



A Word from Our Pastor:

Christian Greetings in Jesus Name!

Fall has arrived and I really believe it when I look at the leaves which have fallen in our yard. I can't help but believe as we enter a new season in our local climate, we are also entering a new season spiritually. It has been an interesting year so far, with many trials and tests for so many of our families. Even as I write this letter my heart is heavy for one of our own Care Pastors, Dave McClure who just lost his mother Nancy to death. Our prayers and love certainly go out to Dave and his family at this critical time in their lives.

God has been meeting us in a very special way when we gather for worship. It seems to me that we have definitely come together in a greater unity than we have ever experienced. As we begin to seek the Lord with greater fervency and move into a church that intercedes on the behalf of others. I am confident a new harvest is at hand.

The Apostle Paul said: **Philippians 3:10** (KJV) ***That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;***

Calendar of Events

- October 5th**- Bro. C.P. Thomas from North India
- October 8th**-Rev. Nathan & Judy Rose from California
- October 11th**- Ladies Spa Day @ Open Door proceeds to Thailand Missions Trip
- October 12th**-Rev. Keith Roberts from Nashville
- October 31st**- Chili Cook-off and Trunk-or-Treat @ Open Door

Service Times:

- Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church @ 10 am
- Sunday Evening Worship @ 6pm
- Mid-Week Wednesday Worship @ 7:30 pm

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This verse reads easily, but the reality of living that verse is quite another story altogether. The scriptures tell us about vessels of honor and vessels of dishonor. The truth is there are many professing Christians who have never had their Faith Tested. Their testimony and sermons are based on hearsay and not on personal experiences. As I have gotten older and traveled through some storms, the presence of God in my life has taken on a whole new meaning.

How can a person share the Joy of the Holy Ghost who has never experienced it? How can one share that Jesus is a healer, when they have never experienced His healing Power? If you've never experienced a night that doesn't seem to end, how can you share weeping may endure for the night but Joy comes in the morning? How can you really understand the Holy Ghost is our Comforter if you've never needed Comforted?

What I'm trying to say is I believe the night is almost over. Keep the faith and continue praising the Lord for Who He is. Please pray for your friends and families. Also, believe and expect your miracle is on its way.

Sis. Vonda Sowards, Sis. Kamsean Hall, Sis. Kelly Sowards and Bro. Joe Pauley are preparing for their second trip to Thailand. They are all excited to represent you as they go and minister to the precious people of Thailand. We want to cover this team with daily prayer and sacrificially give to help cover the expenses of the meetings. It is our prayer that God will use each

one of the team to minister healing and encouragement to those at the meetings.

We have several guests who will be visiting us in October. On Sunday the 5th Bro. CP Thomas will be with us, we are excited to hear about the great Revival in North India. We love and appreciate Bro. Thomas so much. On Wednesday the 8th Rev. Nathan & Judy Rose will be ministering to us. Bro. & Sis. Rose will be a tremendous blessing visiting us from California. On Sunday the 12th Rev. Keith Roberts from Nashville will be visiting us. God has blessed us throughout the years with powerful ministries who have challenged us and encouraged us with God's Word. Please come to all of these services and bring guest with you that are in need of a touch from God.

We welcome all of our new families that have been worshiping with us. We are very happy to have you as a part of our church family. **We need you!!!!** Our Mission is **LOVING GOD, LOVING PEOPLE, and SERVING OTHERS**. It is our desire to be a real family of believers who care for one another. We need volunteers in many areas. Our media staff needs camera operators and our Feed My Sheep program needs volunteers to help cook and serve. We serve approximately three hundred meals a week with our Feed My Sheep ministry. It thrills me to see family and friends fellowshiping after services. Sis. Vonda and I want to say **THANK YOU** to all of our wonderful volunteers that serve the Kingdom of God.

We had a great night at Chick-Fil-A with a promotion to help the Thailand Crusade. Thanks to all of you who supported this event. Open Door supports missions around the world. It is your prayers and finances which help us get the Gospel of Jesus Christ to men and women who have never heard the good news. If you have any questions on how to be more involved with Missions please visit with Bro. Luke and Sis. Carrie Fleshman who are our Mission Directors. They will be happy to help you get involved.

Bro. Rob Sayer, Bro. Jacob Swartz and Bro. Mike Hardt are working very hard to update our video system from Analog to High Definition. We will be broadcasting online in HD very soon and our Television Program as well. Bro. & Sis. Sayer and their staff work so hard to ensure that our church is represented

God Bless!

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very well in the public eye. We thank them for their service.

We are taking the first 21 days of each month to cover the clock with 24hrs. of prayer and fasting. I understand circumstances change everyday but please make the commitment and sign up today in the lobby. The Word of God says **“If my people which are called by my name, would humble themselves and pray, turn from their wicked ways and seek His face that He would hear from heaven and heal their land.”** Our Land is in desperate need of healing. Join us in our mission to save our city and community; we need men and women who have a real relationship with the Lord who operate in Power, Faith and the Love of God.



FEED THE SHEEP MENU

Sunday Morning Snack	Sunday Evening Snack	Wednesday Evening Snack
		1 Hot Dogs
5 Pastries	5 Spaghetti & Meatballs	8 Nachos
12 Sausage Biscuits	12 Mac & Cheese	15 Cheeseburger Sliders
19 Belgium Waffles	19 Corn Dogs	22 Grilled Sandwiches
26 Eggs & Toast	26 Pizza	29 Taco Pasta
Snack Captain Bonnie Switzer	Snack Captain Heather Arden	Snack Captain Sarah & Ralph Standiford

Please Join Us on October 31st
③ The Open Door from 7pm - 9pm



Bring your kids in costume for a safe and fun Trick-or-Treat alternative! There will be at least 15 people passing out treats from their decorated trunks and at least 10 participants for the chili cook off! So there will be sweet and savory!
We will be set up in the parking lot so dress for the weather.

