

*Free* FOR EVER

The image features the text "Free FOR EVER" on a grey background. The word "Free" is written in a white, elegant cursive font. The words "FOR" and "EVER" are rendered in large, bold, blue block letters. The interior of these letters is filled with a bright blue sky and numerous small, dark birds in flight, creating a sense of freedom and movement. The overall composition is clean and modern.

**Fully Participating Membership 2018:** If you are a Fully Participating Member, you do not need to re-sign your card this year but please take a moment to reflect on the **Surrender Together Love** values. If you'd like a copy of these values, they are available at the Kiosk. If you have any exceptions from your prior vows and would like to discuss this with a pastor, email Kelly Johnston at: [kellyj@lakelandcommunity.org](mailto:kellyj@lakelandcommunity.org) and Kelly will set up a meeting time with a pastor.

**The Clearing's Compass Milestone:** This milestone is for 8th grade students and their parents. Class content covers transitioning from the Trailhead to the Clearing high school ministry, a preview of Clearing activities and so much more. Siblings are included in lunch numbers but can hang out in the mezzanine while we meet. Join us for this Milestone lunch on Sunday, May 6 from 12-1:45p.m in the youth room. Sign up through forms via the APP or Lakeland Connect. Contact Twila Lahey with any questions at: [twilal@lakelandcommunity.org](mailto:twilal@lakelandcommunity.org)

**Welcome to Trailhead Informational Meeting:** Current 4th graders will be moving up to the Trailhead middle school ministry soon. These students and their parents are invited to a breakfast meeting in the youth room on Sunday, May 13 from 9a.m.-10:15a.m for a tour of the youth space and transition information. RSVP to Twila Lahey at: [twilal@lakelandcommunity.org](mailto:twilal@lakelandcommunity.org)

**Graduating Seniors:** Senior Recognition is happening on May 20th during both services. All graduating seniors should contact Twila Lahey at [twilal@lakelandcommunity.org](mailto:twilal@lakelandcommunity.org) in order to be recognized on this day.

**Guy Movie Night:** Join the guys of Lakeland for "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" and popcorn on Monday, May 14 at 7:30p.m in the upper room. Contact Josh Ward with questions at: [jj.ward@yahoo.com](mailto:jj.ward@yahoo.com)

**At the Well Women's Ministry:** Ladies, consider joining us for dinner on Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30p.m.at Spin Pizza and then choose the ending of your night: go to a movie, a nearby home for games or out for dessert. Contact Crystal Belt with questions at: [crystalbelt@gmail.com](mailto:crystalbelt@gmail.com)

**Welcome New Baby:** Colin and Kristi Park welcomed their third son, Beckham Everett Park on March 30. He was 7.5 pounds and 19 inches long. We praise God for this new baby!

**Pentecost Celebration:** Join us for Pentecost Sunday on May 20. We will be receiving new Fully Participating Members and having a church potluck after second service. The main dish will be provided. Please see the table in the lobby to sign up to bring side dishes and desserts. Contact Ashley Lahey with questions at: [ashleyl@lakelandcommunity.org](mailto:ashleyl@lakelandcommunity.org)

**Pilgrimage Opportunity:** There will be a 30 minute informational meeting coming up (date TBD) to discuss an opportunity to serve in Harmons, Jamaica through Won by One for a week long pilgrimage October 21-28. Contact Crystal Belt with questions at: [crystal-belt@gmail.com](mailto:crystal-belt@gmail.com)

**Lakeland Community Financial Update:**

\$15,956 Jan-Mar average weekly giving

\$17,281 Average weekly giving needed to meet 2018 budget

(\$10,620) Projected Budget Shortfall at Current Pace

**Ministry highlights for April, May, and June:** Finding Financial Freedom Series, Exploring Difficult Questions Sunday, Confirmation Middle School Milestone, The Journey Milestone for High School Upperclassmen, receiving new Fully Participating Members, The Colorado High School Missions Trip, preparing for Baptism and much more! We are proud of our generous congregation.

**May 6**— Does knowledge in science make it harder to believe in God? On this Sunday, Pastor Garrett (once a high school biology teacher) takes us on a strange journey through zoological wonders that lead us to the doorstep of the Creator God.

**May 13 and 20**—Pastor Dan preaching

**May 27**— You submitted dozens of questions regarding LGBTQ+ and the Christian faith. We will be addressing those questions on Thursday nights May 31, June 7, 21 and 28. This Sunday morning message is an introduction to that discussion.

**June 3**— Baptism is one of those things that Christians are clearly excited about—so excited in fact, that you may be afraid to ask, “Why? What’s the big deal?” This message is for anyone who’s ever wondered, “What’s the big deal with being baptized?”

**INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY AND  
SERMON PREPARATION**  
*Finding Financial Freedom*  
*Never Go Back*

## Bible Passages

**Numbers 14:1-4** NLT **Numbers 14:1** Then the whole community began weeping aloud, and they cried all night. <sup>2</sup> Their voices rose in a great chorus of protest against Moses and Aaron. "If only we had died in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness!" they complained. <sup>3</sup> "Why is the LORD taking us to this country only to have us die in battle? Our wives and our little ones will be carried off as plunder! Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Egypt?" <sup>4</sup> Then they plotted among themselves, "Let's choose a new leader and go back to Egypt!"

**Luke 11:24-26** <sup>24</sup> "When an evil<sup>1</sup> spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, searching for rest. But when it finds none, it says, 'I will return to the person I came from.'<sup>25</sup> So it returns and finds that its former home is all swept and in order. <sup>26</sup> Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before."

**Luke 12:15-21** ... "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a story: "A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. <sup>17</sup> He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.'<sup>18</sup> Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. <sup>19</sup> And I'll sit back and say to myself, 'My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!' "<sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?' "<sup>21</sup> "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God."

**Proverbs 13:20** <sup>20</sup> Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

# **Financial Danger Zones**

***Success Itself***

***Depression***

***Friends in High (or Low) Places***

***Time***

***Envy***

# Survival Techniques

***COMMUNITY***

***RECLARIFY VALUES OFTEN***

***PRAYER – ONLY GOD CAN GUIDE YOU***