



Open Door News

JUNE 2012

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

Letter from the Pastor

I am very excited about what God has done in our midst this year. Every day is a good day when you know the Lord. Sis. Sowards and I are so honored to be called to serve as your pastor.

Life is filled with uncertainties for sure, it seems that sorrow and happiness are never very far apart, yet our knowledge that the Lord that we serve is the God that changes not, is something that we can use as a source for joy, no matter what our situation may be.

It is time that we pray for our nation and the peace of Israel more than ever before. We must intercede for the way that our nation has rejected the ways of God, and ask God for mercy and an awakening for a Revival that will turn the hearts of our land back to God.

As summer is fast approaching and many families travel for vacation, we are going to have many events and ministry opportunities for you to participate in. We want to produce fruit during every season. As we look for ways to better serve you, we ask for volunteers to help us serve others as well. We will be enquiring from you the type of ministry that you would like to be involved in. The scriptures tell us that the fields are white and ready to harvest, it also says that we should pray to the Lord of the Harvest that He would send laborers to help. Be ready to serve.

From our house to yours, we love each and every one of you very much, and thank God for you and your faithfulness to the Kingdom.

Pastor and Sis. Sowards

Happy Father's Day!

"Wherein Lies Trust"

By: Sis. Barbara Sowards

A young man was trapped on the sixth floor of a burning office building. As the smoke and the heat were closing in around him, he knew his only means of escape was the window. He made his way there, threw it open and looked down. He could see nothing but thick, black smoke. But he could hear the sirens, and see dimly below, the flashing lights of the fire trucks. He began yelling, wanting them to know he was trapped. Shortly, he heard a fireman, telling him they had a safety net open and telling him to jump. But because of the dense smoke, he was unable to see the net below. He knew he couldn't do it. He was going to die. Then, through the screams of "jump," "jump," "jump," he heard the voice of his dad, "It's okay son, you can jump." He jumped, landing safely in the net.

Happy Father's Day, Dad!

WHAT MAKES A DAD

SUBMITTED BY: MARGIE HALE

God took the strength of a mountain,

The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,

The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,

When there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete,

And so, He called it ... "DAD!"

- Author Unknown

Ministries at Work...



As Directors of Global Missions, Bro. and Sis. Keefer bring us the following reports of the Global Missions ministry:

We recently sent 300 hundred Bibles to Kenya for new converts and others. Praise the Lord. Placing the Word with them is a great gift. Thank you for all whom supported this endeavor, may God richly bless you.

From Amy M. Sawyer, missionary to Belize: Weekend of May 26-27, the first District Convention in the Toledo District in Belize convened. This is our largest district. There were great expectations during these 2 days of services. Help us pray that many will receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and be baptized in Jesus' name in this great land. Along with this, a Children's Crusade on Sunday morning and a special Ladies service convened. We believed for an outpouring of the Holy Ghost in each service. We are also believing for healing of many diseases to take place during these 2 days.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer for this convention. On Thursday, May 24, the entire UPCI of Belize were praying and fasting for this convention. We appreciated you joining with us.

Yours for souls in Belize,

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Upcoming Events

Choir

On **June 9th**, there will be a Choir Clinic from 9am—12pm with Mel and Monica Ashcraft. Then, on **June 10th**, Bro. and Sis. Ashcraft will be leading a Choir Concert during Sunday evening service.

Youth

At 6 pm on **June 15th**, the youth will gather to play Volleyball at Coonskin. A bonfire at the Woda house is to follow.

Blast

The Blast Department is having a Bike-a-Thon on **June 16th** at 5 pm. Then, on **July 20th**, Blast will be taking a trip to the Creation Museum!

Men's Meeting

June 19th, the men will gather at the Switzer's house for Men's Meeting. All men are welcome to this great time of fellowship.

Don't Forget!

Ladies Prayer every Thursday morning at 8:00
June 17—Father's Day—**ONE SERVICE ONLY**
June 30—**Connections** 6pm

Congratulations, Class of 2012!

On Saturday **June 2nd**, there will be a graduation picnic in honor of the 2012 graduates. The celebration will begin at noon at Shawnee Park, shelter 2.

These graduates will address the congregation Sunday evening, **June 3rd**.

Alex Fox's graduation is Tuesday, **June 5th**. The ceremony will be held at 7pm at the Charleston Civic Center.

Congratulations on your success!

"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."

Philippians 1:9-11



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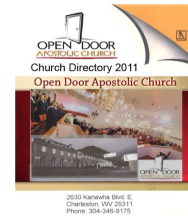
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