

a note from the pastor

Dear Church at the Mall Family and Welcomed Guests:

We are so happy you have chosen to worship with us this morning. If you are visiting our church, I would love to meet you personally in our guest reception time held after each of our three services. Simply go under the baptistery, through the double doors, and to your right. It will be a joy to connect with you.

Thank you church for the overwhelming response to Sheriff Grady Judd's message last Sunday! God greatly used him, and I am so thankful.

Praying for Seven Missional-Related Causes and Presenting Offering

Today we are praying for the Seven Missional-Related Causes to which we gave on Easter Sunday, April 5. Church, I could not be more proud of you! From your generous offering, we have a total of \$296,548.19. We have divided this seven ways so each organization will receive \$42,364.03 to further their work. My heart is so full of joy about this, and I know yours is as well. Thank you so much precious church. Because of you, thousands of lives will be touched with the love of God.

Pastopher, We Love You and Your Family!

As you know, last Sunday Pastopher (Christopher Gooding) shared with us that after nine years of serving the Lord faithfully here, he has responded to the call of a church near his family and near where their oldest daughter, Cameron, will be going to college. We love Christopher, Erin, Cameron, Connor, and Caitlin Gooding. We will miss them terribly! Today I will share an exciting game plan for an interim time in our Children's Ministry. You need to know that every base has been covered, and because of Pastopher's great leadership, this ministry will continue to thrive.

Please be praying for our summer events:

- VBS//Monday-Friday, June 15-19
- Student Camp//Sunday-Friday, July 19-24
- Winshape Camp//Monday-Friday, July 27-31

Exciting Two Sundays

I want to thank you for your kindness and understanding as I was moving Mom to Lakeland. We are so happy to have her here! I will be taking vacation time for the next two weeks, but you are in extremely good hands. Pastors Darrin Brown and Jerry Goodell are two of the best leaders with which I have ever had the privilege of serving. You are in for a real blessing from our pulpit guests:

Sunday, May 3 Howard Dayton, Founder and CEO of Compass: Finances God's Way.

Sunday, May 10 Dr. Jerry Haag, President of Florida Baptist Children's Homes, Orphan's Heart, and Porch Light. Each Mother's Day Jerry preaches here in his home church as we emphasize the Mother's Day Offering for the Florida Baptist Children's Homes. I ask that you give sacrificially to this eternal ministry.

No pastor could love a people more than I love you. Thank you for loving Angie, our family, and me.

Many Blessings,



P.S. On Sunday, May 17, I will preach a message entitled "D.E.F.E.N.D. T.H.E. F.A.I.T.H." You will be able to share concisely the reason for the hope that is within you.

ministry staff

Dr. Jay Dennis Senior Pastor

Virginia Bellucci, Ministry Assistant to Senior Pastor

Darrin Brown, Associate Lead Pastor for Worship, Discipleship and Administration

Beth Miller, Ministry Assistant for Worship, Discipleship and Administration

Worship

Frank Ralls Worship Leader
 Kristi Brown Worship Leader
 Kris Ridgley Worship Leader
 Betsy Brown Worship Ministry Assistant
 Daniel Livingston Program Technology Supervisor
 Michael Short Program Technology Specialist

Discipleship

Jerrod Brooks Discipleship Minister
 Kelly Glogower Discipleship Ministry Assistant
 Linda Gundlach Preschool Director
 Michelle Traylor Preschool Ministry Assistant
 Christopher Gooding Children's Minister
 Erin Gooding Children's Ministry Assistant
 Sean Beach Student Minister
 Steve Antley Student Minister
 Luis Ruiz Student Ministry Associate
 Kim Hill Volunteer Ministry Coordinator

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
 Robert Simmons Housekeeping Supervisor
 Linda Callahan 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 Pastoral Care Minister
 Walt Dearie Pastoral Care Minister
 Dr. Gerald Bagwell Pastor Emeritus
 Mary Lou Helm Pastoral & Preschool Assistant
 Susan Cranor Ministry Assistant

Trena Mewborn

Director of Counseling
& Support Groups

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
 Laura Terry F.A.I.T.H. Riders Ministry Assistant
 Glenn Combee Deaf Church Ministry

Information for April 19, 2015

GENERAL INFORMATION

Baptisms Since 10/1/14	161
New Members Since 10/1/14	156
Sunday Connect Group Discipleship	1,981
Midweek Discipleship	1,560

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Weekly Budget Needed	\$139,423
Received This Week	\$110,015
YTD Budget Needed	\$2,230,769
Received YTD	\$1,833,544

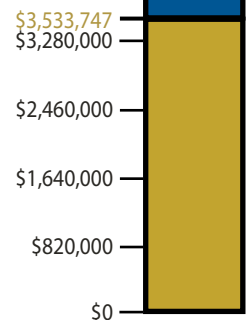
SPECIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OFFERING (OLD FFG)

Worship Center Audio, Video and Lighting	
Received This Week	\$45
Received	\$287,051

DEBT ELIMINATION OFFERING

Total Payoff Amount	\$4,100,000
Received This Week	\$4,185
Received Since 6/23/14	\$619,706

Remaining Balance



Sunday, April 26, 2015

Pastor Jay Dennis

"Is Your Name Written in the Lamb's Book of Life? (How to Know)"

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Howard Dayton, Founder & CEO, Compass: Finances God's Way

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2015

Dr. Jerry Haag, President of the Florida Baptist Children's Homes

Sunday, May 17, 2015

Pastor Jay Dennis

"D.E.F.E.N.D. T.H.E. F.A.I.T.H. (The Basis for Your Belief)"



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connection guide || April 26, 2015

coming soon



Springtime
in Mt. Dora
-A Time of Renewal-

Women of Purpose Spring Retreat | May 15 & 16, 2015

Register at the Information Desk on Main Street and visit catm.me/springtime for more information.

*A Perfect Mother's Day Gift!
Give Your Ladies a Night Away!
Save \$40 This Week.*

ON SALE NOW!
AT THE MEDIA DESK

UNDERSTANDING
& ANSWERING
ISLAM DVD or CD SET
JESUS AND MUHAMMAD \$15



Parent-Child Dedication
May 17, 2015
Register at catm.me/dedication
or by calling ext. 368



Get Connected.
Join a Connect Group today.

Find More Information on Main Street at the *Connect to Growth Booth*

remedy student camp fundraiser

Spring Market & Craft Fair



saturday, may 2 | 10am - 2pm | now center



PRESENTS

MEL CARVER
FORMER TAMPA BAY BUCS RUNNING BACK

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 | 6:15PM | NOW CENTER

more happenings

Join us next Thursday for our National Day of Prayer observance in our Chapel. Come and go anytime from 11am to 1pm. Participants will be provided with a National Day of Prayer Guide and a National Day of Prayer badge to wear.

Celebrate Summer with Conquering Cancer through Christ. Join us for a party on May 3, Rm 690 (Hospitality Place) at 4pm. Enjoy fellowship, music, testimonies, and lots of great FOOD! The meat will be provided but we ask you to bring a dish to share. Come and bring a friend!

Having a loved one incarcerated makes life tough. Hope Givers, a support group for those who have a loved one incarcerated, invites you to hear Louise Henry on the topic of "Being a Friend to Yourself." Louise is a gifted mental health counselor and has much wisdom to share coupled with great humor. Please join us on Wed. at 6:15pm in Rm 690 (Hospitality Place). Refreshments will be served.

Are you interested in going on Mission? An interest meeting for the Cuba and Guatemala trips will be held today after the 11am service in the Coffee Shop area on Main Street.

Katie DeLoach will present a "parenting teen girls" talk this Wed. at 6:15pm in Rm 680 (Life Training Center). It is free and open to those who would benefit. For more info contact Katie at katedeloach@kmdcoaching.com

Compassion House and all the Volunteers are extremely grateful for the GENEROUS donation we received from our church on Easter. Boys' and girls' clothing (5 & up), ladies' tops and pants (2X and up), men's pants (all sizes), men's shirts (small and medium), ladies' shoes (8 & up) are needed. Drivers to pick up food at Publix and someone to work in our cooler for 2 1/2 hours Mon., Wed., and Fri. are needed.

On Call Pastor

Church members, if you have an emergency or crisis during non-business hours please know there is a pastor on-call. Call (863) 682-0163, and follow the prompts. 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. Pastor Jay's resources are also available at the Media Desk on Main Street.

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, May 3 at 9:30am in Rm 680.**

May Committee Meetings

Bylaws Committee \ \ May 6 \ \ Stewardship Committee \ \ 5:30pm \ \ May 13
Personnel Committee \ \ May 20 \ \ Finance Committee \ \ May 27

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

Preschool Ministry (Birth - 5 Years Old)

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 \ \ Catalyst 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

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
Hope for the Heart Bible Study \ \ 2nd/4th Tuesday, Rm 690, 11:30am
F.A.I.T.H. Riders Bike Night \ \ 3rd Thursday of even month, Pit Stop, 6:30pm
Library Hours \ \ Sundays: 9-9:30/10:30-11am \ \ Tuesdays: 9am-1pm \ \ Wednesdays: 5:30-6:30pm