

Open Door Voice

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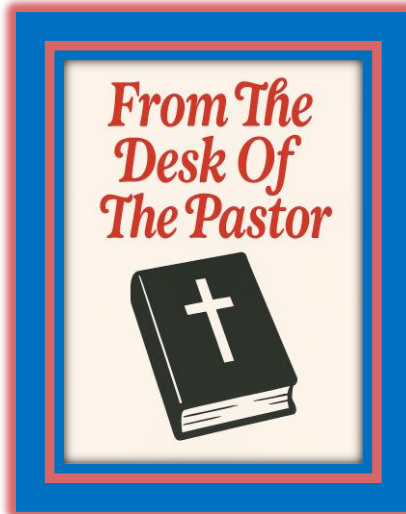
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GREETINGS,

This month I want to pause and reflect on a few stressful things that have been on my mind. I do recognize the need in everyone's life for "self-care." I do also realize that such care is not an option and it is necessary for all of us. Many persons have different coping mechanisms that they may not even be aware of that force them into a different pattern.

These movements become identifiable as being valuable or helpful after they have forced you to make adjustments. One great and very important key thing is to do for yourself what may be necessary before it gets to a critical stage. We perform what is called routine maintenance

on a car or machinery to prevent it from breaking down or stopping abruptly. So in these very challenging times we mere mortals require maintenance breaks or adjustments.

Jesus who is our example in all things, found it not just helpful but necessary to "Draw Away."

Matthew 14:23 (KJV)
And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

Being away and often just spending quality time with our source of strength and help can be a very powerful experience. It will provide new insights to the work and help bring focus to this journey called LIFE!

As we begin a new season of summer, each one of us should make the time, take the time and seek opportunities for rest, relaxation and spiritual renewal! Remember, Jesus did! But don't forget to come

back and CONTINUE the work when you are done!

Last year we recognized the 50th Anniversary of the Open Door Baptist Church. It was celebrated with joy and thanksgiving to the Lord for how He has blessed us with so many years to serve Him! When we celebrate our church anniversary later this year, some extra time will be devoted to remembering all of those whom we lost during the almost 5 years of dealing with the pandemic. As we can recall, gatherings and funerals were restricted and many of these type services were cut short. Plans are being made for a remembrance ceremony to which families and friends will be invited to come and share with us. We hope this will be a blessing to all. More information will follow as plans are developed and finalized.

Finally, I want to salute all of the fathers and the men of Open Door. Thank you for what you give and how you serve! Happy and blessed Father's Day to each of you!

Pastor Taylor

Getting to See God Through His Word



A Call to Get to Know God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit

Life is filled with uncertainties, challenges, and moments of joy, but one thing remains constant: the unwavering love of God. Getting to know God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is an invitation to experience **peace, wisdom, and guidance** that transcends anything the world can offer.

Through Jesus, we find grace, redemption, and hope. His sacrifice was an act of unconditional love, showing us that no matter our past or struggles, we are deeply valued and forgiven. Jesus walks with us, teaching us compassion, humility, and the power of faith.

The Holy Spirit is our comforter, counselor, and guide. He whispers truth to our hearts, empowers us to live righteously, and fills us with strength when we feel weak. His presence is a reminder that we are

never alone, for God is always with us.

To know God is to understand that we are created with purpose and loved beyond measure. It is an invitation to a relationship—not just religion—where we can **find direction, experience peace, and share love with the world.** No matter where you are in life, drawing closer to Him opens doors to joy, wisdom, and eternal life.

Let us seek Him, trust Him, and allow His love to transform our hearts.



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 9:30 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. Meeting IDs may vary. Everyone is invited and welcome!



Please Continue
to Pray for:

Bother Mike Christ
Brother Luke Allsbrook
Brother Marcus McCoy
Brother Larry G. Foster
Deaconess Kandace Taylor
Deaconess Montez Taylor
Deaconess Patricia Brooks
Haiti & the World
Mother Grace Ayers
Rev. Dr. Bernard M. Taylor
Sister Brenda V. Jones
Sister Cheryl Grinston-Ford
Sister Cynthia McDuffie
Sister Gloria Jefferson
Sister Jackie Caroline
Sister Kimella Rodgers
Sister LaShawn Farrish
Sister Margaret Smelley
Sister Marva Price
Sister Mary Jones
Sister Mary Latimer
Sister Robin Briscoe
United States of America

All Members of the ODBC,
those in the Medical &
Health Care Profession,
Fire Department, Police
Department, Transit
Authority, Preachers,
Teaches and all other
persons who are on the
front line of service
Special prayers for the
unrest all over the world



*Happy Birthday to all
who were born in the
month of **June** to the
following.*

Trustee Mark Leach
June 3

Sister Kathlynn Griffin
June 5

Sister Jacqueline Caroline
June 6

Sister Robin Briscoe
June 6

Sister Melissa McDonald
June 9

Brother Marcus McCoy
June 12

Sister Mildred Kinard Boyd
June 13

Sister Grace Ayers
June 18

Brother Larry G. Foster
June 20

Sister Tiffany Caroline
June 21

Trustee Edwin Lane
June 21

Sister Carmen Leach
June 22

Sister Alexas Washington
June 24

**Deaconess Angela Cohen-
Dixon**
June 25

Brother Anthony Williams
June 28

Brother Eric Tankard
June 30

Deaconess Evelyn Anthony
June 30



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



Honoring Father's, Past and Present

We celebrate fathers—men who reflect the love, strength, and guidance of our Heavenly Father. Fatherhood is a sacred calling, a role filled with wisdom, patience, and unwavering devotion.

To every father, know that your efforts matter. The prayers you whisper in the quiet, the sacrifices you make, the love you pour into your family—they do not go unnoticed. God sees every moment, and He delights in the heart of a father who leads with faith and humility.

And to the fathers who have left this earthly realm, we honor your legacy of love, wisdom, and faith. Your presence may no longer fill the physical spaces of our homes, but your lessons, laughter, and unwavering guidance live on in our hearts. You were a reflection of God's love, and your influence continues through the lives of your children and those who knew you. We cherish the memories, and we thank God for the time we were blessed to share with you.

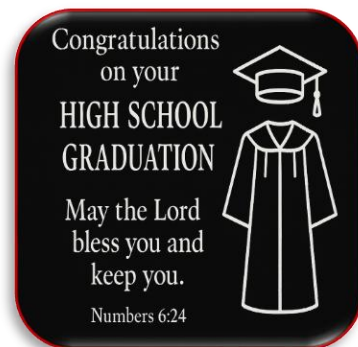
As we honor fathers today, may all who carry this sacred role be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. May your footsteps be ordered by the Lord, and your heart be strengthened by His grace. When challenges arise, know that God is with you, equipping you with wisdom and courage.

May this Father's Day be a reminder of the great calling placed upon you—to be a reflection of God's love, to teach your children His truth, and to walk in righteousness. May your home be overflowing with peace, joy, and the presence of the Lord.

"The righteous who walks in his integrity—blessed are his children after him!" — Proverbs 20:7

**Happy Father's Day! May
God bless and keep you
always.**

A Shout-Out to Sister Kenyale Edwards



Congratulations to you on this incredible milestone in your life! You have walked with diligence, perseverance, and faith, and today, you step into a new chapter filled with God's grace and abundant blessings. As you move forward, may the Lord continue to guide your path. Remember His promises:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11

May His wisdom, strength, and love be with you in every step you take. Keep striving, keep believing, and keep shining—His light is upon you, now and always.

Blessings and best wishes for all that lies ahead! With joy, your Open Door Baptist Church congratulates you!