

A Church Empowered by the Word of God – March 2024

Celebrating the 50th Year in the Service of God

Open Door Voice

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Greetings,

I want to start by thanking everyone who has been kind and supportive, especially during these recent months. We have had to face many challenges and they are not over, there are more yet to come. Many have a misguided or an unrealistic understanding of what ministry is and their role in it. Try as hard as I do, sadly I often find that I personally am at a loss to have impact or effect permanent change.

People often wonder: "Where we are headed as a church?" "What is the real work of the church?" The one thing I am very sure of is not too many persons wonder or ask possibly the most important questions of all: "Where do I fit? "How can I serve or make a difference?" Ministry at this church is what we make it!

A partnership exists between God, His Son, Jesus,

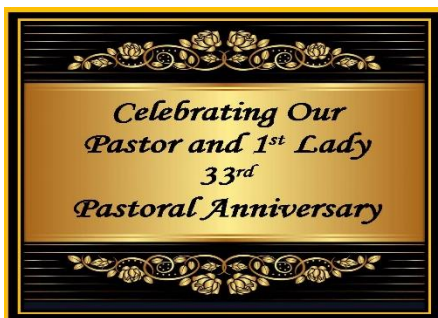
The Holy Spirit and each one of us. I have never doubted what God will do! I have never been fearful of what the Lord Jesus would do or give! I do not worry about being able to trust the Holy Spirit! Some of the challenges to effective ministry are church members who burn hot and cold; adults that are often like babies or children who refuse to mature and are unwilling to play in the sand box with others and persons who simply refuse to make a commitment.

I consider Jesus as my example for ministry and I do consider it a very high honor to be allowed this privilege of serving His people. I have endeavored to serve with faith and faithfully giving my best for His cause while leading and encouraging you to also consider that you too have been blessed!

The thematic emphasis for my anniversary is: "A SERVANT FAITHFULLY WAITING FOR THE LORD"

Hebrews 10:23 (NKJV)
Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Again, thanks for all who have partnered with me, for your prayers, encouragement and support. And for those who have



taken more than you have given, you have made us stronger by proving that God is still able!

Matthew 25:21 (KJV)

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

I am thankful for The Lord's blessing that has allowed me to Pastor Open Door Baptist Church for these 33 years where we are "Giving to change lives; small enough to care, big enough to make a difference."

Working and waiting on His return.

Pastor Taylor



As confessed follower 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 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.



Please Continue to Pray for:

Brother Bernard Powell
Brother Clinton Winborne

Brother Luke Allsbrook
Brother Marcus McCoy
Brother Nathaniel Scott, Sr.
Brother Ronnell D. Monroe
Brother Roscoe Satterwhite
Coronavirus Victims & Families
Deaconess Kandace Taylor
Deaconess Montez Taylor
Deaconess Patricia Brooks
Haiti & the World
Rev. Dr. Bernard M. Taylor
Sister Brenda V. Jones
Sister Chita Taylor
Sister Cynthia McDuffie
Sister Gloria Jefferson
Sister Grace Ayers
Sister Jackie Caroline
Sister Joan Thomas
Sister Kimella Rodgers
Sister LaKisa Taylor-Allston
Sister LaShawn Farrish
Sister Lisa Ayers
Sister Margaret Smelley
Sister Marva Price
Sister Mary Jones
Sister Mary Latimer
Sister Robin Briscoe
Sister Theresa Law
Trustee Juanina Harris
United States of America

All Members of the ODBC, those in the Medical & Health Care Profession, Fire Department, Police Department, Transit Authority, Preachers, Teachers and all other persons who are on the front line of service

Special prayers for the unrest all over the world





Sister Cynthia McDuffie
March 3

Sister Debra Jones Spriggs
March 8

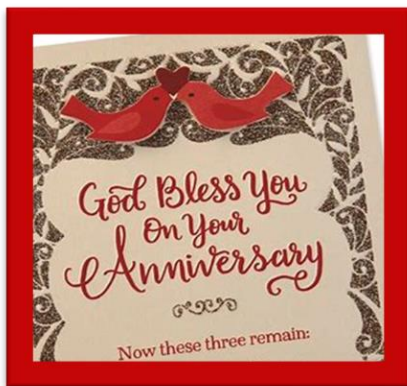
Deaconess Kandace Taylor
March 11

Deaconess Beverly A. Williams
March 20

Sister Gloria Calhoun
March 27

Brother Curtis Walker
March 29

Sister Chita Taylor
March 29



*To All Who Celebrate
their Wedding
Anniversary in the
month of **March.**,
Happy Anniversary!*



LADIES OF ODBC

PLAN TO ATTEND OUR BREAKFAST MEETING
Rip's
3809 N Crain Highway
Bowie MD 20716

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024
8:00-11:00 am

FOR MORE DETAILS:

Attend the Stop-Back Meeting
Sunday, February 25, 2024
Immediately Following Service



On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet Him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.

John 12:12-13

Join us in our Palm Sunday
Service on Sunday, March 24,
2024 @ 11:00 am.

But the God of all grace,
who hath called us
unto his
eternal glory
by Christ Jesus,
after that
ye have
suffered a while,
make you perfect,
stablish,
strengthen,
settle you.
1 Peter 5:10
KJV



GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

There's no greater expression
of love than this

Heavenly Father,

We praise your holy name today

We bless you for sending down your son to die for our sins,

Your son who knew no sin suffered humiliation and pain on the cross, so that our relationship with you will be renewed

There's no greater expression of love than this

We pray that you help us to extend this great love you've shown us to others

Just as you forgave our sins, help us to also forgive anyone who wrongs us

When pain and disappointment cause us to be bitter, remind us of the sufferings of the Lord Jesus on the cross.

So we can learn to let go and forgive others too
In Jesus' name

Anca

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

Wishing You a Blessed Easter!

*The Lord liveth, and
blessed be my rock;
and exalted be the
God of the rock of
my salvation.*

2 Samuel 22:47

*Rejoicing with you in the triumph of
the Lord this Easter!*



Join us in our Easter Sunday
Service on Sunday, March 31,
2024 @ 11:00 am

*To Our Beloved
Pastor and First Lady*

*Rev. Dr. Bernard M. Taylor
&
Deaconess Montez D. Taylor*

Our God has sent you both to this place, to lead us in the way, to teach us from His grace. Your ministry, guidance, and care we hold dear, For thirty-three years of dedicated service, we cheer.

***Pastor:** Thank you for leading the way, For sharing comforting thoughts each day. Your wisdom and faith inspire us all, As you heed God's call, standing tall.*

***First Lady:** When your husband came to us, it's true, God also sent us a blessing—you. Your presence graces our lives each day, Serving God in a fine and worthy way.*

***Together,** you've touched hearts, souls, and more, A testament to love, faith, and the Lord. May your journey continue with joy and grace, Happy anniversary to our cherished Pastor and his wife!*



In honor of your devotion and unwavering support, we, the members and friends of the Open Door Baptist Church, celebrate this remarkable milestone. May God bless you both with many more years filled with love and happiness with us in His Service.

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