



# Open Door News

DECEMBER 2012

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

## Letter from the Pastor

Happy Holidays from Sis Sowards and Myself!

Wow! It's hard to believe we are at the end of another year. I would like to say thank you to each of you for your faithfulness and your financial support of your church. Your generous giving has enabled Open Door Apostolic to circle the earth with the Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. You have prayed, you have given, you have sent and some of you have even gone to foreign lands as ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sis. Hall has returned from her homeland of Thailand and we are looking forward to hearing from her about the results of her last trip. Sis. (Boots) Coleman and Sis. Vonda were also a part of the last trip to Thailand. We also want to hear from Sis Coleman about her experience as well. You will be amazed when you hear the testimonies from these mighty women of God.

I want to say a special word of appreciation to our four Connections students who faithfully stayed in the program throughout the year. Sis. Jennifer Green, Sis. Leslie Dean, Sis. Olivia Hairston and Bro. Walter Wilcox all did an amazing job of teaching and preaching on the last Saturday evenings of each month. I was so pleased by the tremendous growth and confidence that these four wonderful Christians exhibited during their involvement in the Connections Program. The next Connections class will begin in January 2014.

I bring you greetings from Bro. CP Thomas. The funds that you gave toward a new vehicle for the North India Church have been put to great use. They have the vehicle in their possession and are using it for the spreading of the Gospel. Our brother in Kenya, Bro. Nyakundi also sends you greetings and appreciation for the 500 Bibles that you have sent them. They also ask if there will be anymore Bibles that will be coming. The Bibles cost \$9.00 each; we would like to be able to send at least 100 Bibles at a time. If you would like to be a part of the Bibles getting to Kenya please make your dona-

tion to the church and mark the memo to Kenya Bibles and give to Bro. & Sis. Keefer, our Missions Directors.

Bro. & Sis. Keefer have faithfully worked many hours seeing that the funds given each month for our forty missionary families that we support get to them in a timely fashion. The Keefers also for many years have served the Heartland Nursing Home every Friday night for a church service. They have touched hundreds of lives, and helped many precious seniors be ready to meet the Lord in Eternity. Please join with me in saying thank you to the Keefers for their labor of love and ministry for the Kingdom of God.

So many great things are planned for the future. We introduced last month THE OVIS PROJECT. This is our new non-profit organization. While it is connected with Open Door Apostolic it is an individual corporation. Our reason for creating The Ovis Project is to be able to generate outside donations from those who do wish to donate to a church. The Mission of The Ovis Project is to help folks with basic needs such as clothing, food, and shelter. I am excited about this endeavor and expect us to be able to use The Ovis Project to help a lot of people.

As we have entered into the Christmas Season, let's all remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. We think of gifts during this time of the year. The greatest gift of all time was when GRACE appeared upon the Earth. We know and are thankful that we know that Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. From Sis. Vonda and the rest of our family we wish you a Merry Christmas and pray that you are able to be with friends and family in the days ahead, and that we can reflect upon all His mighty blessings that God has shown to us this year. Let us hold fast the doctrine that was once delivered and let us do what we can to bring our families and neighbors to the wonderful knowledge of Jesus is Lord!

# Upcoming Events

## *Revival with Bro. Michael Maupin*

Revival with Bro. Maupin will begin Wednesday, December 5th. A youth outing will be held Friday, December 7th at Bro. and Sis. Woda's and revival with Bro. Maupin will continue into the morning and evening services of Sunday, December 9th.

## *"Seasoned Greetings" Christmas Party*

On Saturday, December 8th, the Switzers are throwing a "Seasoned Greetings" Christmas Party for age 50 and over. Please RSVP to Sis. Bonnie at (304) 545-1737.

## *Cookie Exchange*

You are invited to a special Christmas Cookie Exchange at the Switzer residence on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30. Please RSVP to Sis. Bonnie by December 5th and let her know what cookie you plan to bring! Don't forget to bring along an extra container to gather all your cookies. There will also be prizes for the most festive dressed and best cookie!

Bonnie Switzer (304) 545-1737

## *Blast General Store*



BLAST will be sponsoring a **Christmas Party** and **General Store** at the church. The children have been earning tickets in BLAST to purchase items in the store which will open **December 16th**. On this day, children can buy gifts for friends and family members and have them specially wrapped to be given as Christmas gifts.

Please continue watching for items that can be donated to the store. The items can be things from your home. Even slightly used items will be accepted. Girls love purses, lotions...etc. and boys like tools, flashlights, cars...etc. Please feel free to start bringing these items now. All donations should be brought to the church by **December 2nd**.

Points can be earned up to **Wednesday, December 12th!**

Bro. Gary/Sis. Bonnie  
Cell 304-545-1737 (Bonnie) 812-264-5350 (Gary)

## *Christmas Play*

On Saturday, December 22nd, we will hold our annual Christmas play. The play will begin at 6pm.

## *Christmas Service*

Don't forget that there will only be ONE SERVICE on Sunday, December 23rd.

# Ministries at work

## *Heartland Ministries*

The annual Christmas party will be held on Friday night Dec.21st. starting at 7:00pm. There will be a special appearance of Santa Claus and the Shoney Bear. We are expecting our largest attendance of the year. Santa will have gifts for all those that are present (residents, that is). We will also have a party for all. There will be some special singing. Sis. Rebecca Hale will be one of our guest singers. This event has been very special for several years.

I would also like to let our church know about an opportunity to be a blessing to this work of God. For the first time, the activities department at Heartland is having a secret Santa program. If you would like to be a part of this opportunity and blessing, please see Sis. Brenda Keefer or Sis. Vonda Sowards for information.

I would like to share some information with you about Bro. Howard Bradley, our most recent convert. When I visit Bro. Harold before service on Fridays he always wants to give me a big hug. After the hug, big tears start running down his face. He will point toward his wall and with excitement in his voice talking about his Baptismal certificate. What a miracle to see an 85 year old man excited about being baptized in JESUS NAME.

May God bless you all,

Bro. & Sis. Keefer, Directors  
& Sis. Glenva Hartwell, Worship Leader

# Feed His Sheep

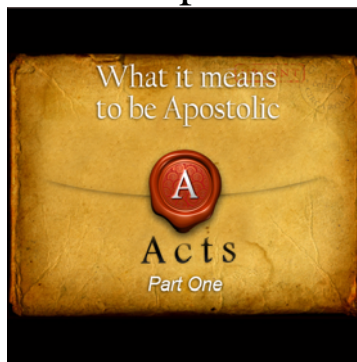
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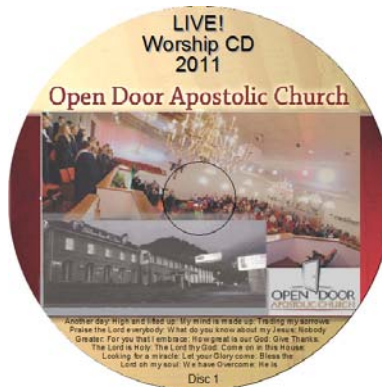
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To be apostolic



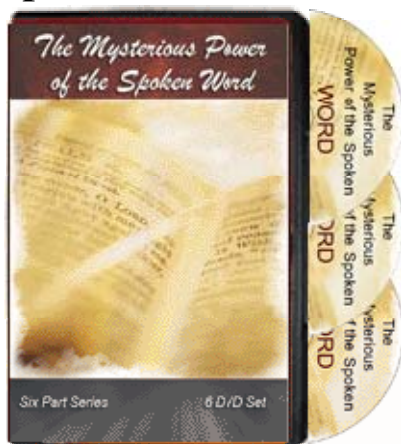
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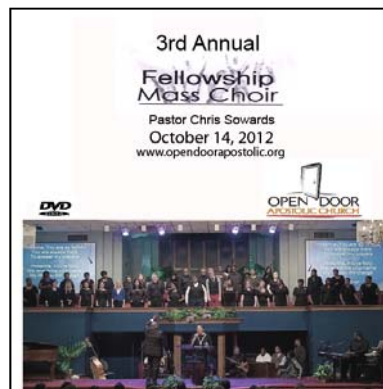


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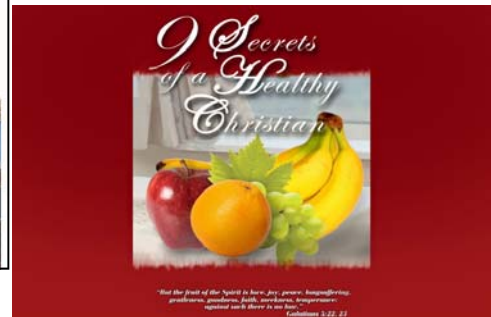
\$25.00

Mass Choir



\$10cd / \$12 dvd

Fruit of the spirit



\$50.00

In the lobby on the display rack



Congrats to Ted Sizemore on his monster buck—10 points plus 5 sticker points totaling 15 points!

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## Birthdays

Bobbie Jo Harless	4
Michael Chaffin	5
Glenna D. Hartwell	8
Leslie Dean	12
Janice Johnson	13
Chasity Huffman	13
Gary Switzer	17
Kim Sayre	19
Mike Hardt	21
Lincoln Cooper Smith	22
Peyton Pauley	22
Loquita Cornett	22
Crystal White	27
Clyde Adkins	31
Anna Young	31

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