

a note from the pastor

Dear Church at the Mall Family and Welcomed Guests:

Welcome to worship on this Memorial Day weekend Sunday. Today we have come to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, knowing that He is alive and He is present. Also, we want to remember those who have given their lives in service to our country so that we might have the freedom to come and worship today. Thank you to all the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for their country.

Recently, as I moved my mom, I was going through some old pictures and papers. I saw a picture of a hillside in France with hundreds of white crosses. My grandpa is among those who are there, who gave their lives in World War II. The letter sent to my grandmother from Franklin Delano Roosevelt brought tears to my eyes. Think about the hundreds, even thousands of such letters that many wives, husbands, and parents have received because freedom was more important than life itself. Thank you to everyone who has served or are serving in our military. Especially today we thank them for making that ultimate sacrifice.

Each year we have a Memorial Day display on Main Street (Lobby). It is an amazing reminder of what this day commemorates. Take a moment to stop by. You don't want to miss it!

Welcome Conrad Johnson!!!

Today I am beyond excited to share with you that God has brought to us one of the greatest blessings we could have prayed for or imagined. We welcome Conrad Johnson as our new Worship Leader! Pastors Darrin, Jerry, and I along with the Personnel Committee could not be more excited! The way God orchestrated bringing Conrad to us could only have been orchestrated by Him. Many of you will remember the Christian duo, Chris and Conrad. They had many popular songs including "Lead Me to the Cross." For the last five years, Conrad has run his own successful sound recording studio here in Lakeland. For the last 9 months he has been working behind the scenes orchestrating our sound. Conrad has one of the purest hearts for worship I have ever encountered. He has a humility that is obvious from the first moment of meeting him. Conrad's sweet wife's name is Emily and is the K-5 art teacher at Lakeland Christian School. They have two precious children, Ellie (7), and Sarah (2). Welcome Conrad, Emily, Ellie, and Sarah!!! God has brought together an amazing worship team in Conrad, Kristi, Trevor and Kris! We are so blessed!

Next Sunday I will share a message entitled "When You Find Yourself in Crete." If you have ever been in a difficult or discouraging place, you need to hear this message. Then on June 7, I will begin a new series of messages entitled, *A Trophy in God's Grace Case (From Brokenness to Blessedness)*.

Church, I encourage you to continue having your extraordinary spirit of generosity. Join me in praying that we would be the most generous church on earth!

I Love You,



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, Discipleship and Administration

Beth Miller, Ministry Assistant for Worship, Discipleship and Administration

Worship

Conrad Johnson *Worship Leader*
 Kristi Brown *Worship Leader*
 Trevor Panarello *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*
 Steve Antley *Interm Children's Minister*
 Katy Imig *Children's Ministry Assistant*
 Sean Beach *Lead 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 *Event Coordinator*
 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 May 17, 2015

GENERAL INFORMATION

Baptisms Since 10/1/14	173
New Members Since 10/1/14	174
Sunday Connect Group Discipleship	1,847
Midweek Discipleship	1,337

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Weekly Budget Needed	\$139,423
Received This Week	\$108,311
YTD Budget Needed	\$2,788,462
Received YTD	\$2,360,703

DEBT ELIMINATION OFFERING

Balance as of 5/17/15	\$3,488,352
Received This Week	\$5,232
Current Balance	\$3,483,120

SPECIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OFFERING (OLD FFG)

Worship Center Audio, Video and Lighting	
Received This Week	\$0
Received	\$287,760



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Sunday, May 24

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

Sunday, May 31

If You Find Yourself in Crete (God Please Don't Leave Me Here!)

coming soon

Vacation Bible School
EVEREST
 Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power

June 15 - 19 | 9am - Noon

Completed Kindergarten - Completed 5th grade
 Free registration at catm.me/vbs or at the Children's Ministry Desk.

Preschool VBS for 3 years old (by 9/1/15) - 4 years old
 Check out the Preschool Information Desk for more information and to register your preschooler for a specially developed Vacation Bible School program designed to teach your preschooler the theme of creation through the life of Moses.

Get Connected!
 Join a Connect Group today.


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

Wednesday Night Summer Schedule
 visit churchatthemall.com for more complete details



Best Week EVER
 THE ULTIMATE DAY CAMP EXPERIENCE

Registration Open Now!
 July 27 - 31 | 1st - 6th Grades
www.winshape.org



VERTICAL
 STUDENT CAMP 2015
 July 19-24, 2015

Register at the student ministry desk in the student area.

ON SALE NOW!
 AT THE MEDIA DESK

UNDERSTANDING & ANSWERING ISLAM
 JESUS AND MUHAMMAD

DVD or CD SET \$15

Memorial Day
 Be sure to check out the display on Main Street honoring those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

The church will be closed tomorrow and will reopen on Tuesday.

more happenings

Men don't miss David Platt's video study, *Counter Culture*, in Rm 160 beginning this Wednesday at 6:15pm. This is your chance to take a few minutes to be encouraged and rest from your hectic work week.

Do you have any clothes or shoes you'd like to give away? Compassion House is in need of clothing and shoes of all sizes. Drop them off at the bins located around the church or at Compassion House during the week.

Katie DeLoach, M.S.; LMHC will be speaking on "Taking Care of Yourself Physically, Emotionally & Spiritually" in order to be more effective in helping others at Hope Givers on June 3 at 6:15pm. Don't miss this Potluck Dinner night if you have a loved one incarcerated and need encouragement and a safe place to share your feelings. The meat, paper

goods & drinks will be provided, but we do ask that you bring a side dish to share. This is the last meeting until the Fall Semester begins in September.

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 **Wednesday, June 3 at 6:00 - 8:00pm in Rm 680.**

May Committee Meetings

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 || Room 160

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
 First Thursday Prayer Group || 1st Thursday of the Month, Room 162, 9:00am