

A Church Empowered by the Word of God – May 2026

# Open Door Voice

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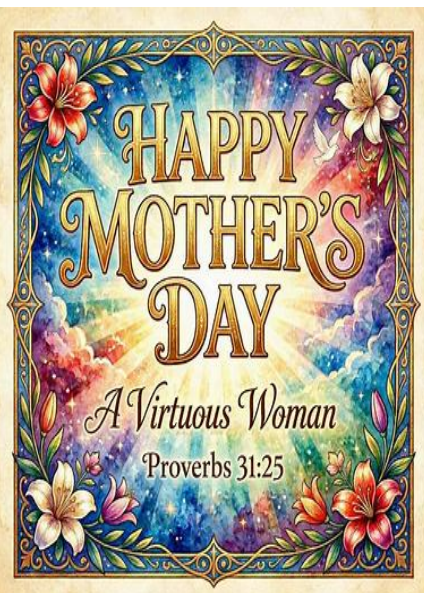
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Greetings,

This month we enter into a new phase of the Christian work and calendar.

As we move forward, we are preparing for several upcoming events while striving to remain faithful in our commitment to serve during this present time. Many are facing challenges brought on even by the changing weather. Yet we are reminded that God, who created and established

the weather, remains in full control—not the forecaster, and certainly not us.

Like many challenges in life, we must do our best to rise above them each day. The good news is that we know change is coming—spring and summer are on the way. How do we know?

*“While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”*—Genesis 8:22 (KJV)

In life, we learn to recognize the seasons we are in and to prepare ourselves accordingly.

This is a season of prayer—a time to seek direction and guidance as we endeavor to understand God’s will for this ministry, and to trust Him for the means and ability to carry it out.

In all things, our desire is to serve Him and His people, bringing glory and honor to His holy name.

During this month, we also take time to celebrate and give thanks. We honor our mothers—those who have nurtured, guided, and contributed to our journey. Let us be intentional in showing appreciation for their love and sacrifice.

We will also celebrate our Sunday School Anniversary, recognizing the importance of Christian education in strengthening our faith.

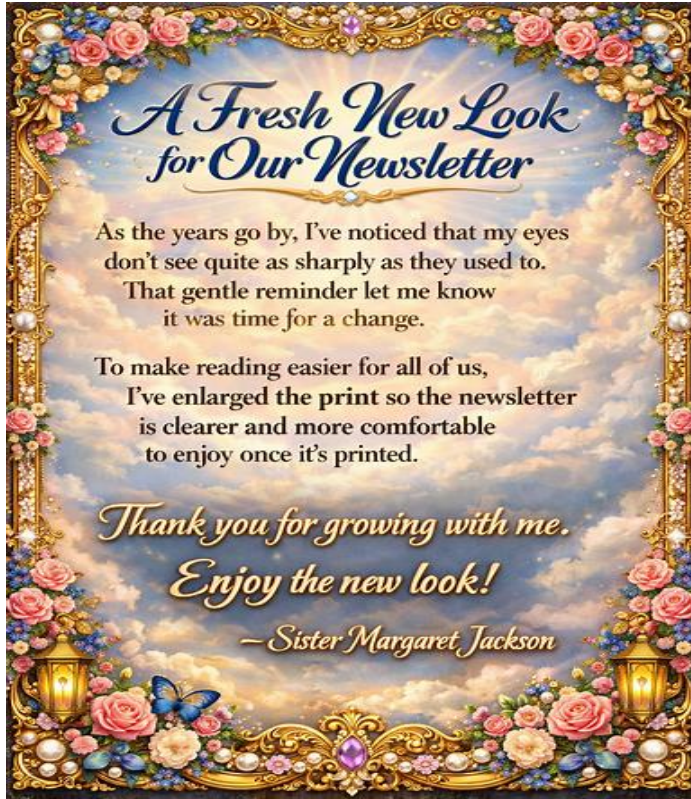
We encourage you to invite someone to worship with you on these special occasions—you will be blessed through your willingness to share.

- **Second Sunday: Mother’s Day**
- **Fourth Sunday: Sunday School Anniversary**

Finally, let us continue to pray for peace and remember those who are seeking hope in these challenging times. Let us never forget—the Lord is, and always has been, faithful.

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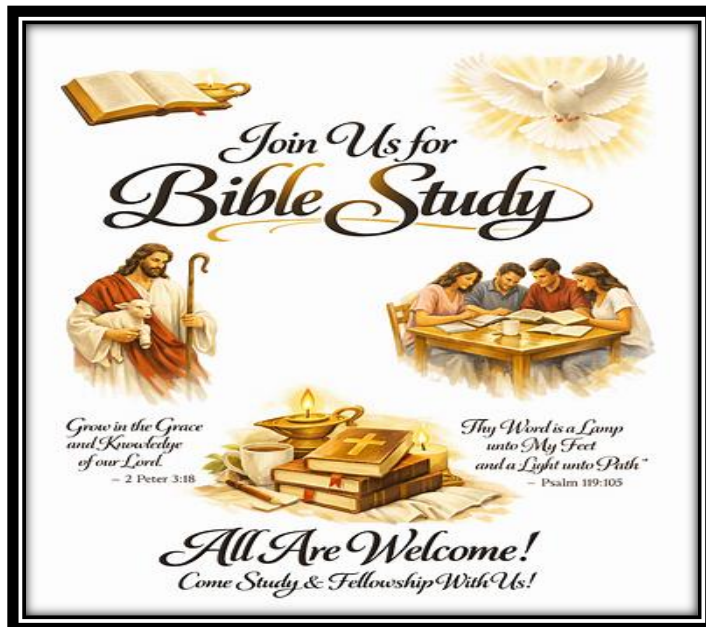
same for each class (301-715-8592) but the Meeting ID numbers are different for each one. **All are invited and welcome to join in.** Our **Bible Studies** are as follows.

**Sunday School**  
Sunday @ 9:45 am  
ID No: **810 2029 3019**

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

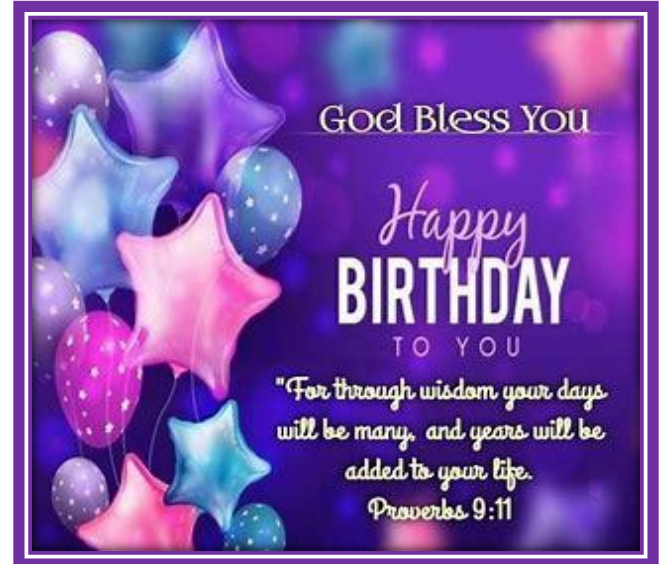
**Night Bible Studies**  
Wednesday @ 6:30 pm  
ID No: **157-597-139**

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).



Join Us Each Sunday in person at 5600 Central Avenue, SE – Washington, DC 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](http://zoom.com) or by phone. The phone number is the



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

**Brother George Allen, Sr.**  
May 3

**Sister Royale Ledbetter**  
May 30

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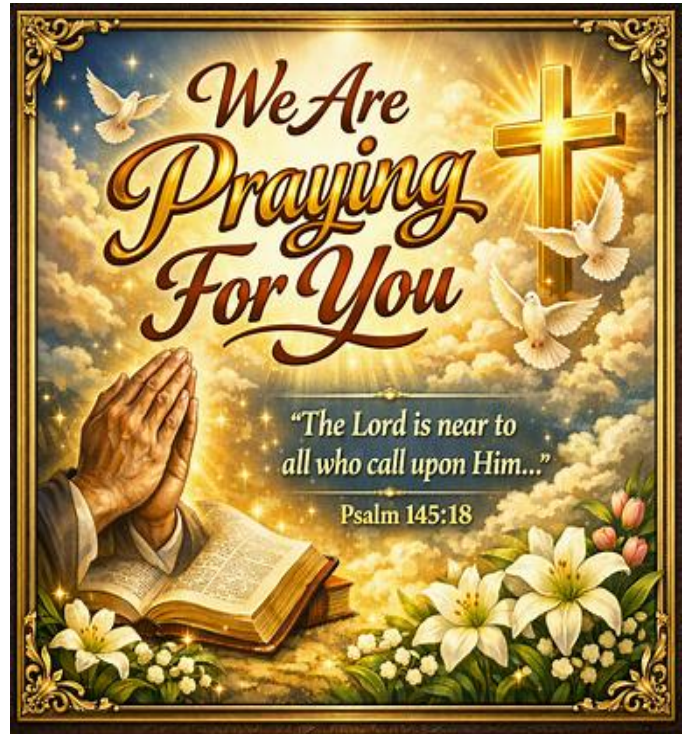


In this month of May, we pause to look back with gratitude and honor those who once walked beside us, but who have now crossed over the mountain and gone home to be with our Lord. As we continue climbing our own mountains, knowing that we, too, have a home prepared beyond the mountain, let us remember with love and reverence the following:

Brother Fred Williams, Sr.  
Brother Gerald Mann  
Deaconess Sarah L. Davis

Deaconess Cynthia Davis  
Sister Bernice Surgeon

May their faith, their footsteps, and their legacy continue to shine in our hearts.



Bereaved Families  
Brother Bernard Powell  
Brother Luke Allsbrook  
Brother Ronnell Monroe  
Brother Roscoe Satterwhite  
Mother Grace Ayers  
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Rev. Dr. Bernard M. Taylor  
Sister Gloria Miles  
Sister Jackie Caroline  
Sister Jane B. Monroe  
Sister Margaret Smelley  
Sister Marva Price  
Sister Susan Taylor

Special prayers for the unrest all over the world

## A Church Empowered by the Word of God – May 2026



Every believer has been given a spiritual gift, a divine ability placed within us by the Holy Spirit to glorify God and build up His church. These gifts are not earned or chosen; they are graces bestowed so that the body of Christ may flourish in unity and love.

*“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.” — 1 Cor. 12:4*

Some gifts shine through teaching, encouragement, or leadership. Others flow through compassion, service, or prayer. Whether seen or unseen, each gift matters deeply. When we use our gifts faithfully, we become instruments of healing, hope, and transformation.

This month, let us celebrate the diversity of gifts among us, the voices that sing, the hands that serve, the hearts that pray, and the minds that plan. Together, we reflect the beauty of Christ’s body, each part working in harmony for His glory.

*Celebrating God’s gifts through the Women’s Ministry of Open Door Baptist Church*



### *A Celebration of Excellence and God’s Favor*

*The Open Door Baptist Church rejoices with KayAnna Edwards as she prepares to graduate from Kansas University School of the Arts. We give glory to God for the gifts He has placed within her and for the grace that has brought her to this milestone.*

*Join us as we celebrate this moment of divine accomplishment and academic success at the Convocation Recognition Ceremony:*

*Friday, May 15, 2026 6:30 – 7:45 PM Crafton-Preyer Theatre, Murphy Hall 1530 Naismith Drive, Lawrence, KS 66045.*

*Let us lift our voices in thanksgiving for all that God has done and all that He will continue to do through KayAnna’s life and calling.*



### *Honoring Excellence and Divine Purpose*

*The Open Door Baptist Church joyfully congratulates Keryale Edwards, who has been nominated by Dr. Robert and selected by the Department of Religious Studies to receive the Outstanding Student Performance Award for her exceptional work in REL 100 during the Fall 2025 semester.*

*We give thanks to God for the wisdom, dedication, and spiritual insight that shine through her studies. Her achievement reminds us that excellence is not only measured by grades but by the grace and purpose with which we serve.*

*Keryale will be honored at the Department of Religious Studies Annual Recognition Ceremony:*

*Friday, May 15, 2026 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM Jayhawk Room, Kansas Union*

*Let us celebrate this moment of divine distinction and continue to pray that God’s hand of favor rests upon her life and future ministry.*