

a note from the pastor *continued*

5. A Revival of Generosity

Pray that our church would experience an atmosphere of great generosity financially. Our member's spiritual growth depends upon it. My prayer for each of us is that we will move one more step in our commitment to giving financially to the greatest cause on heaven and earth—the Kingdom of God. Through messages and Connect Group lessons, you will hear specifically how you can become a more generous follower of Jesus.

6. One-Point Weekend—(February 26-28)

This is one of the greatest discipleship weekends your student could experience. Parents, make sure this happens with your student!

7. Amazing Opportunity to Go Back on TV with Channel 22 in Tampa and Channel 45 in Orlando

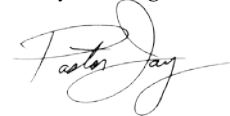
This opportunity would give us coverage all over central Florida and beyond, providing an open door for many in our area to visit and attend our church. God is using specific people to help provide for the airtime. We have been given a phenomenal deal with both stations. The format would be an introduction, conclusion, the pastor's message and a worship song. We are praying we can begin this ministry in early April! Please pray about allowing God to use you to help with this ministry.

8. Baptisms

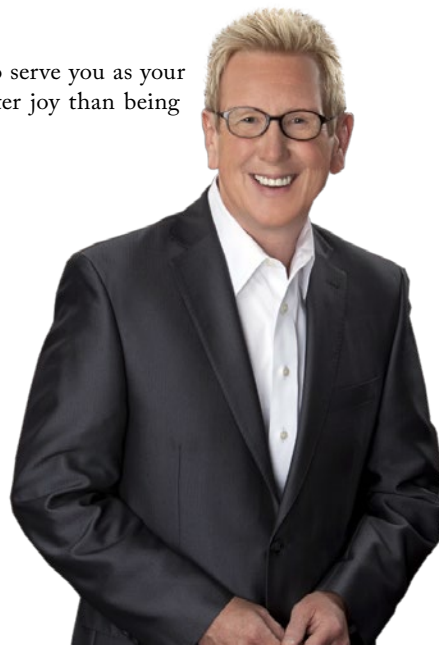
Pray that we would never experience a Sunday without the baptismal waters in our baptistery stirring. Pray that children, youth (students), college-age, and adults of all ages will be encouraged to obey Jesus in this command. Pray that in our Connect Groups and individual ministries, we would all experience the burden to promote Christians following through with believer's baptism, by immersion and after salvation.

Church, I love you and am so thankful that I get to serve you as your Lead Pastor. Outside of my family, I have no greater joy than being your pastor.

Many Blessings,



Pastor Jay



ministry staff

Dr. Jay Dennis *Lead Pastor*

Virginia Bellucci, *Ministry Assistant to Lead 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
Tyler Batts
Dustin Barrow

Sr. Worship Leader

Sr. Worship Leader

Campus Worship Pastor

Creative Arts Director

The Worship Creative

Trevor Panarello

Children & Student Worship Leader

Kris Ridgley

Choir & Orchestra Worship Leader

Betsy Brown

Worship Ministry Assistant

Daniel Livingston

Program Technology Supervisor

Michael Short

Program Technology Specialist

Discipleship

Jerrold Brooks

Discipleship Minister

Kelly Glogower

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Walt Dearie

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Mary Lou Helm

Pastoral & Preschool Assistant

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Ministry Assistant

Event Coordinator

Trena Mewborn

Director of Counseling

& Support Groups

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 February 7, 2016

GENERAL INFORMATION

Baptisms Since 10/4/2015	79
New Members Since 10/4/2015	113
Sunday Connect Group Discipleship	1,909
Midweek Discipleship	1,361

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Weekly Budget Needed	\$146,154
Received This Week	\$173,889
YTD Budget Needed	\$876,924
Received YTD	\$854,422

SPECIAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OFFERING (OLD FFG)

WORSHIP CENTER AUDIO, VIDEO AND LIGHTING	
Received This Week	\$0
Received	\$293,576

DEBT REDUCTION ACTIVITY REPORT

Balance as of 1/31/2016	\$3,108,516
Received This Week	\$8,215
Current Balance	\$3,100,301
Balance as of 1/1/2015	\$4,150,936
Debt Reduction YTD	\$23,106

SPECIAL OFFERING ACTIVITY REPORT

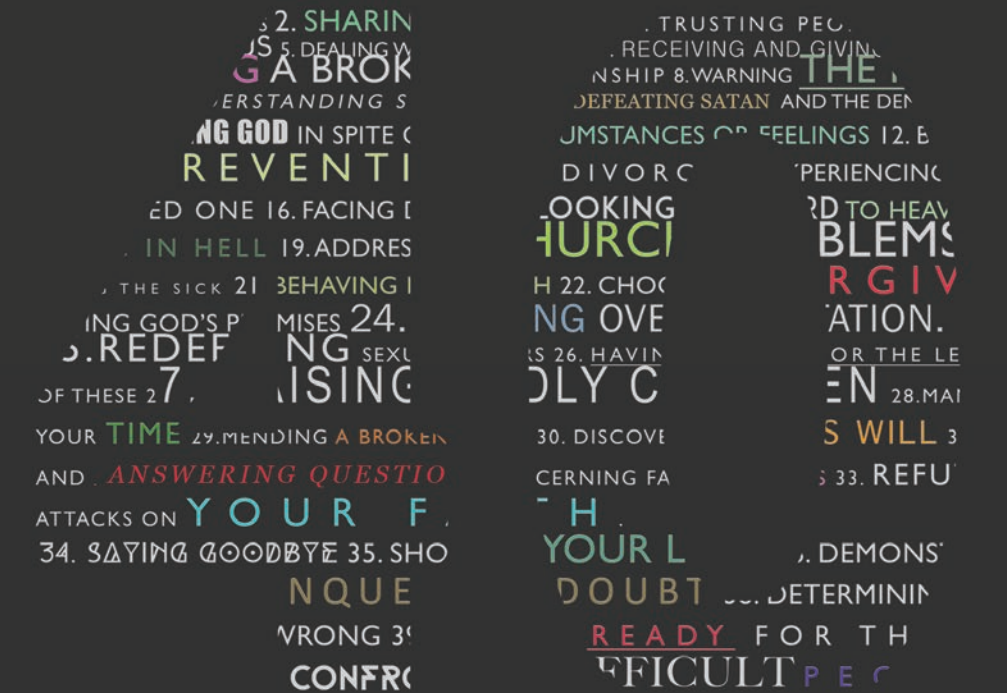
Debt Reduction 3/29/2015	\$410,975
Seven Missional Causes 4/5/2015	\$300,802
Multi-Site Campuses	\$163,767
Special Offerings YTD	\$875,544

MISSIONS GIVING

Year to Date	\$71,566
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THE JESUS RESPONSES

40 RESPONSES OF JESUS TO LIFE SITUATIONS

JOHN 12: 32

“AND I, IF I AM LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, WILL DRAW ALL MEN TO MYSELF.” (NASB)

1 PETER 2: 21

“FOR TO THIS YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED, BECAUSE CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED FOR YOU, LEAVING YOU AN EXAMPLE, SO THAT YOU MIGHT FOLLOW IN HIS STEPS.” (ESV)

1 JOHN 2: 6

“WHOEVER CLAIMS TO LIVE IN HIM MUST LIVE AS JESUS DID.” (NIV)

connection guide || February 14, 2016

a note from the pastor

Dear Church at the Mall Family and Welcomed Guests:

Welcome to worship on this Lord's Day, which is also Valentine's Day. This day provides a wonderful opportunity to express in very practical ways through words and gifts, your love for your sweetheart. Valentine's Day reminds us that we have no greater gift than God's unconditional love. Today's message focuses on a married couple's love relationship. I encourage you to share this message with others who could not be here today.

Thank you for your many prayers, notes, emails, texts, and expressions of love during my time of recovery. I am doing very well and truly believe this surgery was a gift from God. Although the pain from the three hour surgery is still significant, I can feel a difference in the pre-surgery pain I was experiencing. I am so grateful for how God used your prayers to bring healing to my life. I am looking forward to being back in the pulpit next Sunday.

One of the best ways I can communicate with you what is on my heart and what I believe we need to be focusing on is through giving you a specific prayer list. I want to give you *Pastor Jay's Top Prayer Requests*. I am asking you to pray daily for these requests. By the way, I heard amazing testimonies from our Jabez Prayer Journey that ended on February 1. God truly is doing something so big it is obviously from Him! Why don't you consider making that prayer a permanent, daily prayer in your life? This list is not in order of importance. Each point has equal importance and should be equally prayed for with much urgency and passion:

1. Our Easter Launch of Church at the Mall Auburndale (Sunday, March 27)

Pray for financial provisions to purchase all the technology equipment we will need in addition to getting the buildings ready. Pray for our volunteer core leaders. Pray for our staff team with Dr. Mark Bedwell as Campus Pastor, Tyler Batts as Worship Pastor, Sammy Batts as Campus Director, Brad Terry leading Adult Discipleship, Ian and Kim Farrington leading Children's Ministries, and Lynn Peterson leading Preschool Ministries.

2. Our Easter Offering, Which Gives Away 100% of the Offering to Missional Causes

Half of these funds will be given for the financial needs of Church at the Mall Auburndale. The other ministries will be listed in next week's Connection Guide. Give the most sacrificial gift you can give that Sunday! This is among our best kingdom-expanding opportunities.

3. Easter Sunday—for Our Members to Invite the Un-Churched and Unsaved with a Passion and Urgency Unlike we Have Ever Experienced

Pray for those you want to invite, and then with love and excitement, invite them. Make it as easy as you possibly can for them to come with you on Easter. Pray for many to be saved on Easter, at least 100 people coming to know Jesus as Savior and Lord. Pray for many to be baptized on that Sunday. Pray for overflow crowds who will experience worship and a message centering on the three words "He Is Risen!"

4. Easter Weekend Saturday's All-Church Prayer Meeting

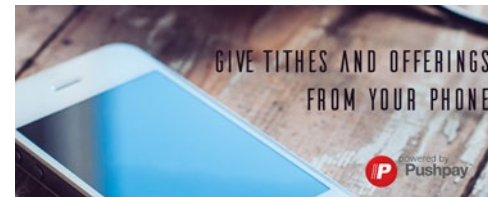
On Saturday, March 26 from 9 until 11am, we will gather for our annual pre-Easter all-church prayer service. This has become one of the highlights of the Easter season as we gather in the Worship Center and cry out to God using a specific prayer guide. We will spend two hours in passionate prayer. Please don't miss this. Make this a priority!

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more happenings



With chilly weather, Compassion House is in need of the following items: Men's and Women's winter coats; Men's pants 32 - 38; Children's clothes sizes 6 and up; Children's coats; Blankets. It's a great time to start volunteering, too. Compassion House has plenty of open spots!



Give your tithe directly from your phone! To start, text "CATM" to 77977 and you will receive a link to our FBC at the Mall giving page. Or you can text "pushpay" to 77977 and you will receive a link to download the PushPay app. This is the most convenient way to give your weekly gift!



Do you need prayer for Emotional, Spiritual, Marital, Relational, or Physical Healing? Every Sunday, at the end of each Worship Service, you can meet the Healing Prayer team at the front of the Worship Center, to the right of the stage. You will then be taken to the Chapel for private prayer.



Conquering Cancer Through Christ, a Support Group, will be meeting Sunday, Feb. 21st at 5:00pm in the Hospitality Room. If you or a loved one has been touched by cancer, join us for encouragement as you travel this journey. We will meet the 3rd Sunday of most months.



Register your Student TODAY at the student ministry welcome desk in the warehouse! This is a must-attend event for any student grades six through twelve. February 26 - 28 could be the weekend that changes the life of your student forever. Don't hesitate to invite a friend to join you!



The Annual Wingman Men's Ministry Golf Classic is March 4th! Proceeds to further the Wingman Men's Ministry, Florida Baptist Children's Home and the Malnutrition Center for Children of Guatemala. Lunch & Dinner provided. Stop by the information desk to register or go online to churchatthemall.com.

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 on **Sun., March 6 from 9:30am to noon in Rm 680.**

February Committee Meetings

Personnel Committee: Feb 17 // Finance Committee: Feb 24

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 began on January 10. Details available on Main Street and catm.me

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 150

Worship Ministry

Choir Rehearsal \ \ Wednesday \ \ 6:30-8:00pm \ \ Choir Room

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