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

Open Door News

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Letter from the Pastor

Merry Christmas!

Jesus is the reason for this season. Regardless of all of the commercial aspects of what our society has done to the idea of Christmas, Jesus is the reason we celebrate Christmas. There has been debate about the holiday for years, is it pagan? Is it heathen? I have chosen to not get wrapped up in debates over holidays. However, Jesus said **Mark 9:39 (KJV)** *³⁹But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me.*

It's my opinion that if our society even partially thinks of Jesus and His entrance into the world, if at least for a season they think about His birth, His life, His crucifixion, His resurrection....It's a win for Christianity. Jesus was one man, and He has affected the world more than any other. Even atheists, when they fight against Christianity, are acknowledging that He was; it's my job to let the world know that He Was and He is and He is to come!

I thank God for every one of you. God has blessed us with givers and lovers and folks who love God with all their hearts. If you are new to the Open Door Family we want you to know that we appreciate you very much. It is our desire to help you in every way that we can.

We are honored to have Margaret Thomas with us during this Christmas season. She is the daughter of our beloved Dr. CP Thomas of India. Brother Thomas has made such a huge impact on my life and many of yours as well. Last week he told me that in the last three months they have had over two thousand filled with the Holy Ghost in the same city where we preached with Bro Keefer in March. WOW!!!! God give us that same outpouring here in Charleston. It has been prophesied over and over. It shall come to pass. God is indeed pouring out His Spirit upon all flesh.

Let's touch our world! Together we can make a difference. Once again we love each of you and appreciate your faithfulness to the Kingdom of God.

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Sowards

Blessings, Blessings!

Greetings to the ODAC family,

I am truly thankful for a great year at Open Door. Many have been healed, filled, and baptized in Jesus name.

I want to thank all of you who have helped make it a successful year, by leading, organizing, teaching, praying, singing, cleaning, working unselfishly in any way you can to help others. Looking back over 2011 one thing that really stands out in my mind is the Blast Summer Camp. We truly had a Holy Ghost outpour among our children. In the middle of team competition, roasting hot dogs and tie dying tee shirts, time was set aside to have a service where God really moved. It did not stop there; that Sunday, more were filled and several were baptized. Thank you Blast Staff and Bro. & Sis. Maupin for making summer camp great.

The ladies Christmas tea was a great success. We had a relaxed afternoon having tea, lunch, and fellowship. Our speaker Rachel Young gave an awesome testimony and we were served by two amazing young men. Thanks to everyone who helped and participated.

Lots of Love,

Sis Vonda Sowards



The Blast Department would like to thank Sis. Jan Johnson for her several years of service as the preschool teacher here at Open Door. She has been a very valuable and faithful servant and she will be greatly missed by the children and staff. Thanks for everything you have done, Sis. Jan!

New Years Eve Service

On December 31st at 10 pm, there will be a service held at Open Door. Come out and bring in the New Year with a great time of fellowship and worship!

No service to be held New Years Day!!!

Birthdays

- 1—Mary Halstead
- 1—Cecil Davis
- 2—Brock Pence
- 3—Preston Walton
- 5—Nicholas Huffman
- 7—Frances Williams
- 10—Elise Arden
- 12—Dianne Bird
- 13—Annett McClure
- 13—Luke McClure
- 14—Susan Sizemore
- 19—Suzi Adkins
- 19—Josephine Pettry
- 22—Paulette Anderson
- 22—Stephanie Carte
- 24—Sharon Lee Fridley
- 24—Leon Sites
- 25—Courtney Pauley
- 28—Macee Nichole Slawter
- 28—Whitney Sowards
- 28—Bralee Slawter
- 28—Frances Ramsey

Reminders

- Ladies Prayer every Thursday at 8:00 am

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