

a note from the pastor

Dear Church at the Mall Family and Welcomed Guests:

Welcome to the first Sunday of 2016! With all my heart I believe this will be the greatest year ever for FBC at the Mall. We have amazing plans for this year. As you know, I was scheduled to have back surgery last Tuesday; however, the best of plans sometimes change. Due to an infection, the surgery had to be postponed for early February. As frustrating as that is, God always has a purpose beyond what we can see at the moment. I just ask for your continued prayers for strength in addressing the constant pain. Thank you for being such a caring, loving church.

The Jabez Journey
January 3-February 1

Today I will bring a message that has its inspiration in a 30-day prayer experiment we did as a church in September of 1996. This prayer, *The Prayer of Jabez*, was used of God to spark revival in our church and a sense of that revival continues to this day. I will ask you at the conclusion of each worship service to make a commitment to pray the *Prayer of Jabez* for the next 30 days (January 3-February 1). You will be given a *Jabez Journey Journal* which includes instructions at the beginning, the prayer for each day and a Scripture on prayer to read, reflect upon, pray and through which to seek the voice of the Holy Spirit. There are lines for you to record your insights, thoughts, prayer requests and answers to prayer. Please say "Yes" to praying this prayer, and let's make this journey together. Each week I am asking you to fast at least one meal. If because of medical reasons, you cannot fast food, then choose something else from which you can fast. Fasting will change your life. I cannot wait to hear what experiences you will have over the next 30 days!

2016 An Exciting Year

For many reasons 2016 is an exciting year for our church. On Easter we will launch our Church at the Mall Auburndale Campus. Much prayer, preparation and planning is going into this God-sized endeavor. We are also praying about an Online Campus as well as a South Lakeland Campus. In addition I am praying about launching a Men's Lakeland Leadership Breakfast both at our main campus and our Auburndale Campus. Details are forthcoming. In order to accomplish all God is calling us to do, it is absolutely essential that we be a generous church. A generous church is only possible with a generous people. Let 2016 be the year you commit to giving a tithe (10% of your income) which is commanded by God. If you are already tithing, don't stop there. Giving beyond the tithe is an offering. I believe the Bible teaches the tithe is to go to the local church and above the tithe you have the freedom to give to projects and ministries for which God is leading. This decision will transform your life.

Our Christmas season was the very best I have ever experienced in almost 20 years. God is so at work in our church.

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

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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.

If you are asked by anyone for clothing, food or financial assistance while on campus, refer them to the Guest Services Desk on Main Street. Information will be provided about benevolence, Compassion House, Breaking Bread Café, and other opportunities. Thank you for your generosity by supporting these ministries.

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 December 27, 2015

GENERAL INFORMATION

Baptisms Since 10/4/2015	67
New Members Since 10/4/2015	92
Sunday Connect Group Discipleship	1,548
Midweek Discipleship	2,259

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Weekly Budget Needed	\$139,423
Received This Week	\$193,009
YTD Budget Needed	\$7,250,000
Received YTD	\$6,650,876

SPECIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OFFERING (OLD FFG)

WORSHIP CENTER AUDIO, VIDEO AND LIGHTING	
Received This Week	\$25
Received	\$289,041

DEBT REDUCTION ACTIVITY REPORT

Balance as of 12/27/2015	\$3,154,064
Received This Week	\$3,015
Monthly Principal Payment	\$27,642
Current Balance	\$3,123,407
Balance as of 1/1/2015	\$4,150,936
Debt Reduction YTD	\$1,027,529

SPECIAL OFFERING ACTIVITY REPORT

Debt Reduction 3/29/2015	\$410,975
Seven Missional Causes 4/5/2015	\$300,802
Multi-Site Campuses	\$163,767
Special Offerings YTD	\$875,544

MISSIONS GIVING

Year to Date	\$898,348
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Upcoming Message

Sunday, January 10, 2016

Why Virtually No One in America Calls on Allah, Mohamed, Buddha, Confucius, or other Religion Founders when Tragedy Strikes

coming soon

Ravi Zacharias International Ministries Presents

Understanding & Answering Islam

Friday, January 15, 2016 7:00 - 9:00pm
 Saturday, January 16, 2016 9:00am - 3:30pm

\$15 Registration on Main Street
 Includes Printed Materials
 Donuts and Coffee Breakfast
 and Chick-fil-a Lunch on Saturday

COMEBACK BOYS OF THE BIBLE

HOW TO GET UP FROM THE KNOCKDOWNS OF LIFE

BEGINS NEXT WEDNESDAY 6:15PM | NOW CENTER

2016 WINTER MIDWEEK SEMESTER

KICKS-OFF JANUARY 10
 DETAILS AVAILABLE ON MAIN STREET AND CATM.ME/MIDWEEK

DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE
 THIS WEDNESDAY | 6:15PM
 WORSHIP CENTER

more happenings

Are you engaged or newly married? Yes? Then come check out the NEW Connect Group on Sun., Jan. 31st as they kick-off the study, *Saving Your Marriage Before it Starts*, at 11am in Rm 184.

Hope Givers, a support group for those who have a loved one incarcerated, will meet on Wed, Jan. 13th at 6:15pm in Rm 690 (Hospitality Place). We are thrilled that Libby Combee, Exec. Director and founder of Leland Family Ministries of Bartow, will share with us. This agency addresses substance abuse/addictions and embraces recovery by connecting offenders, addicts and families to the love of God. You will not want to miss hearing Ms. Combee speak. Light refreshments will be provided.

Ladies, don't miss Crystal Tattrie share in WMU about her recent trip to Hungary. See you tomorrow at 10am in Rm 690. Bring a jar of spaghetti sauce for a fund raiser. Children in Action will meet in the children's area at the same time. A snack lunch is provided.

Marriage: Bold, Practical, & Unafraid
 Beginning Jan. 10

YMCA Young Married Christian Adults Outreach Group
 11am | Room 560

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD

2016 NATIONS MISSIONS CELEBRATION

JAN 27-31
catm.me/thenations

Reading the Bible Daily Will Change Your Life.

Pick up your Daily Reading ESV Bible at the Media Desk today!

Pick up your Family Devotional for \$5 at the Media Desk or catm.me.

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.

Español Ministerio

El servicio de adoración será traducido al Español los Domingos a las 11 de la mañana. Invite a un familiar o amigo. Les esperamos.
 Domingos \ \ Estudio Bíblico \ \ 9:30am \ \ Aula 665
 Miércoles \ \ Aprendiendo de la biblia \ \ 6:30pm \ \ Aula 665

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, January 3 from 9:30am to noon in Rm 680.**

January Committee Meetings

Bylaws Committee \ \ Jan. 6 \ \ Nominating Committee \ \ Jan. 13
 Stewardship Committee \ \ Jan. 13 \ \ 6:15pm \ \ Personnel Committee \ \ Jan. 20
 Finance Committee \ \ Jan. 27
All meetings are held on Wednesdays at 5:00pm in the Executive Conference Room unless otherwise noted

Preschool Ministry (Birth - 5 Years Old)

Sun. \ \ 8:00am Wee Worship \ \ 9:30am Connect Groups \ \ 11:00am Preschool Praise
 Wed. \ \ 6:00pm

Children's Ministry (1st - 5th grade Children's Area)

Sun. \ \ 8:00am Worship \ \ 9:30am Children's Bible Study \ \ 11:00am Jam \ \ Wed. \ \ 6:00pm

Remedy Student Ministries (6th - 12th grade)

Sun. \ \ Connect Groups \ \ 11:00am \ \ MS: Rm 460 \ \ HS: Rm 450

College and Young Career (CYC)

Sun. \ \ 11:00am \ \ Connect Group \ \ Theatre 2 \ \ Wed. \ \ 6:15pm \ \ Mid.Point \ \ Theatre 2

Midweek Opportunities

The Winter Semester will begin on January 10. Details available on Main Street and catm.me
 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.

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.

Wingman Men's Ministry

Sun. \ \ 11:00am \ \ Connect Group \ \ Room 690

Other Ministries/Classes

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 191, 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, Library, 9:00am
 Ladies Exercise Class \ \ Wednesday, 9:00-10:00am, Rm 670