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The "Busy-ness" of Open Door Community Church

We have had a very busy six months, and as Pastor Ron says "fasten your seat belts" and come along for the ride.

Here is a recap of the many blessed events that has taken place over the last six months:

September 2007 marked the second birthday for Open Door Community Church. Members of the church family attended an outdoor concert event, Awakening Fest at Bull Run Park in Centerville, VA. Our Sunday School Program took on a new identity with being now called "Life Journey". Our program is growing each month.

October 2007 we held our fifth Baptismal service at Kings Highway Baptist Church. Five of our church family went into the water with Pastor Ron. Amy Armstrong, Jeannie Noble, Michaela Buckner, Darlene Brock, Joshua Belcher and Jeremy Brock have all made their commitment to God and our church. We celebrated the union of newly ordained Deacon Paul Rivera and Heather Belcher. We also welcomed back Associate Pastor John Gandy and his wife Barbara and their new baby Andrew John (affectionately called AJ).

November 2007 we held our first Forward In Faith banquet in conjunction with our Beyond the Open Door building campaign. The dinner was a catered event

held at Hartwood Presbyterian Church in Hartwood, VA. Live music was provided as well as a video presentation showing all in attendance a history of ODCC.

December 2007 started off with our second annual No Child Forgotten campaign. An Angel tree with all of the children's Christmas wish items was made available. We were also entertained by the kids of ODCC in their Christmas pageant "Miracle on Main Street" this hard working group of kids entertained us not only once, but twice. Both shows were very well done and much appreciated. The fun didn't stop there, Santa made an appearance later in the month to distribute gifts to the kids. Our second Christmas Eve candlelight communion service was held at the church office. It was a very moving service, one not to be missed. The end of the year found our ODCC family joining in on the celebrations in Fredericksburg at First Night Out.

January 2008 the teens of ODCC attended a concert at Friendship Baptist Church. The Apologetix provided a very entertaining evening.

February 2008 was a romantic month indeed. We had our first Valentines Dinner. The setting was at Stafford Crossings recreational space next to our church office. The romantic mood was set by candles on the tables and tiny white lights strung throughout.

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God is Good, All the Time. All the Time, God is Good!

The teens of ODCC served the meal, which consisted of spaghetti, salad, bread baskets and antipasto trays at each table. Opening prayer was given by Master Thomas Johnson with Master Joshua Belcher and a recital of a passage of John 3:16 by Miss Makalya Tate. Live music and songs were provided by Miss Michaela Buckner and Master Bryce Settles. Each couple in attendance left with a heart shaped cake. There were also games, including a take off of the Newlywed game. The players were Paul and Heather Rivera, Miss Dee and Pastor Ron Thayer and Jeremy and Jennifer Neal. We all learned that night that Pastor Ron's favorite color is clear, although he answered blue. We also voted on a King and Queen of the Banquet. Jim and Kathy Hughes are now a member of royalty. The elementary and younger kids also went roller skating for a family skate event. ODCC also welcomed two new babies into the fold, Rheanna is the infant daughter of Amy Armstrong, and Noah Alexander is the son of Jeremy and Jennifer Neal (note, first leap year baby!).

March 2008 has proved to be another busy month for the members of ODCC. We ordained two new deacons. Paul Rivera and Larry Branham have answered the call to serve. We look forward to the great work these two men are capable of. The teens made a trip up to the Patriot Center to see Toby Mac & Jeremy Camp in concert. Youth Pastor Shannon Settles and Deacon Wes Melson have headed up our community outreach campaign by handing out 500 door hangers for our third annual Easter Eggstravangaza. This year's event was held at Falmouth Elementary School. Over two



ODCC Teen event: Toby Mac concert March 13, 2008



ODCC Teen and Youth event: Skate Party February 2008



Baptism at King's Highway Baptist Church October 2007

Top left to right: Darlene Brock, Joshua Belcher, Michaela Buckner
Bottom left to right: Jeremy Brock, Jeannie Noble and Amy Armstrong



Paul and Heather Rivera Wedding
October 2007



Below: The All Church Banquet for Forward
in Faith



Newest members of ODCC: (top) - Andrew (AJ)
John Gandy, (right) - Rehanna Armstrong
(bottom) - Noah Alexander Neal.



Santa's visit to ODCC. Angel Tree: No Child Forgotten.



Above: Valentine's Day Dinner and festivities



Above and right: Children's Christmas Program. A Miracle on Main Street



Above (Left to right): ODCC's newly ordained deacons, Paul Rivera and Larry Branham

Pastor's Corner:

How to Become a Contagious Christian

Matthew 9:37-38

Then He said to His disciples **"The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."**

Many of you have been participating in our adult Sunday school hour preparing to become contagious Christians. The formula for this contagious Christianity goes like this, HP + CP + CC + MI. What does all that say to you the reader who have not seen or heard of this formula. Let's break it down.

HP=High Potency
CP=Close Proximity
CC=Clear Communications
Sum Total of all
MI=Maximum Impact

All of this comes from a book written by Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg called "Becoming a Contagious Christian." I am sure you can obtain this book at any local Christian Book Store. Ok, there is the formula. Now let's see what the Lord has to say to us in reference to this subject.

Well first the devotional Scripture. Jesus Christ is writing to His disciples. Are you a disciple of Christ, a true follower? If the answer is absolutely yes then He is talking to you. What He says to you and I as disciples is the harvest is plentiful. What is the harvest it is the lost and corrupt world that we live in. And Christians are here to work the harvest. One thing for sure as Jesus puts it there is plenty of work. That says there is plenty of room for churches everywhere if we are working the harvest. Seeking the lost and directing them to Jesus Christ. The sad part about this scripture is Jesus Christ Himself recognized that the workers, the laborers the church pastors, deacons, ushers, Sunday school teachers, nursery workers, and the list goes on are few. Is it difficult for

someone who say yes to the Lord Jesus Christ and then follow that up with works. That word works can raise a complete separate debate and we will work to cover that in later additions of the news letter. So we have determined by the Words of our Lord Jesus Christ that the field to work in is huge and there is much to be done and very few true believers are busy seeking the lost.

So, we must all work on becoming a contagious Christian. That means wherever we go our contagious Christianity will be desired by those around us based on how we act, where we go, and how communicate the love of Jesus in our lives and that will have a maximum impact on the huge harvest, which will bring on new workers to begin the process of spreading the contagious Christianity. Our objective here at ODCC is to reach out to the community to help them take steps into a relationship with the savior.

A step from the community into the church they become part of the church crowd, while we continue to minister care to the crowd, they at some point in time chose to take the next step into the church congregation, now they belong and have joined the church and have become part of the family, while as young babes in Christ and members of the ODCC family we contagious Christians help them see the importance of the next step and that is to become part of the church committed, understanding the importance of giving of their time, talent and their tithe. It doesn't stop here because now the next step and accepting the contagious Christianity as part of their lives the next step is to become part of the church core and that will put them in a group of the few that want to go out into the harvest because



Easter Eggstravaganza



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hundred children were in attendance and 8 adults and 20 children accepted Jesus this day! We also held a Son Rise Service and very special Easter communion service.

Other Events and Happenings

The women of Open Door Community Church (Northern Virginia) have been holding a Bible Study each Thursday evening at the Neal residence in Dale City



at 6:30 PM. The study is from a book entitled, "The Lies Women Believe. And the truth that sets them free." The study is open to all women of ODCC. Contact Barbara Gandy for more information.

The Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, which meets each Wednesday at 7:00 PM at the Church Office, is conducting a fascinating and in-depth study of the Book of Revelation. Come and join us for a great time of worship, prayer, study and fellowship.



Prayer Requests Pray Without Ceasing 1 Thessalonians 5:17

The importance of a serious praying church both individual and group is more important than seminars, programs, and all promotional gimmicks, Pray that the Lord provide for your church a great banner year in 2008, reaching the lost pointing them to Jesus Christ. The following have trusted us with their prayer needs; please let's talk with God as we read this list.



Mark Lizzy's Father
Carla Hill and Family
Getgood Family
Debbi Diaz Back
Travis Theresa Hall's Nephew
David and Amanda Buckner
Sarah Blake
Kimberly Martinez
Iris Acevedo Paul Rivera's Mother
Ronnie Thayer Arm
The Tulloss Family
David and Violet Pierce
Elections 2008
Theresa Hall Hearing
John King
Sean and Cheryl Thacker
George and Judy Tayman
Elenor Scott
Jack Perry
Richard Myer Cancer
Juanita Lamoy Cancer
Kimmie Johnson
Bobby Thacker
Sharon Loveless
Amy Wilson
Angela Bryant
Darrell Bryant
Jeanie Noble cancer
Amy Armstrong
April Breland
Henry Gandy
ODCC Teens

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Carter Fields cancer Eddies Shop
The Thayer Family
Jim Kiley
Wanita Frazier
Agnes Langston
The Taylor Family
The Johnson Family
Patty Payne
New Vision Ministries
Voice of the Voiceless Angela Donadio
Fredericksburg Christian Health Center
Operation Second Chance
Jana Frazier
Erica Lowery
Ira Marks
ODCC Church Needs
US Troops Iraq
Jeff Lare Iraq
Jeff Hetrick SCSO Iraq

Purpose

The purpose of Open Door Community Church is to always introduce people of all walks of life to Jesus Christ, providing discipleship and care to Others while you Yourself as a member mature as a Christian and receive His blessings.

Vision

“At the same time, pray also for us that God may open a door to us for the message, to speak the mystery of the Messiah for which I am in prison” Colossians 4:3 (HCSB)

Mission

To take the vision of the Open Door Community Church, to the community thru:

C = Compassion/Comfort,
A = Affirmation/Assistance,
R = Revival/Restoration,
E = Equipping – Encouragement
– Evangelize

Mission Ministry

New Vision Ministries
Fredericksburg Christian Health Center

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there is much to be done, they have become a contagious Christian ready to go back where they came from the community with an attractive authenticity, always demonstrating compassion, and being a living sacrifice. There is so to understand when we talk about being a contagious Christian. I would encourage you to come to the 10am Life Journey at the Open Door Community Church to hear more about how to be this contagious Christian. Matthew 5:13-16 gives a biblical description of the formula. Christians need to be excited about being a Christian, be prepared to walk the walk in the world and not complicate the message but speak what Jesus Christ has done for you, and never be ashamed of that testimony. HP + CP + CC = Maximum Impact.

Why not become a contagious Christian the rewards are going to be great. Working the harvest pays eternal rewards. What can you take into heaven with you today? Think that through, and then I believe if not here with ODCC, you will get the book, find a church and begin to work the harvest joining the few contagious Christians in the world today.

Be blessed and know this Jesus loves you and so do We at Open Door Community Church.

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Service Times
Life Journey: 10:00 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM
Children's Church: 11:00 AM
Nursery service available!

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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars. There is something for everybody!

Men's Breakfast & Fellowship:
Every 2nd Saturday of the month
at 8:00AM at the Church Office

Women's Breakfast & Fellowship:
Every 3rd Saturday of the month
9:00Am at the
Ponderosa on Rte 17

Child Dedication - May

Children's Spring Program - May

Vacation Bible School - August

3rd Camp Retreat - August