

a note from the pastor

Dear Church at the Mall Family and Welcomed Guests:

We are so happy you are here. Last Sunday we welcomed 42 new members into our church from our new member's class, along with many commitments to Christ, baptism and church membership! The altars are full and the baptistery is stirring. One of our long-time and godly members said to me after the 8am worship service, "I haven't felt this kind of atmosphere since I was a kid." We are experiencing revival! May God continue to bring His grace and favor on our church! I know that I say this a lot; however, it is essential that we Pray and Obey, Pray and Obey, Pray and Obey!!!

Today we are observing the Lord's Supper. I never sense the presence of Jesus Christ more than when we are gathered around the Lord's Table. Who should participate as we symbolize the body and blood of Jesus?

1. *Those who have been Saved.*
2. *Those who have been Scripturally Baptized (by immersion, after salvation).*
3. *Those who will take it Seriously, understanding the need to come to the Lord's Supper clean, forgiven, holy, respectfully, and expectantly.*

Remember, only Jesus can make us worthy to participate!

Next Sunday, September 21, I will be sharing a message via video. On Friday, September 19, I will have surgery to install a Spinal Cord Stimulator. This is a promising way to address some of the chronic back pain I experience. God has placed a message on my heart that I simply must share.

Then on Sunday, September 28 I will begin a new five-week series of messages entitled *The Beyond (What Scripture Says about the Supernatural)*. I will complete it on Sunday, October 26. We will cover issues like supernatural beings, forces, places, events, and revelation. Please pray for me as I begin my preparation for this much needed series.

Opposing Amendment 2

Soon I will be sharing specifics of why I oppose Amendment 2 concerning "medical marijuana." This amendment is one of the most dangerous things we could ever do to our children and teens. Make no mistake, this issue is about big money, not about helping those in pain. I will devote an entire article to this issue. Pastor Wayne Blackburn (Victory Church) and I are writing an editorial on the subject and why we adamantly oppose it.

Church, I love you and greatly appreciate you allowing me to serve as your pastor.

Many Blessings,



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.

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*
Josh Cranor *Student Minister*
Steve Antley *Student Minister*
Luis Ruiz *Student Ministry Associate*
Kim Hill *Connect to Growth Coordinator*

Pastoral Care

Gene Wells *Pastoral Care Minister*
Walt Dearie *Pastoral Care Minister*
Dr. Gerald Bagwell *Pastor Emeritus*
Mary Lou Helm *Pastoral & Preschool Assistant*
Susan Cranor *Ministry Assistant*
Event Coordinator
Trena Mewborn *Director of Counseling & Support Groups*

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 September 7, 2014

GENERAL INFORMATION

Decisions Since 10.1.13	281 Baptisms	Sunday Connect Group Discipleship	2,155
	302 New Members	Midweek Discipleship	1,904

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Weekly Budget Needed	\$128,365
Received This Week	\$167,014
YTD Budget Needed	\$4,621,140
Received YTD	\$4,580,706

Administration

Brian Kelley *Accounting Manager*
Judy Thomas *Administrative Ministry Assistant*
Sabrina Fambrough *Staff Accountant*
John Pricone *Purchasing, Payroll, Human Resources*
Ryan Choate *Marketing & Communications Lead*
Casey Taylor *Marketing & Communications Specialist*
Steve Holland *Facilities Director*
Greg Hieronymus *Maintenance Supervisor*
Jerry Williams *Housekeeping Supervisor*
Linda Callahan *Print Shop Supervisor*

Missions

David Trivette *Missions Minister*
Blessing Mullis *Missions Ministry Assistant*
Lito Lucas *Philippine International Church*

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*

I JOHN 4: I 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."

AN UPCOMING SERIES BY PASTOR JAY DENNIS

THE BEYOND

(DISCERNING THE SUPERNATURAL)

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
SUPERNATURAL FORCES (4 SUPERNATURAL FORCES YOU DAILY CONFRONT)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
SUPERNATURAL REVELATION (KNOWING IF THE VOICE IS FROM GOD OR SATAN)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTERS (GOD THING, SATAN THING, OR YOU THING)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
SUPERNATURAL TABOOS (WHAT GOD SAYS IS OFF LIMITS)

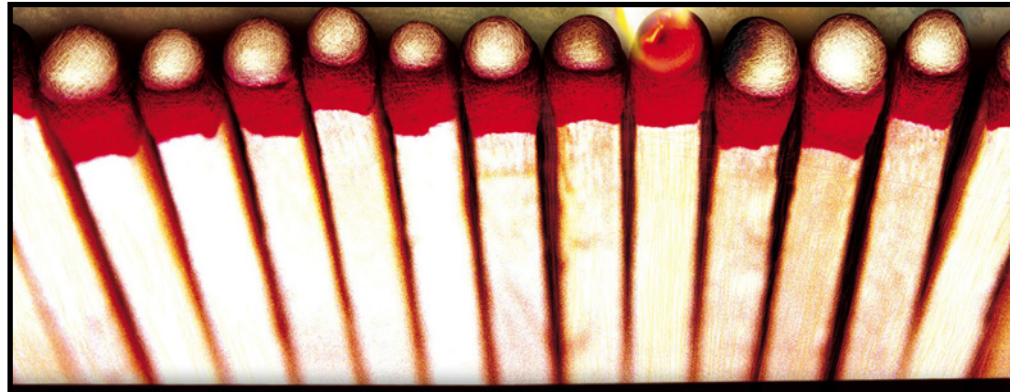
 **first baptist church**
at the mall
Connecting People to God, Growth, and Ministry

Connection Guide || September 14, 2014



First Baptist Church at the Mall | www.churchatthemall.com | (863) 682-0163
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coming soon



BE CONTAGIOUS

BECOMING A CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN IS A SEVEN-SESSION EVANGELISM TRAINING EXPERIENCE THAT WILL EQUIP YOU TO SHARE YOUR FAITH IN A PERSONAL NATURAL STYLE THAT FITS YOU!

Begins Wednesday, October 1 | 6:15pm | Room 680
churchatthemall.com/becontagious.

Now Available in Spanish!

This newest version of Pastor Jay's Tract is available for \$0.50 at the Media Desk, or at churchatthemall.com



*all proceeds go directly back into the Media Ministry.

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Good News. Great Joy.

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
Last day for shoebox dropoff is Sunday, November 16

Parent-Child Dedication
September 28, 2014
Register at catm.me/dedication
or by calling ext. 368

more happenings

SUPPORT 1 MISSION

Are you interested in leading a mission trip team in 2015? We would love to have you come hear about the amazing trips we have planned. The 2015 Team Leader Mission Trip Information Meeting will be held this Wed. at 6:15pm in Rm 680 (Life Training Center). Please RSVP to [blessing.mullis@fbclakeland.org](mailto: blessing.mullis@fbclakeland.org).

If you want to be a part of our new prison ministry, come learn more at the training session on Wed., Oct. 1 at 6:15pm in Rm 160. Please RSVP to [blessing.mullis@fbclakeland.org](mailto: blessing.mullis@fbclakeland.org).

Ladies, join one of the WMU groups studying and praying for missions this Tues. at 10am. Martha Taylor's group will meet at the home of Libby Hempstead. Mary Anderson's group will meet in Rm 690 (Hospitality Place).

Compassion House will represent our church and ministry in this year's Lakeland Christmas Parade. Do you know of an 8'x20' trailer we could borrow for the parade? It will be pulled by our box truck. Please call (863) 802-0180 if you're able to locate one. Compassion House also needs drivers to pick up food during the week.

SERVE 1 HOUR

Do you like working in a retail environment with customers or staying behind the scenes? Either way, the Media Desk has the perfect opportunity for you. You could help fulfill orders, help people check out on Sunday mornings, or help create the right environment so customers find the products they're looking for. Email kim.hill@fbclakeland.org to sign up!

LIFE CHAIN

October 5, 2014 from 2 - 3pm
Come help us put an end to abortion through prayer

Sign up at the Information Desk on Main Street, or contact Beth Miller at ext. 314.

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, October 5 at 9:30am in Rm 680.**

September Committee Meetings

Personnel Committee || Thursday, September 18 || 6pm || Executive Conference Room
Finance Committee || Wednesday, September 24

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