

a note from the pastor

Dear Church at the Mall Family and Welcomed Guests:

Welcome to worship on this summer Sunday morning! Have you noticed there is an atmosphere of anticipation, joy and excitement in our church? God is obviously at work in our midst, and we praise Him for it. Please keep crying out to God for His mercy and blessings. In every area of our church we see the hand of God. Next week I will share a five-year outlook with our deacons and will meet with our Vision 2020 Task Force to begin to look at how we can implement 7 missional goals. So many wonderful things are transpiring, and I can't wait to be able to share them with you.

This week marks the start of another school year. We love our students, teachers, administrators, parents, and those who are employed in some way in our school systems. Whether public, private or homeschool, education is vital. Today we want to have special prayer for our teachers, administrators, school employees, school board members, and homeschoolers. This is the prayer I am asking you as a church to pray this week:

Our Heavenly Father, thank You for each school in our community, for every student, teacher, administrator, school board member, parent, and those employed to assist in the education of our children. Lord, help our public schools to have a friendliness toward You; help our Christian schools to keep their focus on You; and help every homeschooler to feel the responsibility they have been given. I would ask You also for Obvious Blessings on our schools, teachers and administrators and that You would grant them strength, wisdom and direction. I would ask You for Divine Protection and that no harm or injury happen to anyone at school as You place Your hedge around them. I ask that You would use those who know You personally to use this opportunity to expand Your kingdom. I ask You to help our teachers, students, parents, administrators, and employees demonstrate Your love to each other. I pray for great Opportunities to minister to the students and their families. Lord, thank You that as long as there are Christians in schools, there will be prayer, Your word, and Your influence on those schools. May this school year be filled with wonderful memories. I pray that every parent would be used by You to be an encouragement to the teachers and administrators and that the teachers and administrators would be an encouragement to the parents. I ask You all this in the Name of Jesus, Amen.

Today I am thrilled to welcome to our worship staff team Kris Ridgley. Kris' wife is Hillary, and his daughter is Molly. Kris has been teaching for 11 years and since 2011 has been Director of Choirs at Harrison School of the Arts. Kris is 35 years young and has a passion for traditional worship done with excellence. He will be joining our worship staff team part time to focus on choral and orchestral direction and on traditional worship. He has a phenomenal reputation in our community and will begin building upon our great foundation. Rather than having one lead worship pastor as we have had in the past, we are blessed to have four of the most gifted and anointed worship leaders anywhere. Each of them has a specific area for which they are responsible. The four function as one team under the leadership of our Associate Lead Pastor of Worship, Education, and Administration, Darrin Brown. I could not be happier or more confident with any worship team! This is a unique approach for our unique church. Kris will also focus on special choral and orchestral projects. Welcome Kris, Hillary and Molly.

A special thank you to our own Suzi Lambert for doing an outstanding job of leading the choir in our interim time. We love you Suzi!

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

Many Blessings,
Pastor Jay

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
Ben Oliver
Kristi Brown
Kris Ridgley
Daniel Livingston
Michael Short

Worship Leader
Worship Leader/Student Worship
Worship Leader
Worship Leader
Program Technology Supervisor
Program Technology Specialist

Education

Linda Gundlach
Michelle Traylor
Christopher Gooding
Erin Gooding
Josh Cranor
Steve Antley
Luis Ruiz
Kim Hill

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

Administration

Brian Kelley
Judy Thomas
Sabrina Fambrough
John Pricone
Ryan Choate
Casey Taylor
Steve Holland
Greg Hieronymus
Jerry Williams
Linda Callahan

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

Jerry Goodell, Associate Lead Pastor for Pastoral Care, Missions and Outreach

Brenda Rinier, Ministry Assistant for Pastoral Care, Missions and Outreach

Pastoral Care

Gene Wells
Walt Dearie
Dr. Gerald Bagwell
Mary Lou Helm
Susan Cranor

Pastoral Care Minister
Pastoral Care Minister
Pastor Emeritus
Pastoral & Preschool Assistant
Ministry Assistant
Event Coordinator
Director of Counseling
& Support Groups

Missions

David Trivette
Blessing Mullis
Lito Lucas

Missions Minister
Missions Ministry Assistant
Philippine International Church

Outreach

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 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 August 10, 2014

GENERAL INFORMATION

Decisions Since 10.1.13	256 Baptisms	Sunday Connect Group Discipleship	1,942
	264 New Members	Midweek Discipleship	304

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Weekly Budget Needed	\$128,365
Received This Week	\$126,573
YTD Budget Needed	\$4,107,680
Received YTD	\$4,074,108

SPECIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OFFERING (OLD FFG)

Worship Center Audio, Video and Lighting	
Received This Week	\$105
Received	\$282,167



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from Heaven

(10 Signs of the Second Coming of Christ)

From Luke 21

By Pastor Jay Dennis

August 10
August 17
August 24
August 31



Connection Guide || August 17, 2014

coming soon

✓ Mark Your Calendars
Fall Semester Begins September 3
Pick a brochure up at the Info Desk
or at churchatthemall.com/midweek



Support Groups



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, September 7 at 9:30am in Rm 680.**

Committee Meetings for August

Personnel Committee || Wednesday, August 20
Finance Committee || Wednesday, August 27

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

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

Worship Ministry

Choir Rehearsal || Wednesday || 6:30-8:00pm || Choir 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
Hope for the Heart Bible Study || 2nd/4th Tuesday, Rm 690, 11:30am
Library Hours || Sundays: 9-9:30/10:30-11am || Tuesdays: 9am-1pm || Wednesdays: 5:30-6:30pm

more happenings

SUPPORT 1 MISSION

Are you interested in helping victims of sex-trafficking and not sure where to start? Our For Freedom Ministry will train you. The next training session is August 21-23. Find out more at churchatthemall.com/forfreedom.

Compassion House needs canned vegetables: green beans, corn, mixed vegetables and peanut butter. The Food Bank has not had any canned goods lately and we could really use your help. You can leave these in the barrels in the church or bring them to Compassion House. Thank you in advance.

The Wingman Bible study continues on Wednesdays at 6:15pm in Rm 150 with the DVD Bible Study, *Follow Me: A Call to Die. A Call to Live*, by David Platt challenging us to be a "true follower of Christ."

SERVE 1 HOUR

Do you like to sing or play music? Yes? Be sure to sign up for choir and orchestra. Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:30pm and Orchestra rehearsals begin this Thursday at 6:30pm. Email kim.hill@fbclakeland.org for more info or to sign up.

Would you like to teach preschoolers, children or students on Sunday morning or Wednesday evenings? Then let us know. Fall is just around the corner, and we're recruiting new small group teachers. Email kim.hill@fbclakeland.org for more info or to sign up.

Lower Price Extended!
Almost Sold Out!
Timeless
Women of Purpose Fall Retreat | September 12 - 13, 2014 | Mt. Dora, Florida
For more information or to register, pick up a brochure at the Information Desk on Main Street, in your Connect Group, or at www.churchatthemall.com/timeless.

1 Cor. 16:13-14
a ministry of First Baptist Church at the Mall
THE MAN CODE
BY DENNIS SWANBERG
UNLOCKING SEPT. 3 | 6:15PM | NOW CENTER

IDOLS ASIDE MINISTRIES
5TH ANNUAL BANQUET
SAVE THE DATE:
TUESDAY NIGHT
AUGUST 19th, 2014
MIKE FISHER
OF THE SIDEWALK PROPHETS

THE DREAM MAKER'S PIT PRODUCTION
September 9, 2014 | 6:30pm
Suggested donation of \$10 per ticket
FREE for Students 16 and younger
Proceeds go to organizations fighting against human trafficking.
STOP MODERN DAY SLAVERY

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.