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**Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Year in the Service of God**

# Open Door Voice

*Open Door Baptist Church*  
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Greetings,

This month as I pen this letter, Team Kenya 2024 is preparing to deploy to the mission field. In just a few days we will again be visiting several provinces in Kenya where for many years we have been supporting various projects and providing assistance to some of the world's neediest people.

We have learned from previous years that when we do not travel to follow-up and check on the status of our work, the work and the people suffer. So annually we prepare ourselves to make a familiar and sometimes difficult journey. But it is a journey that we understand is also necessary! It can be personally rewarding to go into the mission field and see results, the "fruits of our labor", and know that our giving and work has not been in vain.

It is also very rewarding to renew acquaintances and to see old

friends. We are attempting to change lives so we are appreciative of every opportunity to see that our efforts are having an impact in ways that are most needed. Through our International Convention, Lott Carey, we are able to become a significant part of the great work started and commanded by The Lord Jesus Christ to go!

The Great Commission given to the church, by Jesus to His followers is still in effect until He returns!

**Matthew 28:19-20 (KJV)**  
**19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen**

Spreading and sharing the good news about salvation is better received when persons are able to see and feel the love of Christ. As we share and tell the story, the impact is greater because we provide tangible evidence of Christ's love. We help to build and support clinics that provide free medical care to treat the sick and schools to feed and educate the children. We provide monies for crops, sewing machines for self-help projects. We support churches and



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pastors which helps to build and strengthen communities thereby transforming the lives of persons who live in them! We are indeed showing the world our Savior! We are also showing the true church at its best!

**James 2:14 (KJV)**

***"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?"***

**James 2:17 (KJV)**

***"Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."***

Yes, as we undertake this journey we are not alone for this great work requires all of us to do our part. I am very fortunate and thankful to pastor this congregation where "Missions Matter" and to have friends and partners who help each other! Each one of you who has been willing to give has helped us to put feet on prayer, to put hands on prayer to do something that will actually make a difference in the lives of the poor and needy.

I often tell you that The Lord does not expect us to do what we cannot do or give what we don't have. However, He does expect and will require us to do what we are able to do. And by His Grace and with His power we can! We simply must want to do it! Amen!

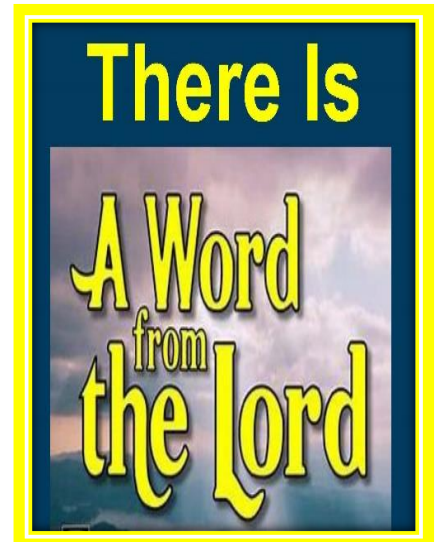
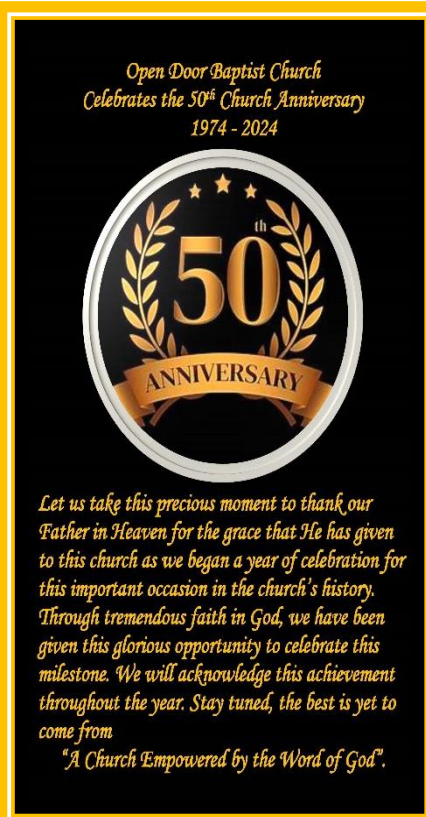
This year, Open Door Baptist Church will have a yearlong celebration observing the 50th anniversary of the church. As a part of the celebration, many things will take on a new look and the church calendar will be a little different. For everyone who wants to share in

making this a truly wonderful experience, I encourage you to make known your ideas, your thoughts and suggestions. I am anxiously looking forward to hearing from you!

As February is a month in which love is highlighted and emphasized, tell someone you love them. If you have no particular person who is suitable in your life for an expression of such a strong emotion, then love someone in the name of Jesus and show Jesus your LOVE for Him!

Be blessed as we live out our 2024 Thematic Emphasis: "Giving to change lives; small enough to care, big enough to make a difference."

Pastor Taylor



Join the Open Door Baptist Church each Wednesday for our Prayer Call with Pastor Taylor as he delivers inspirational words of wisdom to begin our day and end with prayer for all who stand in the need of prayer. If you desire prayer for you and/or others, notify the Church Office by 5:00 pm on Tuesdays at on 202-584-1744 or email your request to [odbc5600@aol.com](mailto:odbc5600@aol.com). The Call begins @ 7:00 am.

Dial-in number (US):

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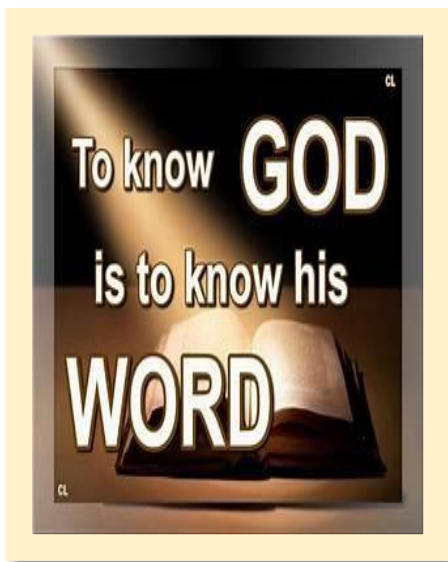
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1. Persons who call in will be muted and you will be unable to unmute yourself.
2. This is a time of meditation, reflection and prayer.
3. The entire call experience, will last only about 15 minutes: the online experience will last a lifetime.



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As confessed believer in God and followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, make this year the year that you study the Word of God in order to learn of Him and follow in the footsteps of His Son.

Here at the Open Door Baptist Church we preach and teach Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God. Join us as we grow and learn of Him.

Join Us Each Sunday in person at 5600 Central Avenue, SE – Washington, DC (**don't forget to wear your mask**) or on our website at [odbc5600.com](http://odbc5600.com) at **11:00 am** for the Worship Service.

The Word of God is Preached and Taught here in Sunday School on Sundays, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays Bible Studies. Join us. Tune in on zoom.com or by phone. The phone number is the same for each class (**301-715-8592**) but the Meeting ID numbers are different for each one. All are invited and welcome to join in. Our **Bible Studies** are as follows.

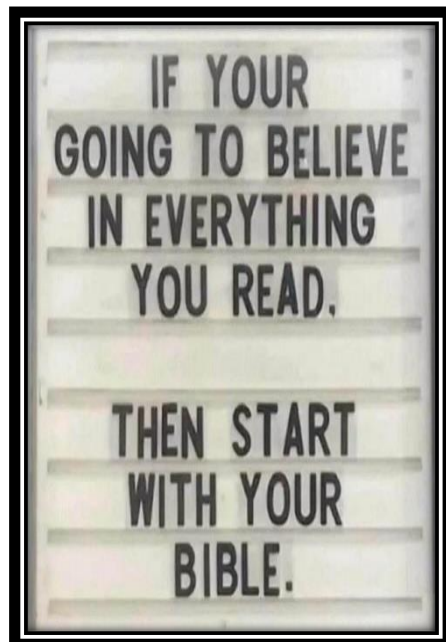
### **Sunday School**

Sunday @ 9:30 am  
ID No: **810 2029 3019**

**Mid-Day Bible Study**  
Tuesdays @ 11:00 am  
ID No: **156-595-416**

**Night Bible Studies**  
Wednesday @ 6:30 pm  
ID No: **157-597-139**

If the church office has your email address, a copy of the Sunday School Study Book will be sent to you. Just download the Lesson/Book, save it in your files where you can find it, open it up and study the lessons. If we do not have your email address and you would like a copy, notify the church office at [odbc5600@aol.com](mailto:odbc5600@aol.com).



Submitted by  
**Sister Royale Ledbeter**



### **Please Continue to Pray for:**

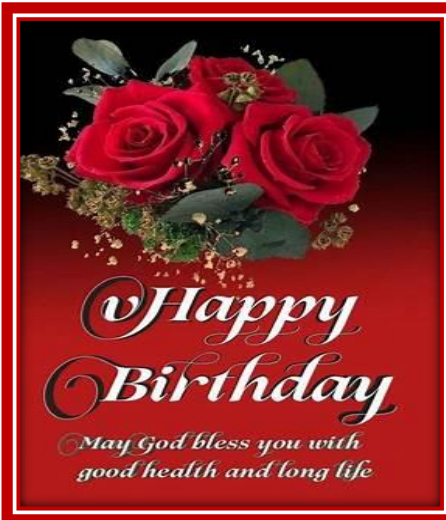
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Brother Clinton Winborne  
Brother Luke Allsbrooke  
Brother Jermaine Brown  
Coronavirus Victims & Families  
Deaconess Kandace Taylor  
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Deaconess Patricia Brooks  
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Sister Kimella Rodgers  
Sister Margaret Smelley  
Sister Marva Price  
Sister Mary Jones  
Trustee Juanina Harris  
United States of America  
VP Kamala Harris  
All Members of the ODBC especially those in the Medical & Health Care Profession, Fire Department, Police Department, Transit Authority, Preachers, Teachers, all military personnel and other persons who are on the front line of service. Special prayers for the conflict all around the world.

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KayAnna Edwards is the Student of the Month and will be recognized during the month of February. Please plan to bring a donation during the month to support this deserving student who has earned all A's during her tenure at the University of Kansas.



To all persons born in the month of **February** especially to the following

**Brother Fred Williams, Jr.**  
February 3

**Brother Marcus Bell**  
February 7

**Sister Sherre Leach Copeland**  
January 18

**Brother Roscoe Satterwhite**  
February 10

**Brother Wesley McCoy**  
February 14

**Sister Cheryl Grinston-Ford**  
February 23



**To All Who Celebrate their Wedding Anniversary in the month of *February*.**



### **Tech Ministry Article**

Do you ever wonder why RAM is so important in Computers? The attached Link is an article that should explain RAM memory and its benefits.

Why 16GB of RAM Is the New Standard for Windows PCs

[https://www.makeuseof.com/16gb-ram-new-standard-windows/?utm\\_medium=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=MUO-202401260800&utm\\_source=MUO-NL&user=bWpsZWFjaEBjb21tdW5pdHI0ZWNobmV0LmNvbQ](https://www.makeuseof.com/16gb-ram-new-standard-windows/?utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=MUO-202401260800&utm_source=MUO-NL&user=bWpsZWFjaEBjb21tdW5pdHI0ZWNobmV0LmNvbQ)

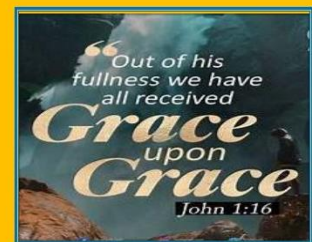


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### *Life Is But A Cloud It Appears And Soon Disappears*

As you dwell on these words, remember that the only permanency in our lives is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. All other things are temporary, only here to enjoy for a period of time and like the cloud, they soon disappear. So put your hope in what is and always will be – not in the temporary, and find joy in this life that you have been given.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Romans 15:13 (ESV)



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