

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."*

See your Connect Group or [catm.me](http://catm.me) for more info and to sign-up.

1 John 3:17

# CANNED FOOD DRIVE

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**

Look for the Compassion House Truck Outside of the Worship Center



**SUPPORT 1 MISSION**  
For Thanksgiving, Compassion House needs large canned hams (not frozen hams), canned vegetables, sample size tubes of toothpaste and men's pants (all sizes). We also need volunteers to work in the clothing area.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**  
If you have a loved one incarcerated, don't miss Hope Givers' early Thanksgiving potluck dinner on Wed., Nov. 5 at 6:15pm in Rm 690 (Hospitality Place). The meat will be provided but please bring a dish or two to share. Pastor Jerry Goodell will speak on "There is Hope for Us All".

**Conquering Cancer Through Christ** will meet next Sun. at 4pm in Rm 690 (Hospitality Place). We are blessed to have our own Dr. Mark Bedwell, Cancer Survivor and Outreach Minister as our guest speaker.

## 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*

<b>Worship</b>	<b>Administration</b>
Frank Ralls Ben Oliver Kristi Brown Kris Ridgley Betsy Brown Daniel Livingston Michael Short	Brian Kelley Judy Thomas Sabrina Fambrough John Pricone Ryan Choate Casey Taylor Steve Holland Greg Hieronymus Robert Simmons Linda Callahan
Worship Leader Worship Leader/Student Worship Worship Leader Worship Leader Worship Ministry Assistant Program Technology Supervisor Program Technology Specialist	Accounting Manager Administrative Ministry Assistant Staff Accountant Purchasing, Payroll, Human Resources Marketing & Communications Lead Marketing & Communications Specialist Facilities Director Maintenance Supervisor Housekeeping Supervisor Print Shop Supervisor

**Education**  
Linda Gundlach  
Michelle Traylor  
Christopher Gooding  
Erin Gooding  
Steve Antley  
Luis Ruiz  
Kim Hill

Preschool Director  
Preschool Ministry Assistant  
Children's Minister  
Children's Ministry Assistant  
Student Minister  
Student Ministry Associate  
Connect to Growth Coordinator

**Jerry Goodell, Associate Lead Pastor for Pastoral Care, Missions and Outreach**  
Brenda Rinier, *Ministry Assistant for Pastoral Care, Missions and Outreach*

<b>Pastoral Care</b>	<b>Missions</b>
Gene Wells Walt Dearie Dr. Gerald Bagwell Mary Lou Helm Susan Cranor	David Trivette Blessing Mullis Lito Lucas
Pastoral Care Minister Pastoral Care Minister Pastor Emeritus Pastoral & Preschool Assistant Ministry Assistant Event Coordinator Director of Counseling & Support Groups	Missions Minister Missions Ministry Assistant Philippine International Church

**Outreach**  
Trena Mewborn  
Dr. Mark Bedwell  
Blessing Mullis  
Buddy Newsome  
Glenn Combee

Outreach Minister  
Outreach Ministry Assistant  
National Director, F.A.I.T.H. Riders  
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](http://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 19, 2014	
GENERAL OPERATING FUND	
Weekly Budget Needed	\$128,365
Received This Week	\$92,541
YTD Budget Needed	\$5,391,330
Received YTD	\$5,275,381
DEBT REDUCTION OFFERING	
Received This Week	\$1,250
Received Since 6/23/14	\$57,204
GENERAL INFORMATION	
Baptisms Since 10/1/14	20
New Members Since 10/1/14	19
Sunday Connect Group Discipleship	1,885
Midweek Discipleship	1,646
SPECIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OFFERING (OLD FFG)	
Worship Center Audio, Video and Lighting	
Received This Week	\$20
Received	\$284,638

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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 TABOOS (WHAT GOD SAYS IS OFF LIMITS)

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

 **first baptist church**  
at the mall  
Connecting People to God, Growth, and Ministry

Connection Guide || October 26, 2014



## a note from the pastor

Dear Church at the Mall Family and Welcomed Guests:

We are so glad you are here this morning. We have classes, events, and experiences for all age groups to help you know God. We are passionate about taking God's Word and communicating it with God's love. We often say, "Connect Groups are the Center of our Church Universe." Let me tell you what we mean by that: Almost everything we do as a church, with the exception of worship, happens through our Connect Groups (Sunday School). I encourage you to find a Connect Group that meets your needs, and begin to serve through that group. There you will find lasting friendships and opportunities to grow spiritually. Let us help you find your Connect Group.

### *Jerrod Brooks and Family Next Sunday*

Next Sunday will be Jerrod Brooks' first Sunday with us as our Discipleship Pastor! We are so excited about Jerrod, Amber, and their precious children being a part of this great team. We are so thankful God brought them back to us.

### *Pastor Ben Oliver*

Today is Pastor Ben Oliver's last day with us. As you know, he feels a significant call on his life to serve in a Church of God church in Wichita, Kansas. We will have a special prayer time for Ben, Callie, and Bennett at the conclusion of each of our worship services. Express to Ben your encouragement, prayers, and affirmation. We will greatly miss Ben, but we respect his commitment to follow God's will.

### *Feed the Need*

I want to encourage you to participate in the Feed the Need program involving Prayer, Packing, and Passing. Check out the information on [Churchatthemall.com](http://Churchatthemall.com) or in this Connection Guide. This is about demonstrating the love of God in tangible ways.

### *Guest Reception*

One of my great joys is meeting our many guests each week after each worship service. Church, it is so encouraging to see God bringing into our church people of all ages and backgrounds including many young families and singles. I love what God is doing! Thank you church, for allowing me this time with our guests.

### *Advent*

As we continue in our last-quarter-of-the-year stretch, I want to remind you of this year's emphasis on Advent, celebrating the arrival of the Son of God to earth. There are four Sundays, November 30, December 7, 14, & 21. Also, each Wednesday evening (December 3, 20, 17, & 24) will focus on the meaning and celebration of the Advent season. Through music, teaching, and activities, we want to celebrate the first coming of our Lord and Savior. Stay tuned for exciting details!

### *82%*

One piece of information that I thought would encourage you is, since January of this year, 82% of our new members have given financially to the Lord through our church with many giving consistently. That is so encouraging!

### *Vision Sunday, November 9*

Initially we were going to use November 2

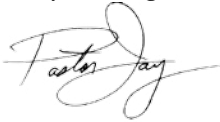
as our Vision Sunday; however, there were some conflicts that we wanted to avoid. So, on Sunday, November 9, I will be sharing the 7 Missional Goals of our Vision 2020 Task Force. You will not want to miss that Sunday.

### *Get Gwen Diaz' Book*

Gwen Diaz has written a great new book based on our Teen MOPS program called, *Is It Possible...to Transform the Lives and Legacies of Single Teen Moms?* Please get a copy of this book. You can prepurchase the book at the Media Desk on Main Street. It will bless your life.

Church, I love you and am so thankful I get to serve you as 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.



**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**  
a ministry of First Baptist Church at the Mall

## more happenings

**Remember to set your clocks** back one hour next Saturday before you go to bed.

**The Florida Baptist State Convention** will be held Nov. 9 - 11 here at First Baptist Church at the Mall. See [flbaptist.org](http://flbaptist.org) for more info.

### **ATTEND 1 CONNECT GROUP**

**Do you fear you won't make it?** Max Lucado and the Faith and Family Connect Group want to offer you hope. Faith and Family will begin Lucado's study, *You'll Get Through This*, next Sunday at 9:30am in the NOW Center.

### **SERVE 1 HOUR**

**Does your 1st through 5th grader love singing or performing?** Then have him or her join the Kids' Advent Choir. Rehearsal starts next Sunday. Please email [kristi.brown@fbclakeland.org](mailto:kristi.brown@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](mailto:kim.hill@fbclakeland.org) to sign-up.

## 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 and November Committee Meetings**

Finance Committee || Wednesday, October 22  
Personnel Committee || Wednesday, October 29  
Bylaws Committee || Wednesday, November 5  
Personnel Committee || Wednesday, November 12  
Finance Committee || Wednesday, November 12 || 5pm || Life Training Center  
*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](http://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](http://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)