



Open Door News

APRIL 2012

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Service Times:
Sunday 10am & 6pm
Wednesday 7:30 pm

Letter from the Pastor

To the called and the faithful;

I am excited to share that the state of the church is strong and getting stronger. God has been so good to all of us. I am so thankful for His blessings and His provision in our lives. We have seen an amazing increase so far in 2012. There are so many new families and individuals that have joined ranks with us. Let me say to all of our new members, we are so happy and humbled that you have chosen to come and worship Jesus Christ with us at Open Door. We welcome each of you with open arms and hearts. Please feel free to come and be a part of every activity with the church.

I thank God for your involvement in Missions around the world that we have been privileged to be a part of. Bro. CP Thomas sends his greetings to each of you. This month he is preaching a crusade in the Country of Nepal. They have recently in Punjab baptized over fifty Taliban men. In the past year they have baptized thousands in Jesus Name for the remission of their sins. In Kenya, Bro Nyakundi has been experiencing great Revival there in the Open Door Apostolic churches of Kenya. There should be more Bibles arriving there very soon; thank you for you generous giving that has made that gift possible.

Our own beloved Sis. Hall, has sacrificed to help establish a new Open Door Apostolic of Thailand. They are constructing the new facility right now. We want to support the work there

with our prayers and giving. If you want to be a part of this great Endeavor, please contact Bro. James or Sis. Brenda Keefer.

We are excited about the youth Revival with Pastor Jeremy Suey this weekend. Don't forget the Saturday service starts at 6pm.

April the 18th Bro. Charles Stovall, missionary to Germany, will be with us. On April 29th Sunday morning and Sunday Evening World Evangelist, Brian Norman, will be with us. Bro. Norman is used all over the world in the Supernatural Gifts. We will have a powerful weekend with this great ministry as our guest.

To all of our married couples of all ages; we will be going to North Bend State Park in Parkersburg on Friday the 27th-28th. There is limited availability on this trip. Check with Bro. and Sis. McClure as soon as you can. This will be an amazing time of fun and fellowship. The lodge only has about 12 rooms left, but you can also bring your own camper.

To everyone, thank you for being a part of our church family. We are praying for your strength and your spiritual walk with God. Strong people make strong churches. With the Lord on our side, we are more than able to overcome the negative influence of this wicked world. Greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world. May God richly bless and keep you.

Pastor Chris and Vonda Sowards

Congratulations to the March Connections speakers. Your interpretation of the parables in the 15th chapter of Luke, were anointed and inspiring. Thanks to those who are willing to give a few hours of their evening to support and encourage these students of the Word.

It Matters

by Jeff Ostrander

Along the coast of the Atlantic Ocean there lived an old man. Each day when the tide went out he would make his way along the beach for miles. Another man who lived not far away would occasionally watch as he vanished into the distance and later notice that he had returned. The neighbor also noticed that, as he walked, the old man would often stoop down to lift something from the sand and then toss it away into the water.

One day, when the old man went down to the beach, this neighbor followed to satisfy his curiosity and, sure enough, as he watched, the old man bent down and gently lifted something from the sand and threw it into the ocean. By the time the old man made his next stop the neighbor had come near enough to see that he was picking up a starfish that had been stranded by the retreating tide and would, of course, die of dehydration

before the tide returned. As the old man turned to return it to the ocean the neighbor called out with a degree of mockery in his voice, "Hey old timer! Surely you don't think throwing a few back is going to matter!"

The old man listened and paused for a moment, then held the starfish in his hand out toward his neighbor. "It matters to this one."

Submitted by: Sis. Barbara Sowards



The monthly missionary service , the first Wednesday evening each month is a blessing to all. During March we were blessed to have Bro & Sis Crum-packer, missionaries to Kenya. How exciting to learn what God is doing around

the world. Each service is a true awakening to what God is doing throughout the world. We are currently in the process of sending 100 Bibles to Kenya. On April 18th, Bro & Sis Stovall will be in service at Open Door Apostolic Church, in addition to our regular scheduled global missions service the 1st Wednesday in April. Global missions is the heartbeat of God.

God Bless,

Bro & Sis Keefer; Global Missions Directors



Upcoming Events

Spring Cleaning

We all know what spring entails, a fresh beginning and a perfect time to clean! April 7th is the church work day/spring cleaning. The outdoor crew will start at 8 am and the indoor crew will begin at noon. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday, April 8th, there will only be **one** service which will begin at 10 am.

Blast Easter Egg Hunt!

On April 14th, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for Blast children (up to 5th grade) from 11am-2pm at Shawnee Park—Shelter 3. Let the search begin!

Youth Day

Youth, come out for an entire day of fun at the McClure farm on April 14th! Everyone will meet at the church at 11 am; the fun will carry into the evening as we sit around a bonfire with great friends!

Arden & Green Wedding

Congratulations are in order for Jennifer Arden and Chad Green! Saturday, April 21st at 2:30, Jennifer and Chad will be exchanging vowels. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy this special occasion.

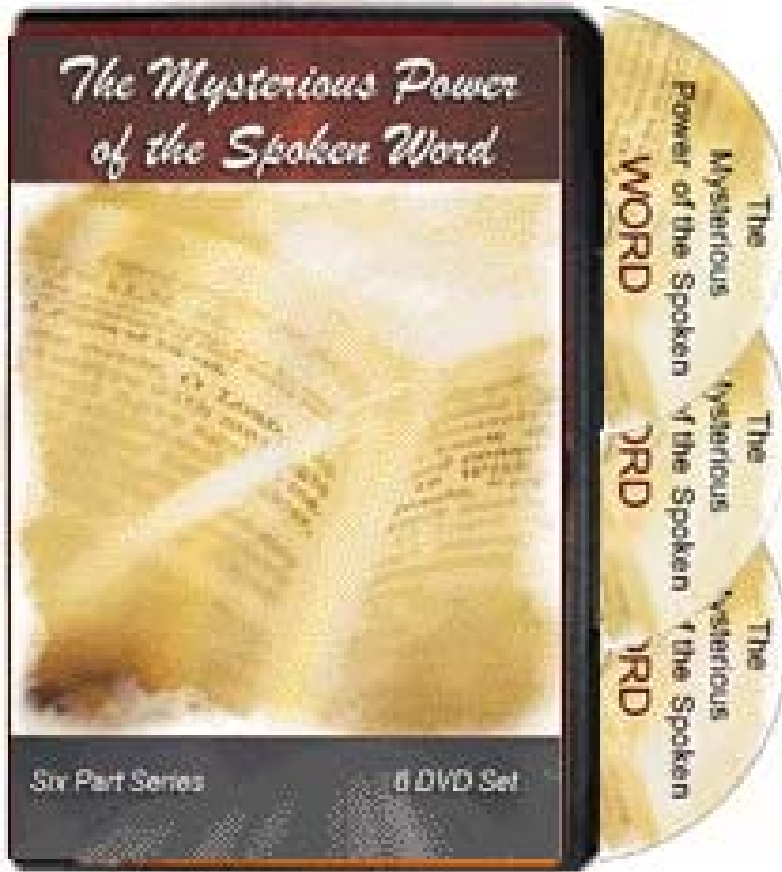
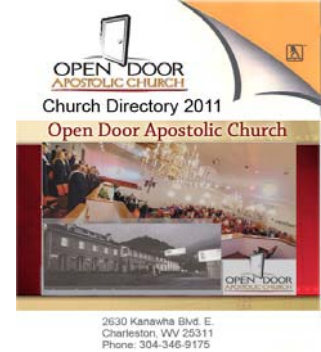
Married Couples Retreat

Married couples, you are invited to go with us to North Bend State Park in Parkersburg April 27-28. This will be an amazing time of fun and fellowship. Although the lodge only has about 12 rooms available, you can bring your own camper. There is limited availability on this trip. Check with Bro. and Sis. McClure as soon as you can

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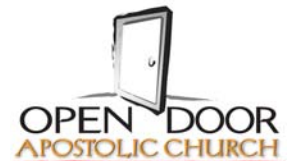
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Upcoming Guest Speakers...

April 18th – Charles & Charlotte Stovall Missionary to Germany / Netherlands

April 29th – International Evangelist David Brian

May 11th – Pastor Keith Moncrieff from Pittsburg will be ministering at Open Door 7:30pm

Birthdays

1—Wally Slawter
4—Haylee Harless
7—Madisyn Pauley
7—Bill Hall
7—Kelly Sowards
8—Andrew Fowler
10—Aran Jenkins
10—Boots Coleman
11—Jeremy Smith
11—Shawnda Harless
14—Ryan Huffman
15—Sandee Huffman
22—Joshua Hale
24—Luke Fleshman
25—Grace McClure
25—Steve Craze
** If your birthday is not included, please see Sis. Annett McClure in the foyer.

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