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MINISTRY GUIDEBOOK



THE
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CHURCH

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Summary of Guidebook

This booklet is intended to share with you our Ministry Philosophy and to help you MOVE AHEAD in your personal ministry. Our prayer is that The Open Door family will be a blessing to you and that you will be a blessing to The Open Door.

Effective ministry utilizes a progressive mindset under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. The result is emphasis on obedience to God, relationships as priorities, and sacrifice as a way of life. We are committed to building the Kingdom of God through reaching people with the good news of Jesus Christ, through teaching and modeling truth, and through providing an atmosphere and opportunities for growth and service.

Join us as we live out:

OUR PURPOSE

Every aspect of The Open Door Church is to help evangelize the world and fulfill the Great Commission. Our purpose is to develop mature disciples who are equipped for this work: Anchored in Truth; Committed to Obedience; Walking in Freedom; and Serving Wholeheartedly.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:19-20

OUR PASSION

Our driving force is to demonstrate our tremendous love for Christ and for others by obeying the Great Commandment.

“Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” Matthew 22:36-39

OUR PLAN

The local church is God’s blessed institution that deserves our Great Commitment to living out His plan.

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18

AN EVERY MEMBER CHURCH

A Church in which every member is knowing, growing, and serving, or progressing toward serving, in their proper role. (MOVING "ONE ANOTHER" AHEAD)

WITH AN EVERY MEMBER STRATEGY

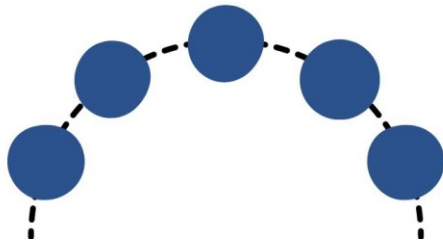
A systematic strategy to properly equip and place each and every member into Christian Service, in an effective manner. These two objectives will be reflected in each and every step of our strategy. With God's enabling power, these objectives can be met.

The Vision (Mission) of The Open Door

Know Christ (Jn 17:3) – that all would come to know the true God and Jesus Christ.

Grow Spiritually (Jn 8:31-32) – that you may know the truth & grow in freedom.

Serve Others (Gal 5:13-14) – being called unto freedom, by love serve one another.



VISION

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.

The Open Door's Strategy to Fulfill The Great Commission

To be effective in evangelizing the lost, educating the saint, edifying the body, and exalting the Savior. By establishing the truth of scripture as our standard (Jn 17:17; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and encouraging participation in worship services, connect groups, family groups and ministries that provide people with opportunities to move outward in serving God and others (Eph 4:11-16).

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:18-20

Values

Conformity to the image of Christ

Integrity of heart and actions

Availability to God and man

Four Pillars to The Great Commission

Evangelize, Educate, Edify, Exalt



How Ministries of The Open Door Support The Great Commission

Evangelize	Education	Edification	Exaltation
Missions	Royal Ambassadors	Young Adult Ministry	Decoration
Outreach	Girls In Action	Home Groups	Ushers
Media	Youth	Women's Ministry	Worship
Altar Ministry	Children	Meals Ministry	Audio/Visual
Nursing Home Ministry	Adult Connect	Prayer Ministry	
	Midweek Bible Study	Men's Ministry	
	Growth Groups	Welcome Team	

Support Ministries*: Staff, Finance and Budget committee, Security team, Building & Grounds, and Kitchen/Hospitality. *Support Ministries provide a foundation for other ministries to build upon.

Our Beliefs

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Word that became flesh and dwelt among us, equal with the Father. He is God's Son, born of a virgin, who lived a sinless life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world through His death on the cross. He arose from the dead demonstrating His victory over sin and death, giving Him preeminence in everything. He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God, and intercedes for His church. He will return in power and glory, receive His church unto Himself, and establish His kingdom forever.

The Trinity

There is only one true and living God. He is all present, all powerful, and all knowing. He is perfect in all His attributes. God is holy, just, loving, and merciful. He is creator and sustainer of the universe and has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Bible

The Bible is God's Word to us revealing Himself, His purposes, and His plans. It is God breathed and was written by men under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is truth without any mixture of error and is the supreme standard by which all beliefs, conduct, and opinions should be tried.

The Separation

By choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. As a result, we are separated from the life and fellowship of God. Though marred by rebellion, all mankind possesses dignity and is worthy of love and respect. This is seen in that Christ died for mankind, providing the way of salvation and the restoring of relationship and fellowship with God.

The Reconciliation

Salvation is God's free gift to mankind based on the work of the Lord Jesus Christ in His sacrificial death, burial, and resurrection. It becomes ours in experience through faith in His provision. We cannot earn or maintain it by our own works or goodness. Salvation begins with the new birth, continues throughout our life of discipleship, and culminates in our being with Him in His eternal kingdom. Jn 3:3,16-21; 8:31-32; Act 4:12; Rom 12:1-2; Eph 2:8-9

Discipleship

Discipleship is the process of growing in grace and being conformed to the image of Christ. It is initiated by the Holy Spirit through His convicting of sin, revealing the truth, and exalting Christ. It becomes reality in our experience through faith and obedience. Discipleship involves forsaking all, self-denial, personal sacrifice, renewing of the mind, and perseverance. All true believers are Disciples of Christ.

Mankind:

Man is created in the image of God and as the supreme objects of His creation. God wonderfully and immutably made each person as male or female, and two distinct, complementary genders together reflect that therefore, rejection of one's biological gender rejection of the image of God within that person. By choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. As a result, we are separated from the life and fellowship of God. Though marred by rebellion, all mankind possesses dignity and is worthy of love and respect. This seen that Christ died for mankind, providing the way of salvation and the restoring of relationship and fellowship with God. Gen 1:26-27; 3:1-24; Psa 139; Rom 5:12-19; Col 1:13-14; Tim 2:5-6

Security:

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, those truly born of the Spirit are secure in that salvation. It is based in the covenant promises of God and His ability to keep those who believe. It is demonstrated by a life wholly yielded to Him and transformed by His presence.

John 10:29-30; Rom 5:12-19; Col 2:6-15; Heb 7:25; 1Peter 1:3-5

End Times:

God, His own time and way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to earth; the dead will be raised, and Christ will judge all men according to righteousness. The unrighteous will be confined to everlasting punishment. The righteous, in their glorified bodies, will receive their reward and will dwell forever in His presence. Matt 16:27; 25:31-46; John 14:1-3; Acts 1 Cor 4:5; Phil 3:17-21; 1 Thes 4:13-18; 2 Thes 1:5-10; 2 Tim 4:1; Titus 2:11-14; 9:27-28; 1 John 3:2-3; 21-22

Marriage:

God created marriage to be the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union. God intends that intimate sexual activity is to occur exclusively within that union of one man and one woman. Marriage uniquely reflects Christ's relationship with His Church. Gen 1:18-25; 1Cor 7:1-2; Eph 5:31-32; 1Thes 4:3

Human Life:

All human life is sacred and created by God in His Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, stages, or conditions from conception through natural death. As believers, we are called to value all human life. Gen 1:26-27; Ps 139

Final Authority for Matters of Belief and Conduct:

This statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible, itself, the and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of The Open Door's faith, doctrine (beliefs), practice, policy, and discipline, our elder board is the final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application. 2 Tim 3:16-17; Titus 1:9

Expectations of Leaders and Volunteers

“And the things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:2

Personal Expectations:

- A saved, baptized, growing member who participates in the ministry of the church.
- Faithful in weekly church attendance & regular devotions.
- Views the Bible as God's instructions for faith and daily living.
- A regular financial giver to the ministries of the church.
- Modest in dress, always presenting God's temple nicely.
- Demonstrates Christ's attitude in speech; encourages others and refrains from gossip.
- Committed to conducting yourself in a manner worthy of respect in the family, community, and workplace.
- Has the desire and ability to allocate time for others.
- Dependable and committed to timely completion of ministry task, attendance, and goal.
- Committed to participate and lead in Ministry Training and Development.
- Committed to the overall ministry of the church, while overseeing a particular area.

Terms of Service:

- Ministry Leaders commit to serving for two years.
- Members of the volunteer team for each ministry commit to serving for one year.
- Ideally serve in a specific ministry no more than twice a month.
- If serving in any ministry that ministers to minors, volunteers are to be child safety trained and have a current background check.
- If new to The Open Door, must have been united with us for a minimum of 3 months, and completed or scheduled for membership (with Pastor's consent).
- For a teen to serve in the Children's Ministry, the teen must be 14 years or older. They also must either be a member of The Open Door or the child of a member of The Open Door.
- A male teenager may serve in the elementary class.
- A female teenager may serve in the toddler, PreK, and elementary class.
- Teens may not serve more than once a month in the Children's Ministry.

Evangelism

The Open Door ministry endeavors to evangelize the lost. God has given clear directives to His followers to “make disciples” (Matt 28:18--20) and to “train up others” (2 Tim 2:2) so that the gospel is furthered. One of the ingredients to a healthy ministry is that the unconverted are evangelized. This can take place through a myriad of ways—door to door evangelism, street preaching, street witnessing, personal evangelism with friends, family members, coworkers, neighbors, etc., evangelistic meetings/services, outreach events, concerts, and a host of other ways. One of the goals of ministry is to proclaim Christ and Him crucified at all times not only to edify believers but to evangelize the lost.



The Open Door - Missions Ministry

The Open Door gives 20% of offerings received to ministries whose purpose is not Open Door growth related and instead is focused on the mission of furthering the gospel to the whole world.

- **Hope In Christ Ministries, Inc:** Provides ministry of encouragement to men and women, individual teaching and discipleship, as well as transformative prayer ministry offered to individuals by appointment, church-wide Seminars and bible study. The Hope In Christ office is within The Open Door and led by Jo Ann Buckley, a member of The Open Door.
- **Living Springs Faith Ministries:** Living Springs Faith Ministries promotes holistic township transformation through missional church planting, grassroots community empowerment projects, and local leadership development in South Africa and Zambia. The origin of Living Spring Faith Ministries began in South Africa in 2002 and is led by Gabriel Fabule.
- **Alaska Missions and Retreats:** Alaska Missions serves the local Alaskan Natives through building relationships and meeting physical and spiritual needs. Alaska Missions was founded by Brenda Crim in 2005 and has been supported by The Open Door from the beginning.
- **Ranchos Los Amigos:** Ranchos Los Amigos is a division of Youth With A Mission. YWAM is an international movement of Christians from many denominations dedicated to serving Jesus throughout the world. In 1983 *Rancho Los Amigos* came under the YWAM leadership. Rancho Los Amigos is a children's home situated on 12 acres that provided a haven to abandoned, neglected, and abused children from various parts of Mexico.
- **Evangeline Baptists Association and Louisiana Baptists Association:** These two associations assist the cooperating churches in their tasks of fulfilling Christ's Great Commission to build the Kingdom of God. Evangeline Baptist Association ministers in a geographical setting, providing churches in that area to do a greater work together in their community. Louisiana Baptists Association is a statewide association of over 1,600 Baptist churches connected through a common mission. Louisiana Baptists churches are connected with more than 40,000 other Southern Baptist Churches throughout the United States.
- **Gaudet Family:** The Open Door supports the Gaudet family, former active members of The Open Door with their missionary work in Thailand. The Gaudets have partnered with local Thai missionaries and pastors as well as The Free Burma Rangers and are using their blessings and resources to enable and equip local Thai Christians to live out the Great Commission and win souls for the kingdom. The Gaudets have received support since August 2018.

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- **Opelousas Pregnancy Center:** Opelousas Pregnancy Center is a nonprofit community resource center committed to facilitating abundant life for women and children through free pregnancy counseling, educational classes, and so much more. Through Opelousas Pregnancy Center, expectant mothers find safe, supportive, and welcoming place to nurture the healthy growth and development of both their unborn children and themselves.
- **Gospel Travelers:** Pastor Emeritus of The Open Door, Sam Brooks with his wife Merida Brooks, use their years of experience teaching, evangelizing, and counseling to the benefit of the Body of Christ throughout the world. Their ministry focuses of connecting people with Jesus Christ and God's Word for life and fruitfulness.

Leader: Jonathan Dupuis, jfdupuis84@gmail.com

Media Ministry

Purpose:

Communicate the mission and vision of The Open Door through creative, cohesive, and effective communication for all ministries through various platforms.

Goals:

- Monitor, maintain, and update online platforms with helpful, timely and clear communication pertinent to those both in and outside of The Open Door community.
- Encourage others in their walk with the Lord through supplemental videos and scripture, and online conversations.
- Support ministries and help with the success of their events by creating graphics, advertising, and empowering them with online resources for registration and communication.
- Record the history of The Open Door through photography and video.
- Aid in maintaining and improving the visual representation of The Open Door Church identity.

Ministry Times/How To Serve:

Positions: Photographer, videographer, social media contributor- can be graphics or writing.

Leader: Kendra Courville, kcourville@opendoorla.org

Welcome Ministry

Purpose:

To welcome all attending and to share the love of Jesus. Ensure visitors receive a positive first impression of The Open Door.

Goals:

- Everyone feels welcome, loved, and assisting anyone if necessary with learning where classes and special areas are.
 - Interact with visitors by making an introduction, answer any questions they have, familiarize them with our facility, converse, and if possible, introduce them to Pastor or another church member.
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Ministry Times:

Volunteers serve on their scheduled Sunday 10:15 to 10:45.

Leader: Lori Ward, loriannward@gmail.com

Outreach

Purpose:

Meeting others within our church family, friends, and community at the very point of their need. Reaching out through outreach events that demonstrate the love of God in our community.

Goal:

Reach out to our community with the intended purpose of helping others know Christ and His love for them. We endeavor to have a plan to reach others. The following list demonstrates our continued efforts to fulfill this plan:

- Acadian Village, LARC: The Open Door staffs the Acadian Village one night during December with volunteers, assisting in the parking lot, kitchen, face paint, and raffle booth. - Family Carnival: An afternoon for families in the community to spend quality time together. The Open Door offers games, food, drinks, and prizes all for free. - VBS: Vacation Bible School runs for five days in June, 8 am to noon. VBS prep begins in March.
- Quarterly opportunities within our community. We, as a local body of believers, are continuing to develop a plan to reach our community with God's Love.

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Outreach Continued

Ministry Times/How To Serve: Giving of our time and treasure to pray for, and with our missionaries. Continue to give faithfully to the Lord, through The Open Door.

Leader: Jonathan Dupuis

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Altar Ministry

Purpose:

Provide a main service spiritual care ministry to provide healing for the broken hearted during services by being available to meet with people and provide help and healing in their journey to know, grow in, and serve Christ.

Goal:

Be available to provide soul care during and after our Sunday morning service that meets the need for praying for salvation, dealing with convictions of the heart, and intercessory prayer to God for others. Provide counseling on the need for salvation and guidance on the next steps to take as a new believer in Christ.

Ministry Times/How To Serve: Sunday Morning Service, 10:30, After Service

Positions: Prayer Partner and Next Steps Counselor

Leaders: Joann Buckley, joann.buckley@lusfiber.net

Melissa Williams, williamsmelissam@msn.com

Education

The Open Door ministry endeavors to *educate God's children (the saint)*. Paul charges young Timothy to have one major preoccupation in the local Church, namely, to “preach the Word” (2 Tim 4:2). This must drive his ministry and be the defining point of who he is and what he does in the church. This command is so solemn that Paul charges Timothy “in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead” (2 Tim 4:1). There is no more weighty reason to preach the word than this.

To preach and teach expositionally means to make clear what God's Word says and to apply that authorial meaning to the hearts and lives of the hearers. The elders in the early church gave themselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word (Acts 6:4). Paul is to not neglect the teaching of the Word (1 Tim 4:13). Every biblical ministry must have the reading, preaching, and teaching of God's Word as its primary form of worship. The preaching (& teaching) of God's Word is, in Luther's words, “the highest form of worship.”



Royal Ambassadors & Girls in Action

Purpose:

To instill God's plan of salvation through Jesus Christ in the hearts and minds of children from 1st grade to 5th grade and disciple them in living outrageously for Jesus.

Goals:

- Train RA's and GA's for, and engage them in, challenging adventurous and seemingly dangerous activities in a controlled environment.
 - Provide structured training in biblical leadership principles as demonstrated by Jesus Christ.
 - Prepare them to be courageous, in The Lord's power, protection and perfect will, when facing persecution by Satan and those in his service.
 - Demonstrate the forgiveness, love and freedom that radiates from a life committed to glorifying God and acceptance of Jesus Christ.
 - Provide specific experiences of overcoming properly safe-guarded, difficult situations as a benchmark for proper perspective when measuring future challenges.
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Ministry Times:

Meets on Wednesdays at 6:15 with additional group outings like hikes, bonfires, and nerf wars scheduled throughout the year

Leaders: John Hammons, jambrosioh@gmail.com
Victoria Bellard, todchildrensministry@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

Purpose:

Teaching youth to trust in God while building their faith on His truths and using their talents to serve Christ.

Goals:

- Teach and show teens the love of Christ through digging into the Word and encouraging them to discover the plans God has for them.
 - Bring in and welcome new members no matter where they are in their walk with the Lord, and to build relationships among the youth.
 - Grow and stretch teens in their faith, and to provide a welcoming, inviting space where teens feel comfortable.
 - Provide the knowledge and the atmosphere for receiving Christ, and encouraging personal relationships with Him.
 - Cultivate a heart for serving, and engage teens to serve within the church, in the community, and in the world.
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Ministry Times:

Meets Sundays at 9:15 to 10:15, Wednesdays at 6:15

Leaders: Anthony Bruno, abruno@opendoorla.org

Wednesday Bible Study

Purpose:

Provide an opportunity for study & reflection in God's word that educates and edifies all groups within the body.

Goals:

- Grow spiritually in our knowledge, wisdom, & understanding of scripture & our relationship with the Lord.
- Seek God first by laying aside our busy day and worshipping the Lord through music.

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Wednesday Bible Study Continued

- Fellowship with other believers in a way that is edifying and builds strong community.
- Demonstrate a heart for others through prayer and intercession.

Ministry Times:

Meets Wednesday 5:30- dinner and fellowship, 6:30- bible study.

Leaders: Pastor Jeff (adults), Victoria Bellard (children's ministry programs), Youth Ministry

Children's Ministry

Purpose:

Leading children to be fully devoted followers of Christ. Psalm 78:5-7, Romans 10:14-17

Goals:

- Work together as a community of believers to provide opportunities for children to grow in their relationships with God and the church.
- Nurture children as they understand God's plan of salvation, helping them to realize that God indeed has a plan for them.
- Teach kids about their God given talents and how they can, at a young age, use them to His glory .
- Invest in our future Christian community.
- Minister to the whole child, physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually.
- Provide programs and events that seek to glorify God.
- Provide age-appropriate bible study and activities for children.
- Reach unchurched families.

Ministry Times:

Toddler Team Members serve on their scheduled morning 9:00 to 10:15 or 10:15-12:00.

Preschool Team Members serve on their scheduled morning Sundays 9:00-12:00.

Children's Church Team Members serve on their scheduled morning 10:00 to 12:00.

Connect Class Teachers serve 9:00 to 10:15.

Leader: Victoria Bellard, todchildrensministry@gmail.com

Adult Connect Classes

Purpose:

To provide a friendly place and specific time for adults to read, study, and discuss God's Word in detail, as it pertains to life and its issues. Additionally, providing next step classes for new believers and new members.

Goals:

- Encourage adults in their walk with the Lord by presenting doctrinally correct biblical truth.
 - The leader presents the truth God's Word with a well-prepared lesson.
 - Group discussion is productive, thoughtful, and reflective of what was taught, always pointing back to the gospel.
 - Prayer requests and prayer updates are shared weekly.
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Ministry Times:

Meets Sunday at 9:15-10:15

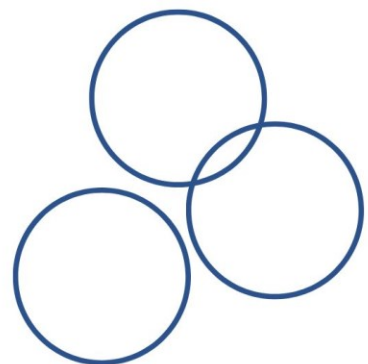
Leaders: Cyndi Gaudet (Women's Connect), Oliver Carmichael (Men's Connect), Dan & Dennise Gabus (Co-ed Connect)

Edification

The Open Door ministry endeavors to *edify believers*. Believers are called to be “built up on the most holy faith” (Jude 1:20). Believers must “encourage one another” (1 Thess 5:11; Heb 3:13). To edify means to encourage or to build up. It could even mean to strengthen. There is no greater way to edify a believer than to remind him of the gospel of Jesus Christ that saves ungodly sinners from God’s eternal wrath. Therefore, every ministry in the local Church should have as its primary focus to edify believers with the glorious truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

EDIFICATION

“...we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.” Romans 14:19



Young Adult Ministry

Purpose:

To exalt Christ in our going into the lives of young adult and making disciples of Christ through gospel community.

Goals:

- To continue to build up the ministry. The ministry will be built up in: knowing Christ through the Word of God, personal and corporate communion with God and through obeying his commands (his ways)
 - The leaders take on more responsibilities in ministry leadership as well as the young adults to take on more responsibilities in ministry leadership.
 - Lead the community to function more as a community.
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Ministry Times:

Meets Sunday at 9:15 to 10:15 am

Meals Ministry

Purpose:

To encourage, inform, and promote provision of meals to members of our church body. These “Meals of Mercy” are provided on a temporary basis for the following needs: birth, illness/injury, surgery, death in immediate family, and funeral of member

Goals:

- Inform Community and Connect Groups of needs of their members and ultimately have that need fulfilled within the group.
 - Encourage, strengthen, and promote unity and compassion within the body.
 - Through the Lord’s guidance and provision, to bring joy and comfort through physical nourishment which will, in turn, give our church body the spiritual strength to press on together, thus bringing glory to the Father through the Lord Jesus.
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Meal Ministry Continued

Ministry Times/How To Serve:

Volunteers serve **as needed** to care for the needs of others through home groups and ministries serving one another.

Leaders: Donna Sample, gbsample@yahoo.com

Women's Ministry

Purpose:

Be an outreach to the Women of our Church and this Community and accomplish this through fellowship and the study of God's word nurture one another so that we may in turn bring God's word to each other and to those seeking to know the Lord. Hebrews 10:24-25

Goals:

- Draw nearer to God and increase our relationship with Him by serving one another and those in need.
- By listening that we may know, by teaching that we may share the wisdom God has given us and by doing so that we may apply God's principles in our service to others.
- It is our desire to grow as Christian women going forth into the community, serving God with the gifts and resources He has bestowed. Romans 12:6-7

Leaders: Melissa Williams, williamsmelissam@msn.com

Tammy Bertrand, craigtammy@gmail.com

Prayer Ministry

Purpose:

To emphasize, inform and promote prayer for the body of Christ through The Open Door's congregation, expanding through the community, country and world as needs and praises are received.

Goals:

- Inform the Prayer Chain of The Open Door of the needs of the body as received using different forms of communication.
 - Inform the Pastor and Elders of urgent requests that affect the body of The Open Door as shared with the Prayer Ministry.
 - Encourage and train the Altar Ministry, who is assigned and established by the Pastor to pray with individuals during altar calls in the worship service.
 - Produce a prayer bulletin for Wednesday night prayer.
 - Pray according to the will of God and see God's will come to fruition in the lives of His people bringing glory to the Father through the Lord Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit according to His purposes and plans of:
 - Exaltation
 - Provision
 - Salvation
 - Comfort
 - Hope
 - Healing
 - Transformation
 - Restoration
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Ministry Times/How To Serve:

Volunteers serve by receiving and communicating prayer needs through text message and consequently lifting those needs up in prayer.

Leader: Renee Moore, kreneemoore@yahoo.com

Home Groups

At The Open Door, we know that large group settings are not the easiest way to enter into life-on-life community. Several opportunities, with a variety of formats, are available throughout the week to help you connect with others.

Purpose:

To provide a friendly place and specific time for people to read, study, and discuss God's Word in detail, as it pertains to life and its issues. To connect with one another as we rejoice in Jesus and pursue His Truth. Through friendships, the sharing of our lives and the Gospel of Jesus Christ people would be drawn to God and mature in their faith.

- **Sunset Area**
- **South Lafayette Area**
- **Virtual Home Group**
- **Breaux Bridge Area**
- **E Broussard Area**

Ministry Times/How To Serve: Various times twice a month per group

Volunteers serve as Teachers, opening their home and enjoying a meal or dessert together in fellowship.

Leader: Gary Thomas, gary.thomas2@yahoo.com

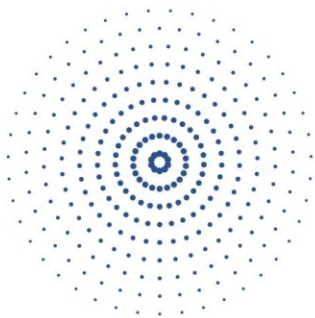
Exaltation

The Open Door ministry endeavors to exalt God. God created all things and all things exist through Him and for Him (Gen 1:1; Ps 24:1; Rom 11:36).

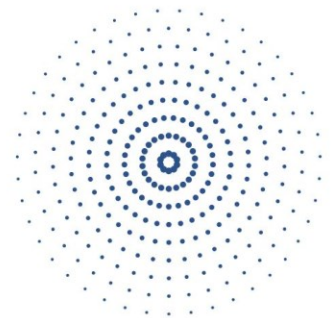
Because God made all things it is required of His creatures to extol Him with worship and adoration. This requires that ministry be God-centered, or theocentric.

God and His character exists at the core of everything that is done in the local Church.

The announcements, to the Scripture reading, to the preaching, to the shepherding, to the counseling, to the visitation, to the rebuking, to the music, to the praying, to the discipleship must all be centered on a unified theme to exalt God.



EXALTATION



Decorating Committee

Purpose:

The purpose of the decorating committee is to create a warm and inviting atmosphere, welcoming church members and guests. The decor should be current, reflect the season (Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas), and provide focal points, inviting members to meditate upon God's character and stimulate their souls to worship. Whenever the pastor preaches a specific series or object lesson, the team is willing to assist with visual installations which cause interest and bring the message to life.

Goals:

- Involve various members of the congregation in bringing their talents to the decorating, be that organizing, purchasing, staging, painting, arranging flowers, building, crafting etc.
 - Members of the committee are encouraged to brainstorm ideas. Following prayer and discussion the team will decide upon the decor, set a date, and execute the design.
 - The leader of each design will present the working group with the jobs, delegate the organization of supplies, and manage the execution of the project.
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Ministry Times/How To Serve:

Committee members volunteer serve as available throughout the year to accomplish seasonal decorating projects.

Leader: Mika Hernandez, mikahernandez381@gmail.com

Usher Ministry

Purpose:

To glorify God by having an organized, joyful, comforting, and peaceful service experience.

Goals:

- Individual Ushers exemplify:
 - Proper attitude- friendly, outgoing
 - Proper dress and hygiene- positive first impression
 - Proper etiquette- cordial greeting

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Usher Ministry Continued

- Each visitor feels welcome and people who attend regularly are greeted by name.
- Ushers meet before service to pray.
- Cause the offering time to be done in an attitude of worship.
- Grow men's ability in public prayer.
- Assist in emergencies and with security.

Ministry Times/How To Serve:

Volunteers serve throughout the Sunday service by greeting guests, directing people to seats, serving during the offertory, and assisting the security team.

Leader: Paul Hernandez, paul@poupartsbakery.com

Worship

Purpose:

Knowing the priority that God places on worship we seek to have a God-glorifying music for the worship of God and the encouragement of others, that is sung by talented and prepared Christian-musicians.

Goals:

- Lead people in a moment & lifestyle of Worship
- Encourage greater involvement in Worship
- Glorify God and encourage the saints
- Have an exciting ministry that helps build the church
- Build up singers' and musicians' God-given talents

Ministry Times/How To Serve:

Volunteers are typically a part of a rotational schedule, participating in practices once during the week and before service on Sunday.

Leader: Chap Gary, chapcgary@gmail.com

Audio/Video

Purpose:

To provide the best sound possible for the band and pastor with the goal of honoring the Lord through excellence in sound.

Goals:

- Provide an atmosphere for receiving Christ.
- Provide excellence in sound through continuing education.
- Keep equipment up to date and in working condition.
- Keep inventory of all equipment on hand, for the purpose of knowing what is good and usable.

Ministry Times/How To Serve:

Position: soundboard operator, audio assistant, podcast producer, lighting operator, visual media operator.

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