

Open Door Voice

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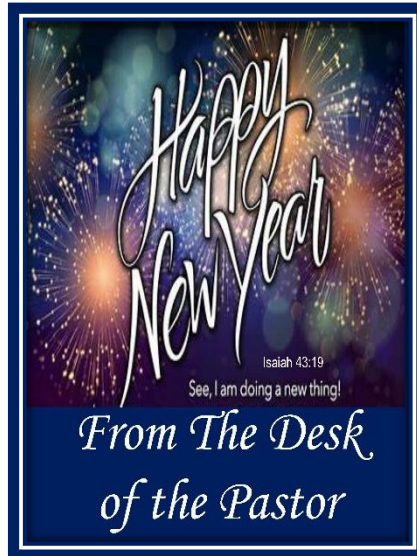
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Greetings.

With every ending of an old year and the beginning of the new year comes the opportunity of reflection, self-examination, a time of evaluation, and the time-honored practice of remembering. As we look at the plans goals, desires for this year we are forced to look at the journey that has allowed us to be in this place.

Many of the plans that we made may not have worked the way we desired. Things changed, the unexpected occurred and circumstances beyond our control had a greater impact. Sometimes we just did not get it done. The results are ultimately the same;

it did not work; it did not happen! Fortunately, we were able to salvage what we could and recover to the best of our ability. By the goodness and grace of our God we are still here and that is a good thing!

It is a wonderful thing to be alive! So, just as we did last year, we will look at what needs to be done and what it will take to make the changes that we hope will give us better results.

One of the key things that we do this time of year is to remember those whom we have lost. Some in very recent times others in times that have gone by. The holiday season can make a loss from the past seem very real and fresh. As we access our memories of loved ones who have now departed, we can be comforted by God's promise of eternal care for those who place their trust in Him! This can also be a good time to strengthen our own relationship with the Lord and experience even greater depths of His love through our acts of service, worship and praise!

We have come to the end of the year of our 50th Anniversary and are thankful for everything that has taken place to



celebrate this milestone and praise God for how He has blessed the Open Door Baptist Church. But we're not quite finished. We will have a formal closeout of the year and combine it with a memorial for all of those who we will remember during the season of the pandemic.

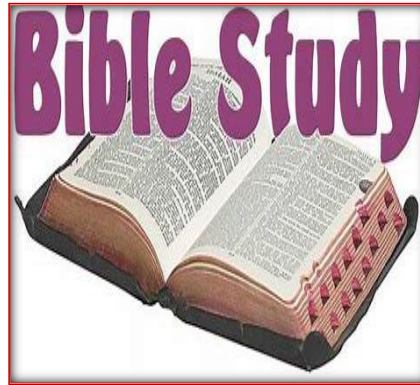
Remember to pray for Mission Team Kenya and our global mission partners. Let us start this year in faith and service to our Savior. Many challenges lay ahead but we are not on this journey alone, His promises are always with us!

Deuteronomy 31:6 (KJV)
Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

May God bless you all in this New Year!

Pastor Taylor

*What the
New Year
brings to you
will depend a
great deal
on what You
bring to the
New Year*



Embarking on a Bible study journey to uncover God's love is an incredibly enriching decision, bringing immense joy and enlightenment. This process reveals timeless wisdom, offering guidance and comfort during life's challenges. Each verse and chapter draws you closer to God, developing a profound sense of connection and purpose that transcends the ordinary.

As we explore the scriptures, we gain insights into God's character and promises, as well as our own place in His grand design. The joy of knowing God through His Word transforms our thoughts, actions, and spirit, leading us to a life filled with grace, love, and fulfillment.

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.

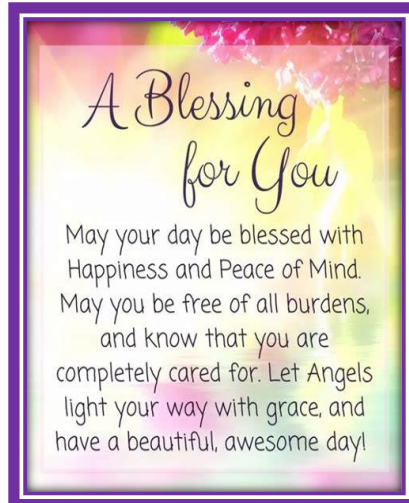


Please Continue to Pray for:

Brother Amu Allston
 Brother Bernard Powell
 Brother Mike Christ
 Brother Luke Allsbrook
 Brother Marcus McCoy
 Brother Nathaniel Scott, Sr.
 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 Joan Thomas
 Sister Kimella Rodgers
 Sister LaKisa Taylor-Allston
 Sister LaShawn Farrish
 Sister Margaret Smelley
 Sister Marva Price
 Sister Mary Jones
 Sister Mary Latimer
 Sister Robin Briscoe
 Sister Theresa Law
 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
January** to the following.*

Sister Margaret Jackson
January 2

Brother Andre Brown
January 11

Sister Sherre Copeland
January 18

Trustee Marvin Yarber, Jr.
January 18

Sister Shaneeka Richardson
January 25

**Deaconess (1st Lady)
Montez Taylor**
January 30

Brother Keith Killgo
January 30



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



As enter a new year, we are filled with hope and anticipation for what God has in store for us. The turning of the calendar offers us a fresh start, an opportunity to reflect on the blessings and lessons of the past year, and to look

forward to the promises of the year ahead.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” - 2 Corinthians 5:17

The Bible reminds us that with Christ, we are constantly renewed. Each day, each moment, and each year is an opportunity to experience God's grace anew. Let us embrace this season of new beginnings with hearts full of gratitude and faith.

Encouragement for the New Year: Trust in God's Plans: **“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

As we step into the new year, let us place our trust in God's perfect plan for our lives. He knows our needs, our desires, and our dreams. Let His guidance lead us to places of peace and prosperity.

Renew Your Strength: **“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”** - Isaiah 40:31

May this year be a time of renewal and restoration. When we place our hope in

the Lord, He fills us with the strength to overcome any challenge and to soar above our circumstances.

Seek God's Presence: **“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”** - Matthew 6:33

Let us commit to seeking God's presence daily. In doing so, we will find that all our needs are met, and our lives are enriched with His blessings.

Live with Gratitude: **“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”** - Psalm 107:1

Gratitude transforms our perspective. As we enter this new year, let us cultivate hearts of thankfulness, recognizing God's goodness in every situation.

Walk in Love: **“And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”** - 1 Corinthians 13:13

Let love be the foundation of all we do. Love for God, love for one another, and love for our community. In love, we find the true essence of God's presence in our lives.

As a church family, let us unite in prayer, fellowship, and service, encouraging one another to grow in faith and love. May this new year be a

time of spiritual renewal and joyful celebration of God's faithfulness. Together, let us step boldly into the future, confident that with God by our side, we can achieve great things.

Blessings to you all in the New Year!

As we step into this brand new year, may your heart be filled with hope, your days be brightened with joy, and your spirit be lifted with endless possibilities. Let the dawn of this new year bring you peace, prosperity, and a renewed sense of purpose.

May you find strength in every challenge, grace in every moment, and love in every corner of your life. Let's embrace the fresh start, cherish our loved ones, and strive to make this year our best one yet.

Wishing you and your family a year of blessings, happiness, and abundant success.

Cheers to a beautiful year ahead!
