



Open Door News

MAY 2012

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

Letter from the Pastor

Kingdom Greetings!

Spring has sprung! It's refreshing to see the trees being clothed again with their new garments of leaves. Isn't our Creator Amazing? Spring is a time of renewal, not just in nature but with spiritual beings as well. 2012 has been a year of increase in the body of Christ, especially at Open Door. There are so many new and wonderful families that have connected with us and we welcome you with open arms. We are excited to have your talents to be merged with our church family.

As I write this letter, Sis. Vonda and I have just returned from North Bend State Park for our 2012 marriage retreat. We had a wonderful couple of days. I would like to say thank you to Sis. Annett McClure for her hard work and planning of this event. There was a group that went, we laughed and shared a great time of fellowship together and learned many things about one another. We made memories that will last for a lifetime.

We anticipate a mighty move of God with the weekend services of Evangelist Brian Norman. God has done so many powerful things in our midst that we should always expect any need that is brought to be met. Without Faith, it is impossible to please God. Let us always endeavor to come into His presence with Faith in our Hearts to experience the Supernatural.

Love and Blessings!

Pastor Sowards

A Word from Sis. Barbara Sowards...

Happy Mother's Day to every Mother. I want to share the following poem with you, just to let you know how very important you are.

Two Temples

Hattie Vose Hall

A Builder builded a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill;
Pillars and groins and arches
All fashioned to work his will.
Men said, as they saw its beauty,
"It shall never know decay;
Great is thy skill, Oh Builder!
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A Mother builded a Temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,
Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised her unceasing efforts,
None knew of her wondrous plan,
For the temple the Mother builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the Builder's temple,
Crumpled into dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the Mother builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.

Ministries at Work...



Greetings in Jesus Name! We are very thankful for what is happening in the Missions department here at Open Door Apostolic Church.

During the month of March, Bro. and Sis. Crumpacker, missionaries to Kenya, were our special guests. Their presentation and preaching was very informative. Thanks to you—the Open Door Church family—the Crumpackers are now part of our PIM family...Your generosity made it possible for them

to purchase 2,000 tiles for their community center. On April 18th, we had the honor to have Bro. and Sis. Stovall with us as our PIM's. Their field of labor is Germany and Austria.

God will richly bless each of you who gave to Global Missions on this special night to a special couple. Bro. Stovall preached a very anointed message. Always remember you may not be able to go to the mission field, but when you give, someone goes for you. For every \$300 dollars given to missions, a SOUL is born into the Kingdom of God. I firmly believe that the heartbeat of God is reaching the lost at any cost. The Bible teaches give and it shall be given. What do you desire from God? Give to missions and allow God to surprise you with a good gift.

On May 2nd, the Missions department has an EXCITING presentation prepared for you. We will be having a very anointed guest speaker full of wisdom and knowledge. This speaker will bless each of you. Be in attendance on May 2nd. The Global Missions department invites everyone of the Open Door family to become part of the most exciting phase of God's work—where God is reaching the lost souls around the globe.

God bless each of you,,

Bro. and Sis. Keefer
Global Missions Directors

On April 17th, the Heartland staff and the administrator prepared a dinner for all the people who perform volunteer activities at their facility. Sis. Keefer and I along with Sis. Hartwell and Bro. Aaron Gibbs were given a special invitation to attend this special function. I had the honor to meet the CEO, of the eastern division of Heartland Enterprises, Mr. Steward. I was able to discuss with him how the ministry began and what goes on during our services. He seemed to be impressed by how we conduct our service as an activity for the people. On any given Friday night we are gathered at Heartland having worship and praise with a group of people who are very dear to the heart of God. This group of people come from all different walks of life. They worship, they sing and listen to the word of God. The service at Heartland is part of the activity for the whole complex. A good strong 25 to 32 people attend our service weekly, this does not include staff, visitors, or those from Open Door. Please pray that God would grant us a harvest of souls for his glory. Every one who is a part of the Open Door family has a standing invitation to come and enjoy an exciting evening with your Bros. and Sis. at Heartland. **YOU WILL BE BLESSED!**

God Bless Every One,

Bro. & Sis Keefer

Pastors of Heartland Ministries

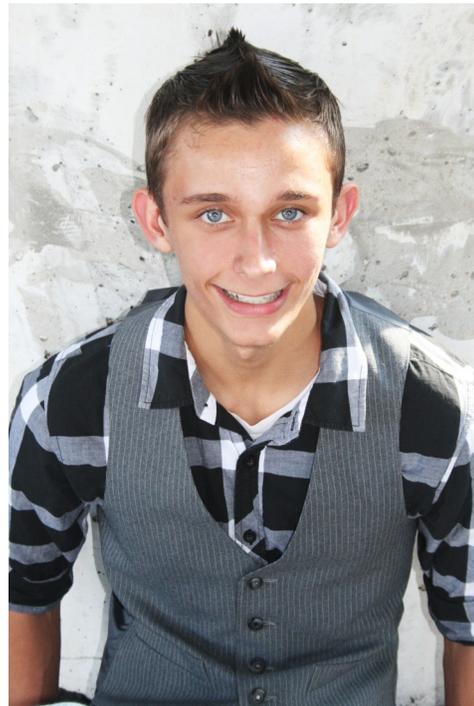
Congratulations, Class of 2012!

ALEX FOX



ALEX FOX WILL BE GRADUATING FROM HURRICANE HIGH SCHOOL TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012. THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 7PM AT THE CHARLESTON CIVIC CENTER.

ON MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012, JORDON SAYRE WILL BE GRADUATING FROM CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL. THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 7:30PM AT THE CHARLESTON CIVIC CENTER.

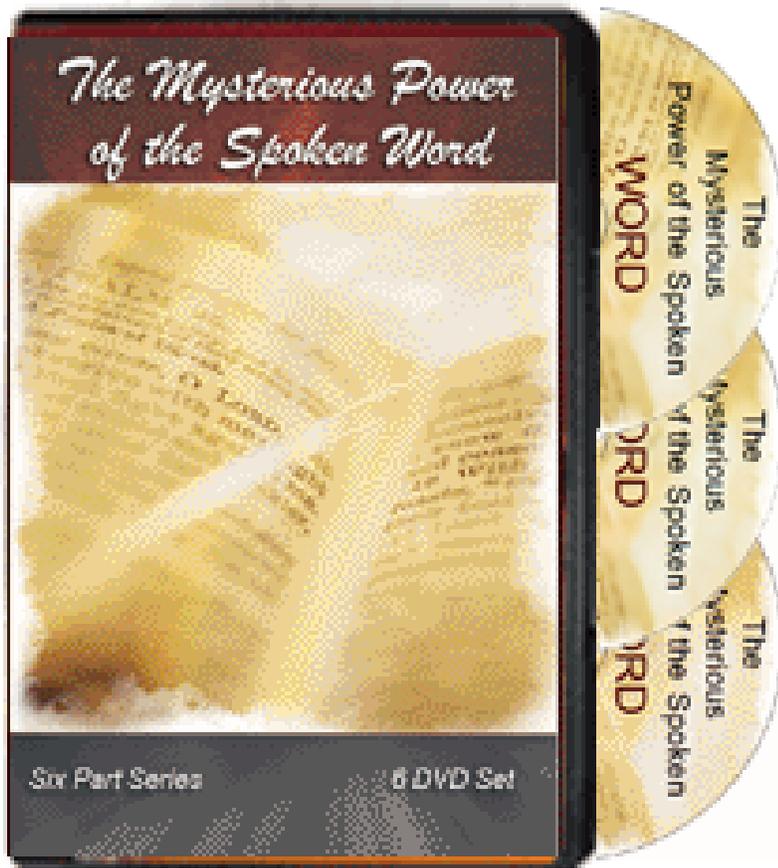
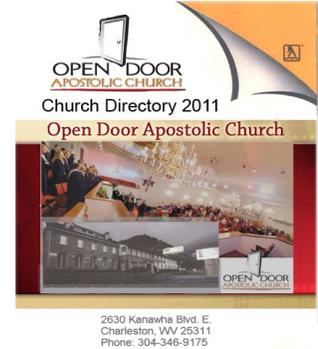


JORDON SAYRE

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Power of the
Spoken Word!”

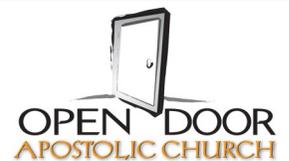
by
Bro. Chris Sowards

6 DVD/CD set

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Congratulations to Luke and Carrie

We would like to welcome a new member to the Open Door family, Carson David Fleshman. He was born Friday, April 27th. Congratulations to Bro. and Sis. Fleshman!

Don't Forget!

May 11th – Pastor Keith Moncrieff from Pittsburgh will be ministering at Open Door 7:30pm
Ladies Prayer every Thursday morning at 8:00 am

Birthdays

1—Sheridan Tucci
7—Kamsaen Hall
7—Joe Pauley
9—Brenda Keefer
12—Jadcia Arden
12—Alex Fox
16—Brianna Fraley
23—Ethan Lanham
24—Carrie Fleshman

** If your birthday is not included, please see Sis. Annett McClure in the foyer.

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A word from the editor...

I just want to thank everyone who faithfully contributes to the newsletter. I appreciate the words of wisdom from Sis. Barbara Sowards, the letter from our wonderful Pastor, updates from Bro. and Sis. Keefer, and the input/help of Bro. Rob Sayre. Without you all, this letter would not be possible. If anyone is interested in becoming a monthly contributor or would like to share a testimony or upcoming event with the church, please let me know!

God Bless,
Jessica Hale