

"God will do something, and it will be good, and it will bless you, and it will remind you that God has not forgotten you, and that God knows about every pain you experience."  
 –Pastor Jay Dennis

### Grace for Pain (The Book of Job)

The booklet is now available for purchase at the Media Desk or on churchatthemall.com/resources for \$5.

# Begin Strong

Are you a young married?  
 Then come check out an Interest Gathering for a Connect Group designed for you (Ages 25-34).  
 Today | 11am | Rm 560

## groupconnect

Being a Member of a Connect Group  
 Makes a World of Difference.

This is a fun opportunity to meet with Connect Group leaders and our Discipleship Pastor, Jerrod Brooks. Let them help you find the right Connect Group!

Sept. 13 | 11am | Room 680

### more happenings

Hear how God released Robert Taylor from a 130 year prison sentence. Hope Givers Family Prison Ministry will meet this Wednesday at 6:15pm in Rm 690. Robert Taylor will be sharing his testimony of how he came to know Christ while in prison and how this personal relationship transformed his life to share the message of hope and encouragement. You don't want to miss this. Please invite someone to come with you.

You are amazing! Compassion House and its clients are grateful for your overwhelming response to provide toothpaste. Teenage boys clothes and volunteers are needed.

### 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

Conrad Johnson  
 Kristi Brown  
 Trevor Panarello  
 Kris Ridgley  
 Betsy Brown  
 Daniel Livingston  
 Michael Short

Worship Leader  
 Worship Leader  
 Worship Leader  
 Worship Leader  
 Worship Ministry Assistant  
 Program Technology Supervisor  
 Program Technology Specialist

#### Discipleship

Jerrold Brooks  
 Kelly Glogower  
 Linda Gundlach  
 Michelle Traylor  
 Steve Antley  
 Katy Imig  
 Kim Hill

Discipleship Minister  
 Discipleship Ministry Assistant  
 Preschool Director  
 Preschool Ministry Assistant  
 Interim Children's Minister  
 Children's Ministry Assistant  
 Volunteer Ministry Coordinator

#### 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

Trena Mewborn

Sean Beach  
 Luis Ruiz  
 Cindy Beaudreault

Lead Student Minister  
 Student Ministry Associate  
 Student Ministry Assistant

#### Administration

Brian Kelley  
 Judy Thomas  
 Sabrina Fambrough  
 John Pricone  
 Ryan Choate  
 Casey Taylor  
 Steve Holland  
 Greg Hieronymus  
 Robert Simmons  
 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

#### Missions

David Trivette  
 Blessing Mullis  
 Lito Lucas

Missions Minister  
 Missions Ministry Assistant  
 Philippine International Church

#### Outreach

Dr. Mark Bedwell  
 Blessing Mullis  
 Laura Terry  
 Glenn Combee

Outreach Minister  
 Outreach Ministry Assistant  
 F.A.I.T.H. Riders Ministry Assistant  
 Deaf Church Ministry

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.

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.

#### Information for August 23, 2015

|                                   |             |   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---|-------------|
| <b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>        |             | <b>DEBT REDUCTION ACTIVITY REPORT</b>                 |             |
| Baptisms Since 10/1/2014          | 228         | Balance as of 8/2/2015                                | \$3,351,756 |
| New Members Since 10/1/2014       | 213         | Received This Week                                    | \$5,904     |
| Sunday Connect Group Discipleship | 2,038       | Current Balance                                       | \$3,345,852 |
| Midweek Discipleship              | 488         | Balance as of 1/1/2015                                | \$4,150,936 |
| <b>GENERAL OPERATING FUND</b>     |             | Debt Reduction YTD                                    | \$805,084   |
| Weekly Budget Needed              | \$139,423   | <b>SPECIAL OFFERING ACTIVITY REPORT</b>               |             |
| Received This Week                | \$110,894   | Debt Reduction 3/29/2015                              | \$410,975   |
| YTD Budget Needed                 | \$4,740,385 | Seven Missional Causes 4/5/2015                       | \$300,802   |
| Received YTD                      | \$4,097,414 | Special Offerings YTD                                 | \$711,777   |
|                                   |             | <b>SPECIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OFFERING (OLD FFG)</b> |             |
|                                   |             | WORSHIP CENTER AUDIO, VIDEO AND LIGHTING              |             |
|                                   |             | Received This Week                                    | \$35        |
|                                   |             | Received  | \$288,454   |



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Pastor Jay Dennis  
**THINGS YOU  
 WON'T HEAR  
 IN HELL**



connection guide || August 30, 2015

## a note from the pastor

Church at the Mall Family and Welcomed Guests:

We are so happy you are here! My prayer is that you experience the friendliness and welcoming spirit of our church but most of all that you experience God. Last Sunday was one of the most memorable days I have spent in ministry. We know of 46 people who were saved!!! In the 9:30 and 11:00am services, I asked those who prayed to receive Christ to come and hand me their commitment card. People flooded to the altar. In the 11am service the congregation would break out in applause each time someone came forward. The joy in the room felt like Heaven. In addition, we baptized 10 people! God is moving! May we continue to be on our faces before Him and beg for His anointing.

*Miracle Sunday, September 27*

I want to share with you about Miracle Sunday, September 27. We will gather together to observe the Lord's Supper, but we are also asking God to perform a miracle through our people. On that Sunday, our goal is to raise \$500,000 above our budget. This would make up for Palm Sunday and Easter when we gave the first Sunday to our debt retirement and then gave our entire Easter offering to seven specific ministries.

We would use half (\$250,000) of the \$500,000 for our budget and half (\$250,000) for the resources needed to begin our first multi-site church. It is important for you to know that we do not spend more than we take in and will not. Pastor Darrin and his financial staff team and the Finance Committee are doing an amazing job of overseeing every aspect of our finances. Our church is in very good shape financially, but raising this money will allow us to continue the ministries that have been put on hold. Our fantastic staff reviewed their budgets and reduced their ministry and program budgets by \$250,000.

I will be using the messages on Sundays, September 13 and 20 to prepare us for Miracle Sunday!

So what can you do for Miracle Sunday?

- 1. Please be Present**  
Since the Lord's Supper only happens four times a year, it is vital for you and your family to be here and not miss this most sacred time that Jesus has commanded. If you have to be gone a Sunday, please do not let it be September 27 unless you absolutely must.
- 2. Please be Prayerful**  
Would you ask God to give us at least \$500,000 on that Sunday? Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to and through the people of FBC at the Mall. Please pray specifically!
- 3. Please be Prepared**  
On that Sunday, be prepared to give the most generous offering you have ever given. In fact, I am asking you to tithe on that Sunday, even if you normally do not. The only place in scripture where God has invited us to prove Him is in relation to the tithe. The tithe is 10% of what you make. So, from your weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly income, take 10% and give it to God. If you have never tithed, you have never experienced the joy and victory of obeying God in this way. You will be absolutely amazed at what God will do as a result of your tithing. Also, prepare your heart for receiving the Lord's Supper
- 4. Please be Persuaded**  
Be persuaded that when God's people act in faith, God will bring His blessings. God told us that if we wanted to please Him, we must exercise faith. Believe God for a miracle in our church. Believe God for personal miracles to take place. Be persuaded that God is able to meet every need we have and more as we obey Him. Obedience is the key!

Church, God is up to something big! He has placed a great responsibility on our church. We have been given much and God requires much from us. More to come on Miracle Sunday!

One of my greatest joys is being your pastor!

I Love You,



## upcoming



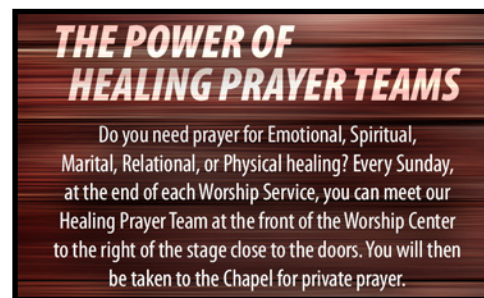
**Fall Into the Swing of Things**

**Fall Semester Begins Wed., Sept. 2**  
Check out [churchatthemall.com](http://churchatthemall.com) or grab a brochure at the Info Desk for details.



**GUARDIANS APOLOGETICS**  
DEFENDING THE FAITH

Room 660 | 6:15pm | This Wednesday



**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.



**WINGMAN**

1 Cor. 16:13-14

NOW Center | 6:15pm | This Wednesday

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## 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 6 from 9:30am to noon in Rm 680.**

### September Committee Meetings

Bylaws Committee || Sept. 2 \ \ Stewardship Committee || Sept. 9  
Personnel Committee || Sept. 16 \ \ Finance Committee || Sept. 23

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  
Summer First Wednesdays August 5 || 6:15-8:00pm || Combined Worship || Rm 460

### Catalyst College Ministry

Sunday || 11:00am || Catalyst Connect Group || Theatre 2  
Wednesday || 6:15pm || Catalyst Mid.Point || Theatre 2

### Summer Opportunities

Summer 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 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 || Room 690  
Wednesday || 6:15pm || NOW Center

### Worship Ministry

Choir Rehearsal || Wednesday (Resumes August 12) || 6:30-8:00pm || Choir Room

### Other Ministries/Classes

The Chapel Service || Wednesday || 6:15pm || 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