

coming soon

FEED THE NEED

Pray
Nov 1: Prayer Walk and Neighborhood Outreach

Pack
Nov 7: Pack Lunches and Evangelism Training

Pass
Nov 8: Distribute Free Lunches in Neighborhoods

"If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears."

1 John 3:17

See your Connect Group or catm.me for more info and to sign-up.

more happenings

The Florida Baptist State Convention will be held Nov. 9 - 11. See flbaptist.org for more info.

SERVE 1 HOUR

Do you like helping new guests? The Nursery and Preschool Ministry needs help checking in families at 9:30 and 11am. Email kim.hill@fbclakeland.org for more info.

Teaching kids is such a rewarding experience.

The Children's Ministry has two openings for 1st grade small group leaders. Send an email to kim.hill@fbclakeland.org to sign-up.

SUPPORT 1 MISSION

Compassion House is in dire need of canned vegetables, peas, corn, green beans, mac and cheese and soups.

Ladies, WMU meets this Tues. at 10am in Rm 690 (Mary Anderson Group) and at Mary Virginia Peaslee's home (Martha Taylor Group).

MEN'S NIGHT OUT

FEATURING DENNIS SWANBERG

Wed, Nov. 12 | 6:15pm
NOW Center | Free Admission

Men, take a night to eat great food and be encouraged.

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1 Cor. 16:13-14

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ministry staff

Dr. Jay Dennis Senior Pastor
Virginia Bellucci, Ministry Assistant to Senior Pastor

Darrin Brown, Associate Lead Pastor for Worship, Education and Administration
Beth Miller, Ministry Assistant for Worship, Education and Administration

Worship

Frank Ralls *Worship Leader*
Ben Oliver *Worship Leader/Student Worship*
Kristi Brown *Worship Leader*
Kris Ridgley *Worship Leader*
Betsy Brown *Worship Ministry Assistant*
Daniel Livingston *Program Technology Supervisor*
Michael Short *Program Technology Specialist*

Education

Linda Gundlach *Preschool Director*
Michelle Traylor *Preschool Ministry Assistant*
Christopher Gooding *Children's Minister*
Erin Gooding *Children's Ministry Assistant*
Steve Antley *Student Minister*
Luis Ruiz *Student Ministry Associate*
Kim Hill *Connect to Growth Coordinator*

Administration

Brian Kelley *Accounting Manager*
Judy Thomas *Administrative Ministry Assistant*
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Steve Holland *Facilities Director*
Greg Hieronymus *Maintenance Supervisor*
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Jerry Goodell, Associate Lead Pastor for Pastoral Care, Missions and Outreach
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Pastoral Care

Gene Wells *Pastoral Care Minister*
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Dr. Gerald Bagwell *Pastor Emeritus*
Mary Lou Helm *Pastoral & Preschool Assistant*
Susan Cranor *Ministry Assistant*

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Missions

David Trivette *Missions Minister*
Blessing Mullis *Missions Ministry Assistant*
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Outreach

Dr. Mark Bedwell *Outreach Minister*
Blessing Mullis *Outreach Ministry Assistant*
Buddy Newsome *National Director, F.A.I.T.H. Riders*
Glenn Combee *Deaf Church Ministry*

On Call Pastor

Church members, please know that if you have an emergency or crisis during non-work hours there is a pastor on-call available to help. Call the main church number 682-0163, follow the prompts and your call will go directly to the on-call pastor.

Pastor Jay's Resources

Do you know someone that needs to hear one of Pastor Jay's sermons or read one of his tracts? Then churchatthemall.com is the place to go. You'll be able to share his messages with your friends on Facebook or buy a tract for that person you know needs to hear the gospel. CDs and DVDs of Pastor Jay's messages and his tracts are also available at the Media Desk on Main Street.

Information for October 12, 2014

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Weekly Budget Needed \$128,365
Received This Week \$117,484
YTD Budget Needed \$5,262,965
Received YTD \$5,182,840

DEBT REDUCTION OFFERING

Received This Week \$936
Received Since 6/23/14 \$55,954

GENERAL INFORMATION

Baptisms Since 10/1/14 13
New Members Since 10/1/14 19
Sunday Connect Group Discipleship 1,883
Midweek Discipleship 1,716

SPECIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OFFERING (OLD FFG)

Worship Center Audio, Video and Lighting
Received This Week \$468
Received \$284,618



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I JOHN 4:1 NASB
"BELOVED, DO NOT BELIEVE EVERY SPIRIT, BUT TEST THE SPIRITS TO SEE WHETHER THEY ARE FROM GOD, BECAUSE MANY FALSE PROPHETS HAVE GONE OUT INTO THE WORLD."

A SERMON SERIES BY PASTOR JAY DENNIS

THE BEYOND

(DISCERNING THE SUPERNATURAL)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
SUPERNATURAL BEINGS PART I (4 SUPERNATURAL BEINGS YOU DAILY CONFRONT)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
SUPERNATURAL BEINGS PART II (4 SUPERNATURAL BEINGS YOU DAILY CONFRONT)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
SUPERNATURAL FORCES PART I (4 SUPERNATURAL FORCES YOU DAILY CONFRONT)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
SUPERNATURAL FORCES PART II (4 SUPERNATURAL FORCES YOU DAILY CONFRONT)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
SUPERNATURAL REVELATION (KNOWING IF THE VOICE IS FROM GOD OR SATAN)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTERS (GOD THING, SATAN THING, OR YOU THING)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
SUPERNATURAL TABOOS (WHAT GOD SAYS IS OFF LIMITS)



Connection Guide || October 19, 2014

a note from the pastor

Dear Church at the Mall Family and Welcomed Guests:

Welcome to worship on this fall Sunday. If you are visiting with us today, please give me the opportunity to meet you during the guest reception time.

A Huge Thank You to Media and Tech Team

I want to thank our media and tech team for doing an outstanding job last Sunday evening for the first ever simulcast from Washington, D.C. and then to churches and Christian groups all over Florida. Sheriff Grady Judd and Attorney John Stemberger shared about issues related to Floridians, specifically the marriage issue and Amendment 2 concerns. We must stand on God's definition of marriage, and we must defeat Amendment 2! There is so much at stake. One of the most fearful things I can imagine is waking up the day after the election and realizing we didn't do enough to stand for God's truth.

Please make plans to be in church on Sunday, November 9! That is our Vision Sunday where I will be sharing the 7 Missional Goals for the next five years. You will not want to miss the information you will get first hand on that day. These will be far reaching, church transforming goals that will fundamentally take our church to new seasons of blessing and opportunity. I ask you to please pray for that Sunday.

Feed the Need—Pray, Pack, and Pass

Our church is serious about addressing the issue of hunger in our community. Soon we will have our Breaking Bread Café serving hot meals to families in our community. Our first step happens on Saturday, November 1 from 9am to Noon. We are calling it "Feed the Need." On that Saturday we will do a prayer walk around our church's neighborhood. Then on Friday, November 7 at 4pm, we will pack lunches and have evangelism training. On Saturday, November 8 from 9am to noon, we will distribute free lunches in our neighborhood. Let's commit to PRAY, PACK, AND PASS! Sign up today by going to Churchatthemall.com or to the Information Desk on Main Street.

Pastor Ben Oliver

Last Sunday, Pastor Ben Oliver, one of our worship pastors, shared that after much prayer and seeking God, he has accepted a call to a Church of God church in Wichita, Kansas. We love Ben, Callie, and Bennett and are so grieved at his leaving, but we affirm God's will in his life. Ben's last Sunday will be October 26. Please show your love, affirmation, and encouragement to the Oliver family.

I wanted to include the comments I shared last Sunday after Ben read his resignation.

"We love Ben, Callie, and Bennett very much. We value the time God has given us with them. Lakeland will always hold some precious memories for you, Ben, as it was here God gave you your third most important gift—your precious Bennett. We are so glad we got to share that with you.

Now, I want to lovingly, yet clearly communicate truth:

1. *Ben was NOT fired.*
2. *Ben was NOT asked to leave.*
3. *We hoped and planned for a long future with Ben.*

THE POWER OF HEALING PRAYER TEAMS

Do you need prayer for Emotional, Spiritual, Marital, Relational, or Physical healing? Every Sunday, at the end of each Worship Service, you can meet our Healing Prayer Team at the front of the Worship Center to the right of the stage close to the doors. You will then be taken to the Chapel for private prayer.

4. *God had other plans and as grieving as that is, we affirm God's will and affirm Ben for obeying God's will. Sometimes doing God's will is difficult, but it is always right.*
5. *Ben is returning to his denominational roots, to a Church of God church.*

When a staff member leaves, there is always talk, gossip, rumors, and emails fly. Postings are put on Facebook, and unsigned letters show up in the offering plate and our offices. If you leave here this morning and you say, "There's something else besides what Ben shared," that is gossip and gossip is sin. If I hear that, I will confront that. We need to love, affirm, enjoy, and be thankful for the time God gave us with Ben. No one can replace Ben, but God has someone He will send for this next season of blessing."

I want to assure the parents of our students that we are working hard to make sure we don't miss a beat in student worship. We are thankful that Sumner Curtis has stepped in until March as an interim worship leader or until we find the next worship pastor. He is a worship leader at Southeastern University with a phenomenal voice, ability, and spirit.

Church, I love you and thank God that I get to be your pastor.

Many Blessings,

coming soon

VISION 2020 SUNDAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 IN ALL SERVICES

PASTOR JAY WILL SHARE THE 5-YEAR PLAN AND 7 MISSIONAL GOALS RECOMMENDED BY THE VISION 2020 TASK FORCE.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD MAKE A GREAT DEACON?

Yes? Then fill out and submit the Deacon Nomination Form available at the Information Desk. All nominations are due today.

OPERATION Christmas Child
Share the Good News

Every shoebox gift you pack enables us to reach children worldwide with the good news of God's love and the true meaning of Christmas.

Find out more at the display on Main Street or catm.me/occ. Dropoff Deadline: Nov. 16.

ministry schedule

Sunday Worship Services

8:00am Traditional Worship \ \ 9:30am and 11:00am Progressive Worship

Adult Connect Groups

Attending a large church can be overwhelming and make it hard to connect with others. That's why we created Connect Groups. Consider them small churches within our big church and the center of our ministry universe. Let us help you find a Connect Group by filling out the My Connections Card or stopping by the Connect to Growth Booth on Main Street.

New Members' Connection

New Members' Connection is mandatory for all those desiring church membership, and is also open to anyone desiring more information on the history, beliefs, mission and vision of our church. The next New Members' Connection is **Sunday, November 2 at 9:30am in Rm 680.**

October Committee Meetings

Finance Committee || Wednesday, October 22
Personnel Committee || Wednesday, October 29

All meetings are held at 5:00pm in the Executive Conference Room unless otherwise noted.

Preschool Ministry (Birth-5 yrs Noah's Landing)

Sunday || 8:00am Wee Worship || 9:30am Connect Groups || 11:00am Preschool Praise
Wednesday || 6:00pm

Children's Ministry (1st - 5th grade Children's Area)

Sunday || 8:00am Worship || 9:30am Children's Bible Study || 11:00am Jam
Wednesday || 6:00pm

Remedy Student Ministries (6th - 12th grade)

Connect Groups || 11:00am || MS: Rm 460 || HS: Rm 450
Wednesday || 6:30-8:00pm || Combined Worship || Rm 460

Catalyst College Ministry

Sunday || 11:00am || Catalyst Connect Group || Rm 173
Wednesday || 6:15pm || Mid.Point || Rm 173

Midweek Opportunities

Midweek opportunities are the perfect place to find love, support, spiritual and emotional growth, and teaching that will help you build a closer relationship with God.

More information is available at churchatthemall.com/midweek or at the Information Desk.

Support Groups

We're all working through something. That's why we offer Support Groups that will help you better your marriage, walk through cancer or the death of a loved one, break addictions, recover from depression or assist with other hurts, habits and hangups.

For complete details, go to churchatthemall.com/supportgroups or pick up a brochure at the Information Desk.

Wingman Men's Ministry

Sunday || 11:00am || Connect Group || Theatre II
Wednesday || 6:15pm || NOW Center

Worship Ministry

Choir Rehearsal || Wednesday || 6:30-8:00pm || Choir Room
Orchestra Rehearsal || Thursday || 6:30-7:30pm || Orchestra Room

Other Ministries/Classes

The Chapel Service || Wednesday || 6pm || The Chapel
Compassion House || Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 7:00am-12pm (Deliveries), 8:30-11am (Serving)
Deaf Church || Sunday, 11:00am & Wednesday, 6:30pm
F.A.I.T.H. Riders Bike Night || 3rd Thursday of even month, Pit Stop, 6:30pm
First Thursday Prayer Group || 1st Thursday of the Month, Tea Room, 9:00am