



A Word from Our Pastor:

Greetings in Jesus Name!

June was a great month of activities, traveling and unfortunately lots of rain. Summer is a great time for families to vacation and separate themselves from everyday life. The hardest part of a vacation is always coming home and going back to work. Even our Lord Jesus Christ would separate Himself from everyone after ministering and go to the mountains for rest and meditation.

Everyone needs a break from time to time. If you can this summer go somewhere and do something for yourself and take some time and rest.

We had a great Blast Camp this year at Cedar Lakes. We want to say **Thank You** to our great team of camp volunteers: Shawnda Harless, Gabby Arden, Hailey Harless, Caleb Dean, Brock and Whitney Burwell and Chad Burdette along with the Maupin family. You are all brave souls to give your time and attention to our Little Ones.

We offer congratulations to our newest newlyweds Bro. Gene and Sis. Michelle Armstrong. We also want to welcome two newborn babies into the church: Ella Grace Mays born May 16, 2015 to David and Jennifer Mays and Kaylee Smith born to Ginny Smith on June 16, 2015.

We have lots of amazing volunteers help on various projects at the church and we



Sometimes God works secretly
and behind the scenes,
but He will reveal His work to us
when the time is right

Thank all of You for your hardwork and dedication. Bro. Joe Pauley is our Global Missions Director and has done a tremendous job remodeling our Missions room. When he is finished you will be able to look around and see where we are involved as a church around the world. He will be traveling to Fayetteville, NC for special military training. He will be coming home as often as he can, so we will be praying for his safety through his training and also for his advancement.

We are so excited to be getting ready to send our first contact team to meet face to face with Pastor Charles Nyakundi in Kenya. His work is having a powerful influence in Kenya. You have blessed the people of Kenya already with your prayer and the giving of funds to send Bibles. Bro. Maupin, Bro. Joey White and Bro. Leon Sites will be traveling soon to meet them and preach Revival.

God has already begun to open doors for this Missions Trip to take place. We will be coming to you and asking you for help in sending The Team to Kenya. We are sending

the men with a new portable baptistry which has been donated and we want them to take new Bibles to distribute and to be able to feed everyone that comes to the Revival Services. I am not sure how we will be able to do this, but we are believing God will make a way.

I appreciate each of you who have participated in our 21 days of Prayer each month. We are starting a brand new month, if you have not yet signed up, please do so. Prayer affects the world around us.

There are several who have been meeting for prayer in the conference room on the 2nd floor up the spiral staircase in the dining room on Sunday Mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Our desire is to intensify the atmosphere in our Sunday Morning Services. We invite anyone who would like to join in the meeting of prayer.

Sis. Vonda and I love each of you very much and appreciate your faithfulness and your love for the things of God.

REMEMBER OUR MISSION!!!

LOVING GOD, LOVING PEOPLE, SERVING OTHERS!

Pastor Chris Sowards

EVERYDAY, DO SOMETHING
THAT WILL LEAD YOU
CLOSER TO GOD.

it's easy to look
at ourselves and see ourselves as
WHAT WE ARE NOW
God looks at us
and sees
WHAT WE CAN BECOME



The Bread of Life

Monthly Devotional

Don't Let Distractions Keep You From Your Best

Proverbs 4:5

“Get wisdom and understanding. Do not forget or turn away from the words of my mouth.”

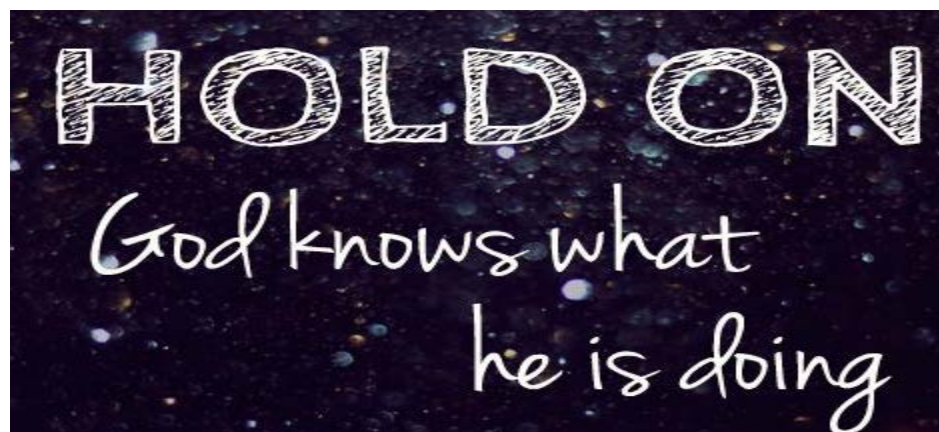
One of the most important tests we all face as we try to achieve what God has called us to do is cultural distractions. Can you relate to losing your focus because of any of these distractions?

- **The distraction of popularity.** If you are always worried about what other people think, you will be distracted from your destiny.
- **The distraction of pleasure.** It's OK to have fun and feel comfort, but if that's the primary focus of your life, you will never fulfill your destiny.
- **The distraction of profits.** You can't serve both God and money. Making a profit shouldn't be the primary focus of your life.
- **The distraction of possessions.** Judging your success by how much stuff you own will keep you concerned about keeping and maintaining those possessions.

If you are going to fulfill the mission God has given you, you must dare to be different from others. Stay focused on the most important thing: your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Ask Yourself:

- Which of these distractions has kept me from achieving God's best for my life?
- What steps can I take to minimize these distractions in my life?



MISSIONS

KENYA MISSION TRIP 2015 INTRODUCTORY ASSEMBLY

The purpose of this trip is to finally, for the first time, connect the people of Kenya to the people of Open Door in a personal meeting. The men will be assessing churches, determining their needs and how we can focus our efforts better. The men will also be ministering, preaching and feeding each of the churches in 4 day revival services.

The three men we are sending are Brother Joey White, Brother Leon Sites and Evangelist Michael Maupin. This mission needs your financial support for the purchase of food for the churches, bibles written in Swahili, transportation and logistic needs. We also need to be in constant prayer as the men are traveling to a very dangerous area of the world heavily affected by terrorism.

All three men are personally raising money for their plane ticket which is approximately \$2,000 each. If anyone would like to personally sponsor either man and assist with their personal costs, please contact Joe Pauley, Joey White, Leon Sites or Michael Maupin.

I cannot express enough how much we need your financial support in order for these three men to journey to Kenya. Anything you can give would be greatly appreciated.

God Bless! Bro. Joe Pauley

Missions has been a part of God's plan from the beginning:

Isaiah 6:8: *"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."*

1 Chronicles 16:23-24: *"Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation. Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvelous works among all nations."*

Calendar of Events

July

Connect Groups

Every Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m

Choir Rehearsal

July 7th & July 21st- 1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 p.m.

SWAT Events

July 13th-17th- ALJC WV District Summer Camp
(Please see Bro. Dave and Sis. Crystal Dean for details)

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Service Times:

Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church @ 10 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship @ 6 p.m.

Mid-Week Wednesday Worship @ 7:30 p.m.

You can follow, watch or like us!



A Word from the Editor:

If you would like to add any content to the newsletter or make any suggestions please email me at opendoorapostolicchurch@yahoo.com. All input is welcome and greatly appreciated.
Sis. Cassandra Jackson

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