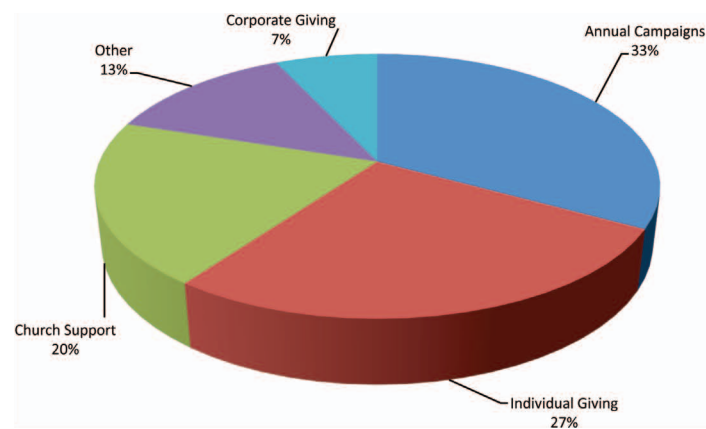


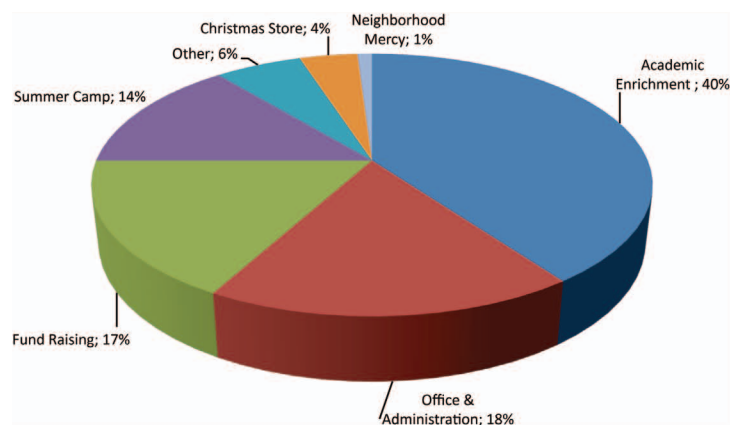
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2008 Income & Expenses

Ministry Income



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Mission Statement

Parker Street Ministries is a Christ-centered non-profit organization committed to individual, family and community restoration, reconciliation and revitalization in Lakeland's Parker Street Community.



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 and moved into our
 Neighborhood"

Parker Street Ministries



Parker Street Ministries staff pictured from left to right:
 Office Administrator Brittany Jackson, Support Staff Travis Jones,
 Support Staff Ben Turner, Education Program Director Christina Allen,
 Executive Director Tim Mitchell with wife Christy,
 Development Assistant Francine Previte.

Parker Street Ministries Welcome Letter

Dear Supporters & Friends:

God certainly was alive and active in our 12th year of ministering to the Parker Street neighborhood of Lakeland! His faithfulness continues to be remarkable as we seek to restore, reconcile and revitalize a Christian world- and life-view in this community in our very own downtown.

Financial investments in our market economy are certainly at extreme lows. However we are ever grateful to those of you who have continued to invest in God's economy through Parker Street as we seek to turn new hearts toward Jesus Christ. These certainly are investments with everlasting endurance, as seen by the fact that in 2008 we were able to sustain programs that benefited more than 200 children and their families.

We are excited to have started the process of redesigning our www.parkerstreetministries.org Web site with a focus on making this a more valuable resource for information about our ministry with on-line giving capabilities and more information for volunteers and donors. This Web site will be up and running by the summer of 2009.

The neighborhood missionaries that live in the Parker Street community are a vital part of our vision. Five families, including staff, live among the neighbors to whom we minister and participate in community life through the community dinners and small group Bible studies. In 2008 we launched four Bible studies for adults and teens, which continue to function actively with neighborhood participation and support. This is just another way that we are able to show the love of Christ at an individual level.

Our annual fundraiser - Live|Laugh|Love - was held in the spring of 2008. More than 400 attended a great evening of laughing and fellowship. This brought in \$90,000 toward our operating needs for the programs outlined in this report.

Thank you from all of us to those of you who have invested your prayers, money, time and energy to the mission of Parker Street Ministries in 2008.

To His glory,

Tracy Wilson
Board President

Tim Mitchell
Executive Director



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Mission & History

Parker Street Ministries, Inc. (PSM) is a Christ-centered, nonprofit [501(c)(3)] organization committed to individual, family and community restoration, reconciliation and revitalization in Lakeland's Parker Street community. The Parker Street neighborhood is defined by Memorial Boulevard to the north and the in-town bypass to the south. It extends east from Massachusetts Avenue to roughly the Lake Parker Avenue area.

For 12 years, PSM has ministered to this complex, transient and compact neighborhood plagued by a high-crime rate, violence, drug use and prostitution. What began as Parker Street Project became Parker Street Ministries, Inc. in 2001, and in 2002 Tim Mitchell assumed the position of Executive Director. Tim leads a dedicated staff that includes an office administrator, development assistant, education program coordinator and two support staff members. Tim and his family (wife Christy and son James), along with other Parker Street staff and supporters, have chosen to live in this inner-city neighborhood in an effort to seek transformation from the inside out.

Parker Street Ministries, Inc. believes that community development requires spiritual development and thus aspires to change lives daily through their Christ-centered mercy ministry. With the prayer and financial support of individuals, churches and corporations, PSM designs and develops programs to meet the needs of the community. A Board of Trustees consisting of 15 local businessmen/women and community leaders, as well as an Advisory Board of seven, volunteer their time to oversee ministry administration and govern the operating budget.

Through generous community support and the combined efforts of Parker Street Ministries' staff, boards and volunteers, more than 200 children and their families have benefited from the 2008 PSM programs."



Academic Enrichment Program (AEP)

The Academic Enrichment Program (AEP) is a volunteer-supported program and consists of homework help, small group learning activities, one-on-one mentoring, supplemental and basic skills education and Bible study. The students in this program have the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities and club time with fun activities on Friday afternoons. This program operates Monday - Friday afternoons during the school year. In 2008, for the first time in AEP history, all 30 children enrolled in the program passed to the next grade level at the end of the school year.

Christmas Store

The Christmas Store operates two weekends in December and allows parents in the neighborhood the opportunity to purchase new toys for a fraction of the retail cost. At the 2008 Christmas Store,

- 1,120 gifts were sold
- 187 children received gifts
- 130 volunteers made it happen
- 68 neighborhood families participated.

Community Dinners

Community Dinners are served the first and third Monday of each month throughout the year. The dinners are free for the neighborhood residents and provide an opportunity for the residents to fellowship with one another. Food preparation and hospitality are provided by parents of the children in AEP and volunteers from local churches and civic organizations. More than 150 residents from the neighborhood are fed at each Community Dinner.

Holiday Meals

On the eve of both Thanksgiving and Christmas, volunteers deliver 100 turkey dinners provided by Publix Super Markets Charities to neighborhood residents. This program offers residents the opportunity to share a quality holiday meal with their family in their own home. The purpose is to share the love of Christ during the holidays.

Housing Initiative

In its infancy, the endeavor to revitalize the Parker Street neighborhood through home renovation and construction has resulted in Parker Street Ministries' ownership of two homes. It is PSM's intention to assist residents to qualify for home ownership and sell these rehabilitated homes to neighborhood families which in turn will give the families a sense of pride and community ownership. The ultimate goal of the housing initiative is to reduce turnover and student/family relocation rates often caused by the continual escalation of rent and poor housing conditions.

Neighborhood Mentoring Program

The staff of Parker Street Ministries builds relationships with the Parker Street neighborhood by mentoring residents and incorporating them into the various programs. Parents with children in AEP are required to fulfill community service hours through activities such as serving food for the Community Dinner on the third Monday of each month. Despite limitations with volunteers, time and freedom with the space currently used to serve the children and their families (Wesley United

Methodist Church), Parker Street Ministries continues to see positive progress in their relationships with these residents such as cooperation, patience and increased interest.

Neighborhood Mercy

Parker Street Ministries, Inc. provides financial and physical support for neighborhood residents with whom the ministry has established relationships. The support includes a range of services from assistance with utility payments to home repair.

Summer Camp

The Summer Camp provides experiences in extracurricular activities, i.e. art, cooking, sewing, sports and wood working; daily Bible lessons; one-on-one reading help and academic skill-building activities for elementary and middle school students. Summer Camp operates for eight weeks in June and July, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and is staffed by two full-time assistants and many volunteers. The 2008 Summer Camp reached a maximum capacity of 35 enrolled children, and the majority of these children carried over to the Academic Enrichment Program in the fall.

Live|Laugh|Love Fundraiser

First Presbyterian Church was the perfect site for 400 people to enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship! The evening program included a presentation of Parker Street Ministries' programs, a live auction and a show by comedian Mike Williams. The Live|Laugh|Love fundraiser brought in \$90,000 towards the operating expenses of Parker Street Ministries.

2008 Program Highlights