evening directly after Bible study. Dinner comes with a smile, dinner music and a Jesus story. This is a community gathering where people from all spaces, places and backgrounds can gather together and enjoy the food and fellowship. All are welcome at the table!

Mosaic Palm Bay

Location: First UMC Lakeland, 201A

Mosaic Palm Bay is a new church start utilizing a meal-based, Eucharistic format for its primary worship gathering. Mosaic meets in the Fellowship Hall of a former United Methodist Church in a low-income area of Palm Bay. Brunch Church is offered every Sunday morning featuring a hot, nutritious brunch and conversation followed by worship which includes music, liturgy, the arts, a participatory sermon and communion. The table is our central metaphor, and hospitality is our central practice.

Open Table

Host: by Belleview UMC

Location: First UMC Lakeland, Fellowship Hall

The Open Table Dinner Church celebrated its second anniversary this spring! Our guests are welcomed to long tables with royal blue tablecloths, beautiful china, silverware and candlelight. A guitarist sings and plays worship music in the background during dinner, we have prayer requests and prayer, a short worship chorus, then a relevant Bible-based message.

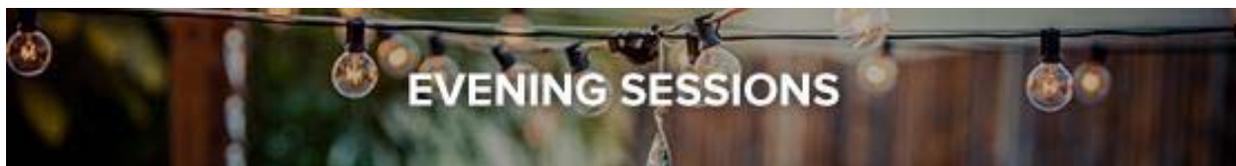
Hands-On Church

Host: Grace Church

Location: First UMC Lakeland, Gym

Hands-On Church is a hands-on, interactive family church experience that includes a meal, music, a Bible story and all kinds of messy fun for all ages.

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After dinner, our evening sessions will give you multiple opportunities to experience Pints & Parables, Yoga Luna and Tattoo Parlor Church — three of our thriving Fresh Expressions. Put yourself in the shoes of a newcomer and see how you might encounter God in a new place, in a new way.

Designing Innovation Reception with Jason & Hillary DeMeo

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: Curio Haus – 1204 Rolling Woods Lane, Lakeland FL 33813

From pioneers just starting out to senior leadership wanting to create a culture of innovation in your congregations, the We Are Curio team can help innovation thrive in your work. Join us for an evening of collaborative networking, brainstorming and discussion around innovation within your context.

Pints & Parables

Various times

Location: Cob & Pen, The Pink Room – 1221 Florida Ave S, Lakeland, FL 33803

Pints & Parables brings people from all walks of life and faith backgrounds into spiritual conversations over a drink. Meeting in bars, restaurants and breweries in multiple locations around our state, Pints & Parables explores open-ended stories like the parables of Jesus, fables, poetry, fairy tales, indigenous myths and spiritual lessons from other traditions. Try Lectio Divina in a whole new way with us tonight!

Below are the four Pints & Parables sessions being offered:

8:00–9:00 p.m. | The Pink Room

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**Please feel no pressure to drink alcohol at this event. While the bar is open, we always have participants and leaders who remain sober throughout the event.*

Yoga Luna

Time: 8:30–9:30 p.m.

Location: Cob & Pen Yard – *1221 Florida Ave S, Lakeland, FL 33803*

Join us for an hour long Outdoor Yoga Service — connect body, mind, and spirit in prayer, meditation, and movement! Our certified instructor, Sara Humbert, is excited to guide this moderately-intense yoga flow and share this unique Fresh Expression with you. Limited mats and props will be available.

Tattoo Parlor Church

Time: 7:30–9:00p.m.

Location: Atomic Tattoos – *2405 Florida Ave S, Lakeland, FL 33803*

Join us as we study the Bible, partake of communion, engage in spiritual conversations and get fresh faith-based ink. All are welcome, tattooed or not! If you plan to get a tattoo at this session, please send all art in advance to Michael Beck (reverendwild1@gmail.com). This session has a maximum registration of 20 people.

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