

Open Door Voice

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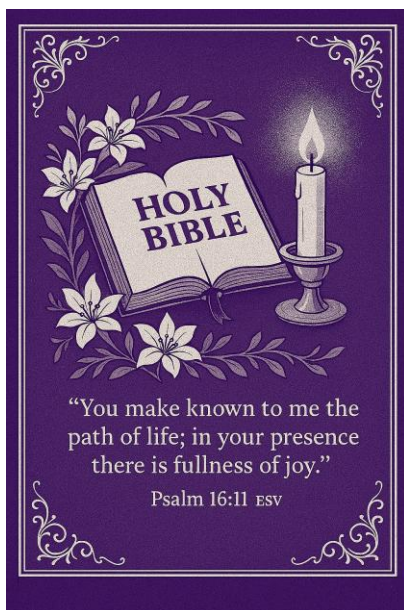
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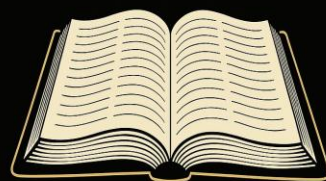
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From the Desk of the Pastor



HOLY BIBLE

Greetings,

This month I want to start by thanking all of you who have been consistent in your efforts to continue ministry. We have faced challenges in the past and we will face many challenges in the future but we need to remember how we have come to be where we are. We are not and never will be on our own! We are The Lord's people. We are the sheep of His pasture. He knows where we are and has promised to provide what we need EVERY TIME WE NEED IT!!! Our job is to trust, believe and obey!

This means that we have to continue doing the things that we are responsible for and

are, in fact, able to do. This includes but is not limited to reading and studying God's word; continuing to attend worship service, using prayer as a tool and even praying for our enemies. We need to continue to support ministry by giving our tithes and offerings because it matters and because God requires it! We must do our part even while taking advantage of opportunities to enjoy vacations and other summer leisure activities.

Deuteronomy 7:9 (KJV)
Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

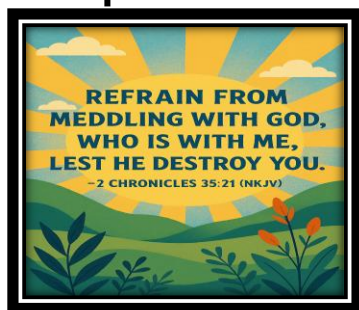
Thanks also to our team that helped with vacation bible school this year. Our effort was chaired by Sis. Ledbetter and she extends her thanks to all who gave their support.

Please keep in prayer all of the delegates and our international partners traveling to the Lott Carey annual session.

Enjoy your summer!

Be Blessed!
Pastor Taylor

Listening Beyond Expectations



As summer sun stretches long across our days, we often find ourselves drawn into moments of reflection. This season invites us to slow down, listen closely, and lean into the quiet voice of the Lord.

King Josiah, one of Judah's most faithful reformers, faced a moment like this. Despite restoring the temple and purging idolatry from the land, he met his end not in righteous triumph, but in a decision to act without discernment. Pharaoh Necho warned him—*God has sent me, do not interfere*—but Josiah pressed ahead and paid the price with his life.

It's a poignant reminder that even the most committed believers must guard against spiritual overconfidence. Sometimes God's guidance comes through unexpected messengers or unfamiliar

voices. Will we have the humility to recognize it?

Let's pause amid the warmth of summer to ask:

Am I listening? Am I truly open to God's direction, even when it surprises me? Have I quieted my assumptions long enough to hear His whisper?

Let us be a people who welcome God's voice in all its forms—with reverence, curiosity, and trust.

May our pray always be, Heavenly Father, thank You for speaking to us in both thunder and stillness. Tune our hearts to Your voice, especially when it challenges our expectations. Let us walk in humility and discernment, always yielding to Your way. Amen.

—Submitted with care for your walk of faith

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Experience the Word of God at Open Door Baptist Church where we teach and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. We welcome you to join us, grow in faith, and experience the life-changing power of knowing Him. Come as you are, and let His Word be your guiding light.

We invite you to worship with us each Sunday at 5600 Central Avenue, SE,

Washington, DC at 11:00 AM—please remember to wear a mask. You can also stream our service online at odbc5600.com.

The Word of God is preached and taught with great dedication. Join us for:

Sunday School – Sundays at 9:45 AM (Meeting ID: 810 2029 3019)

Mid-Day Bible Study – Tuesdays at 11:00 AM (Meeting ID: 156-595-416)

Night Bible Study – Wednesdays at 6:30 PM (Meeting ID: 157-597-139)

You can log on to Zoom at zoom.com or join by phone at **(301) 715-8592**. This number can be used to dial in and access the Bible studies. The phone number for all studies is the same, the Meeting ID numbers vary. Everyone is invited and welcomed!



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 Sister Margaret Smelley
 Sister Sharon Hall & Family
 United States of America
 Special prayers for the
 unrest all over the world



Especially to the following.

Sister Kimella Rodgers
 August 1

Brother Sherman Smith
 August 4

Sister LaKisa Taylor- Allston
 August 13

Trustee Michelle McCord
 August 14

Sister Barbara Caroline
 August 14

Sister Kim Lyles
 August 20

Brother Curtis Spriggs
 August 21

Sister Sarita Haynie
 August 25



*To All Who Celebrate their
 Wedding Anniversary in the
 month of **August!***

From Our Daily Bread Ministries
 - Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Led by the Holy Spirit

When the navigation app suggested a route that would cut almost an hour off their drive from Las Vegas to Los Angeles, Shelby Easler and her brother followed the alternate directions. However, the "shortcut" led them along a dirt path for hours that left them stranded in California's Mojave Desert during a dust storm. They were able to reverse course, but they eventually had to be towed because of all the damage to their car from the rough terrain. The app developer apologized to the numerous travelers who followed those wrong directions.

It's important who we rely on for guidance. As believers in Jesus, we've been given the Holy Spirit to lead and direct us in matters of truth.

When Jesus knew that He'd soon die and be taken from His disciples, He assured them He wouldn't leave them stranded. He urged His disciples to obey His commands and spoke of the promised Holy Spirit, or the Spirit of truth, who would be with them forever and live inside of them (John 14:15-17). **"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you"** (v. 26).

Let's continue to follow the Holy Spirit's prompting as we go throughout our day. We know He'll never lead us astray.

Join us for an exciting, uplifting, and enriching **Summer Series of Bible Studies** held Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM, beginning August 6 through September 10, 2025 — on Zoom. Each week, a unique Presenter will guide us through a powerful spiritual journey, helping us to fully embrace the truth that God Is and that He Is The Only One. View the next page for additional information. We invite you and your loved ones along for the journey! Whether you're nearby or connecting from afar, there's room for everyone to grow, reflect, and rejoice in this dynamic season of discovery and devotion.

ODBC 2025 SUMMER BIBLE STUDY TOPICS
August 6-September 10, 2025 (Wednesdays, 6:30 pm)

Theme: Getting Right with God to Fight Spiritual Warfare

James 4:7-8 – *“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you...”*.

DATE	TOPICS	PRESENTERS
August 6	Getting Right with God - The Bible does not simply repeat one basic formula as to how to get “right with God”. However there are two prominent themes, which basically encompass the other things that the Bible mentions. These two fundamental themes are repentance and belief in Jesus Christ.	Deacon Fred Williams, Jr.
August 13	God and Spiritual Power - To begin to understand the Bible, we must know what God is like. This lesson teaches key fundamentals, providing the basic concepts for understanding how awesome God is.	Sis. Margaret Jackson
August 20	Spiritual Warfare - Believers are faced with challenges from spiritual adversaries and also from within themselves. Although the forces that oppose believers are formidable, the Bible gives clear instructions on how to counter any threat – through the supreme power of God	Sister LaKisa Taylor-Allston
August 27	Major Pitfalls – Pride and Riches	Dr. Taaliba Edwards and Deaconess B. Ann Williams
September 3	Standing Firm - We need to stand firm, until the end – while ever watching for Jesus Christ's return and the fulfillment of our hope.	TBD
September 10	Wisdom & Technology – Using AI in Bible Study	Deacon Mark Leach

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/157597139>

Call 301-715-8592

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