

a note from the pastor

Dear Church at the Mall Family and Welcomed Guests:

I am so happy you are here! Today you are in for an incredible blessing as my dear friend Dr. David Clarke shares in all three worship services. David is a Christian psychologist who is a prolific writer, a nationally known radio guest, and truly one of the best of the best counselors. I encourage you to go to David's product table and purchase these great resources. As a pastor, I use David's material often. His humor is contagious! David and his precious wife Sandy, have four wonderful children: Emily, Leeann, Nancy, and William.

Today Angie and I are celebrating the wedding of our daughter Emily. Thank you for understanding and for your prayers. We are so blessed!

Men, Spiritually Lead Your Home with the Advent Devotional

I want to give a shout-out to all husbands and fathers: I am challenging you to get a copy of our Advent Devotional, *Christmas Mysteries*, and lead your wife, your family, in a 28-day journey. The devotional is practical and user friendly. I also challenge our wives and mothers along with single adults and teenagers to make use of this "keep-your-focus-on-Christ" tool. At the end of each daily devotion, there are questions for you to consider.

New Sermon Series and Wednesday Evening Services

Beginning next Sunday, I am excited about beginning a new Christmas series called, *The Five Lights of Christmas*. We will focus on what it means to wait on God, how to have hope, and how to experience joy and peace.

Please don't miss our Wednesday evening Advent services. Next Wednesday evening, I will share as we reflect on anticipating Christ's birth. See the schedule at churchatthemall.com/advent or in the Connection Guide.

I want to take a moment to communicate my heart about what has taken place in our church over the last few weeks. I could sense your excitement and affirmation on Sunday the 9th when I shared the Vision 2020 Task Force's Missional Goals and again last Sunday, when we dedicated the services to praying over these goals. Usually as I am driving home from church, I am my own worst critic; however, last Sunday as I left, there was a magnificent spirit of joy, anticipation, blessing, and excitement! Thank you for being the kind of church that has never learned to say "No" to God! I ask that you continue to pray over the 7 goals using the Missional Praying Booklet, which are the sermon notes from last Sunday. (They are available at churchatthemall.com/vision2020). God is stirring His people, and there is a fresh wind blowing. You can feel it. Don't miss what God is doing.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week, please pause, reflect, and think about the untold blessings God has given to you, and thank God for the freedoms we have in America that were hard fought for by our men and women in uniform. Happy Thanksgiving!

I love you,
Pastor Jay

P.S. Thank you Pastors Darrin and Jerry for a phenomenal job in our Town Hall meeting regarding our 2015 budget. These men are as close as brothers to me, and I trust them implicitly. What godly leadership!

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

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

Jerrold Brooks *Discipleship Minister*
Linda Gundlach *Preschool Director*
Michelle Traylor *Preschool Ministry Assistant*
Christopher Gooding *Children's Minister*
Erin Gooding *Children's Ministry Assistant*
Steve Antley *Student Minister*
Luis Ruiz *Student Ministry Associate*
Kim Hill *Connect to Growth 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 *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

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*

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

On Call Pastor

Church members, please know there is a pastor on-call if you have an emergency or crisis during non-business hours. Call (863) 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, his tracts and booklets are also available at the Media Desk on Main Street.

Information for November 16, 2014

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Weekly Budget Needed \$128,365
Received This Week \$111,632
YTD Budget Needed \$5,904,790
Received YTD \$5,767,305

DEBT REDUCTION OFFERING

Received This Week \$2,568
Received Since 6/23/14 \$66,493

GENERAL INFORMATION

Baptisms Since 10/1/14 39
New Members Since 10/1/13 53
Sunday Connect Group Discipleship 2,050
Midweek Discipleship 1,942

SPECIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OFFERING (OLD FFG)

Worship Center Audio, Video and Lighting
Received This Week \$145
Received \$285,075



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The Five Lights of Christmas

CELEBRATING THE FIRST COMING OF CHRIST



A Sermon Series by

Pastor Jay Dennis

Sunday, November 30th

The Light of Waiting on God...

(What God Does While You Are Waiting)

Sunday, December 7th

The Light of Hope...

(A Forward Look Because of a Past Promise)

Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24th

The Light of the World...

(No More Darkness! No More Night! The Light Has Come!)

Sunday, December 14th

The Light of Joy...

(He Came to Bring Joy, Not Happiness. Joy Is Better!)

Sunday, December 21st

The Light of Peace...

(I Want to Be Able to Say "It Is Well With My Soul")



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coming soon

Join Us For ADVENT

CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH US
IN WORSHIP AND DEVOTION

Advent Sundays

Beginning November 30th

Join us for exciting worship and Pastor Jay's Advent Series:
The 5 Lights of Christmas - Celebrating the First Coming of Christ

Advent Wednesdays

Four Unique Experiences to Celebrate Advent

December 3rd

Worship in anticipation
of the coming King at 6:15pm

December 10th

Worship in celebration of
God's promises at 6:15pm

December 17th

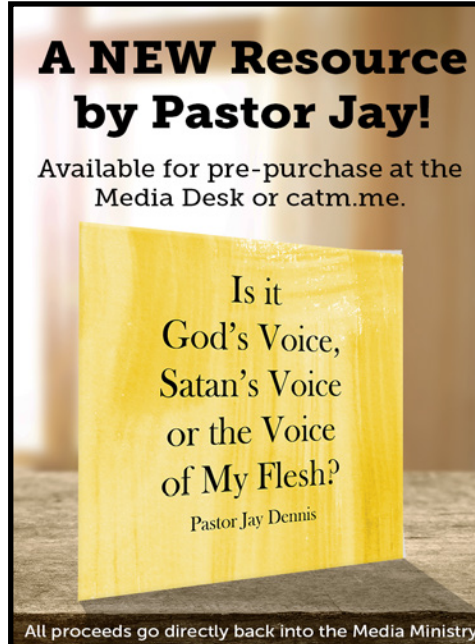
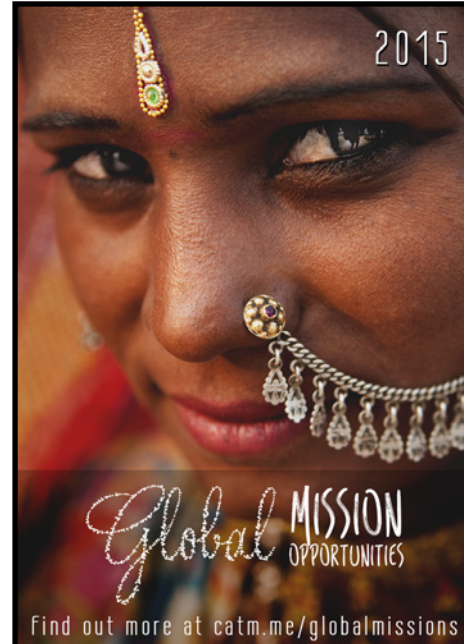
Reflect on the peace and joy
of the season at 6:15pm

December 24th

Our traditional Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service at 11:00pm

Advent at Home An Advent Devotional For the Family

Available Today at the Media Desk, Information Desk,
Coffee Shop (\$5), and catm.me/advent (Free Download). Take
your family through *Christmas Mysteries*, a 28-day devotional,
written specifically to guide you through the Advent season.



more happenings

SUPPORT 1 MISSION

Do you want to go on a mission trip to Cuba, Haiti or India? Then be sure to attend the interest meeting next Sunday in the Coffee Shop area following the 11am Worship Service.

Take a trip. Compassion House needs drivers during the week to pick up supplies. Only have a few hours to spare? That's OK. Call Arcy at (863) 640-3737 if you're interested.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Hope Givers Family Prison Ministry is happy to welcome our very own Trena Mewborn, Director of Counseling & Support Groups, as their guest speaker on Wed., Dec. 3 at 6:15pm in Rm 690. She will be speaking on "Real Love is Messy: How to Love Well Through Life's Difficult Seasons." Please join them for a time of encouragement and fellowship.

Conquering Cancer Through Christ will have their annual Christmas Party on Sun., Dec. 7 at 5pm in Rm 690 (Hospitality Place). Enjoy a catered dinner (\$7/person) with all the trimmings, lots of Christmas music and a special presentation of the Christmas Story. Call Sue Whisonant (815-1646) or Susie Booth (701-7890) with any questions.

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

December Committee Meetings

Bylaws Committee \ \ Wednesday, December 3
Stewardship Committee \ \ Wednesday, December 10
Personnel Committee \ \ Wednesday, December 17
Finance Committee will not meet in December.

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 \ \ 6:30pm \ \ 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