

Open Door Voice

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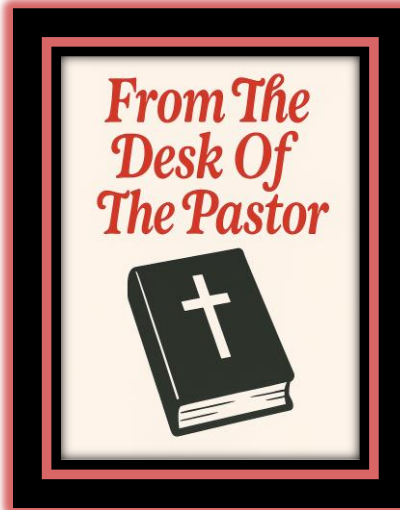
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Greetings,

This month we are still going through. The last few weeks we have been buffeted by the storms! The losses and funerals keep mounting! It requires a tremendous amount of effort to assist families at their most vulnerable moments and the strain can be very demanding. However, there is some very good news! “By The Lord's Grace... we are still here.” And another piece of “good news” is that spring has finally sprung!

The congregation has been bruised and bent by the very recent losses to our fellowship but we remain unbroken. Many of us have

felt the pain and do still mourn these losses and we will for some time. This is normal. We need to know what Paul wrote:

Romans 8:18 (KJV)

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

We are therefore encouraged that our Lord will not abandon us and we will be alright!

I want to take the opportunity to commend the Health Ministry for the recent training that consisted of AED training, CPR and NARCAN refreshers. Knowing what to do in an emergency can help save lives both at church and at home.

May is Mother's Day recognition month and we want to salute all of the mothers and those who have poured into us the love of a mother! We also want to remember that the congress

takes place this month. On the 3rd Sunday, we will celebrate the anniversary of the Sunday School. All are welcome so please plan to come and enjoy delightful program that has been planned to celebrate this special occasion.

Please continue to give as we have all been blessed by The Lord and remember “it is a blessing to give”

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Taylor

Getting to See God Through His Word



Discovering God's Love Through His Word

Beginning a journey through the Bible is a life-changing experience—one that fills the heart with joy, clarity, and divine wisdom. Through scripture, God speaks directly to us, offering guidance, peace, and assurance in every season of life. Each verse is an open invitation to draw closer to Him, to

uncover His boundless love, and to experience the deep fulfillment that comes from walking in His truth.

As we explore the Word, we come to know God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit in a profound way. We learn of His promises, His unfailing grace, and His perfect plan for our lives. This journey is not just about gaining knowledge—it's about forming an intimate relationship with the One who created us and loves us beyond measure.



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)

Tune in on zoom.com or by phone at (301) 715-8592 (this number is for all dial in to access the Bible Studies, Meeting IDs vary). Everyone is invited and welcome!

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father God, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You would bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

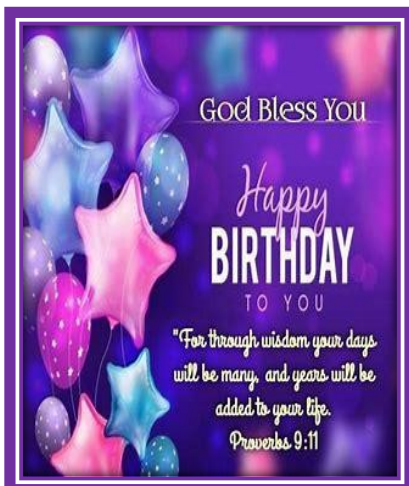
**Please Continue
to Pray for:**

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 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,
 Teachers 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 **May** to the
 following.*

Brother George Aillen, Sr.
 May 3

Sister Rosa Winborne
 May 9

Sister Royale Ledbetter
 May 30



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



**Honoring
 Mothers—Past and
 Present—with the
 Love of God**

On this sacred day, we
 celebrate the remarkable
 women who have shaped
 our lives with love,
 wisdom, and unwavering
 faith. Mothers are a
 reflection of God's grace—
 a living testament of His
 boundless compassion and
 nurturing spirit.

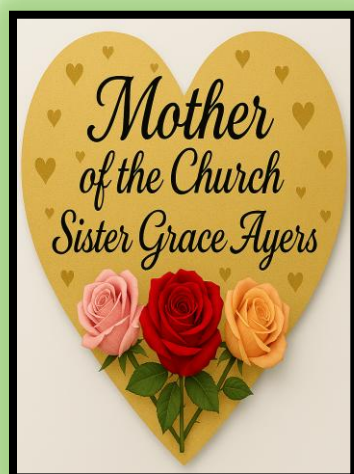
For the mothers who walk
 among us, we honor your
 dedication, strength, and
 sacrifice. You are the
 hands that uplift, the
 voices that guide, and the
 hearts that reflect the
 kindness of Christ.
 Through every prayer
 whispered, every lesson
 taught, and every moment
 of love shared, you
 embody the Word of God.

And for the cherished
 mothers who have gone
 before us, their legacy lives
 on in our hearts. Though
 their physical presence
 may no longer be here,
 their love remains
 everlasting—woven into
 our very being. We
 remember the warmth of
 their embrace, the wisdom
 of their words, and the
 strength of their faith. Their
 prayers still echo through
 our lives, and their
 guidance continues to
 shape us.

Isaiah 66:13 reminds us, "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you." The Lord's love is eternal, just like the love of our mothers. Today, we lift them in gratitude, celebrating their lives and cherishing the beautiful memories they left behind.

At Open Door Baptist Church, we stand together in love and remembrance. May God's peace fill the hearts of those who mourn, and may His joy overflow in the hearts of those who celebrate. Let us honor and give thanks for every mother—past and present—whose love has illuminated our paths and drawn us closer to Him.

Happy Mother's Day to every mother! You are deeply loved and forever remembered.



Happy Mother's Day to a Truly Beautiful Soul!

On this special day, we celebrate the love, and kindness that you so effortlessly share with the world. Your warmth is a reflection of God's love, and your strength is an inspiration to all who know you. May your day be filled with joy, laughter, and the sweetest blessings. May the Lord continue to shine His favor upon you, surrounding you with peace, love, and the heartfelt appreciation of those whose lives you've touched. You are cherished, adored, and deeply loved—not just today, but every day.

Happy Mother's Day!



Join Us for Our 50th
Sunday School
Anniversary Celebration!

Open Door Baptist Church joyfully invites you to celebrate 50 years of faith, learning, and spiritual growth through Sunday School! For half a century, Sunday School has been a beacon of wisdom and transformation, guiding hearts toward the truth of God's Word. As we reflect on the past and embrace the future, we come together in gratitude for the many lives touched by His teachings. Mark your calendars and join us on Sunday, May 18th, as we give thanks, honor the journey, and rejoice in the blessings of this ministry. Come and celebrate with us as we recognize our rich history and commit to spreading His Word for generations to come! We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you!