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Faces Have Names

By Jennifer Klitzke

Jesus says, "You will have the poor with you every day for the rest of your lives. Whenever you 'feel' like it, you can do something for them" (Mark 14:7).

Global Impact Pastor, Steve Hanson, closes *The Message* and reflects on this Scripture verse and the last 20 years of ministry with Open Door. Then the Spirit impresses a thought on his heart, "I 'feel' like a cup of freshly ground coffee at Starbucks or the thrill of going to a Gopher's basketball game."

Then he wonders, "When do I ever 'feel' like being with the poor?"

His memory travels back to the first time when he went to Haiti, 21 years ago. He said, "The stench of poverty, the dust and filth, was so thick I couldn't wash it off." He saw an endless sea of blank faces that merged together to form a multitude of overwhelming

need. He was panged with an unsettling thought, "Poverty from a distance is disparaging."

"I didn't feel like being there," Steve said, "as long as poverty remained at a distance, all I felt was pity. But when I came to know that the faces of poverty have names, I became engaged in their story."

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Pastor Steve Hanson with Immaculate, Uganda

*Global Impact Pastor Steve Hanson celebrates
20 years of ministry at Open Door.*

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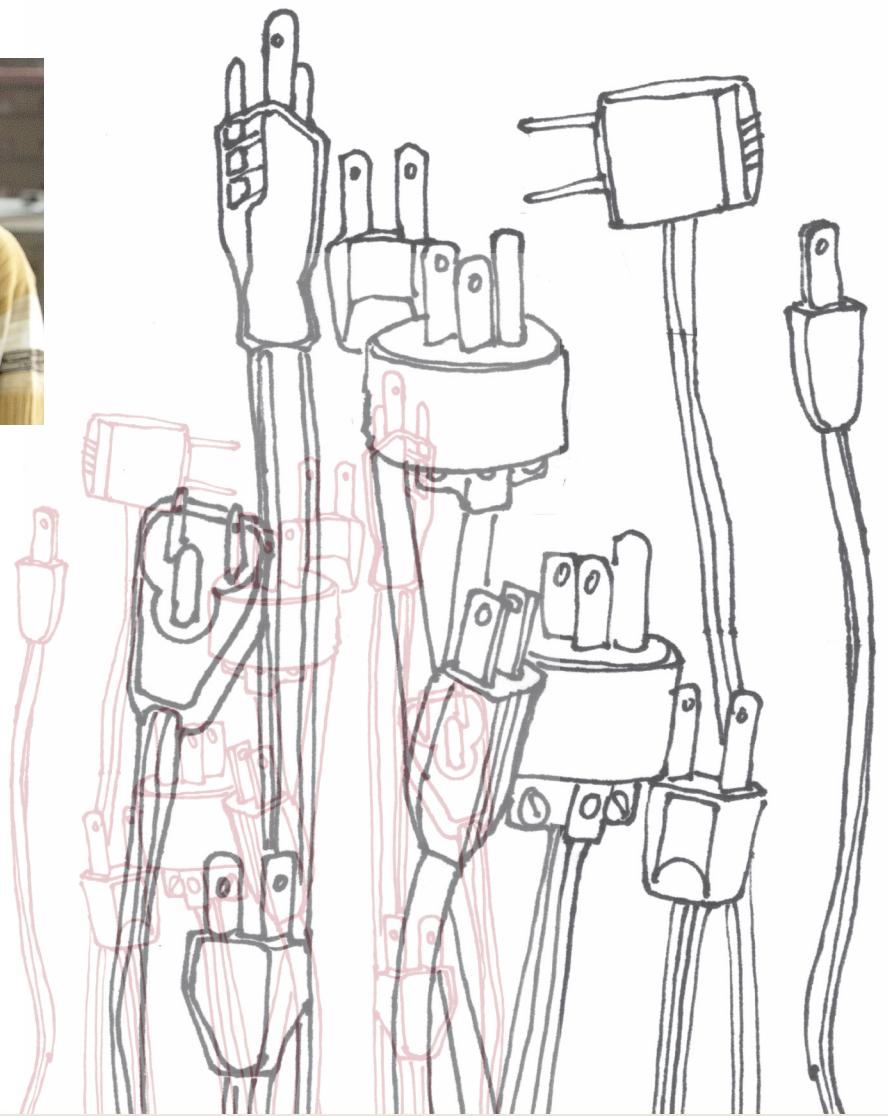
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Community Gatherings

Sat, Feb 17 – Sun, Mar 18
Specific dates and locations available at thedoor.org Jan 19.

CONNECTING



Why Connect?

We believe connecting with others...

- Helps transform our lives into Christ-likeness
- Provides an opportunity to give and receive support on our life journey
- Is when we experience what it means to be fully alive

Weekend services are a great way to worship God and listen to timely messages from the pulpit, but to live out our faith in Christ, we need authentic relationships with others in the faith community. Participation and involvement are essential. Open Door provides three ways to connect with others: Classes, Groups, and Serving.



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Real growth occurs with a blend of learning, relational community and serving others. Grow deeper in your relationship with God as you partner with others on the same quest of transformation into Christ-likeness.



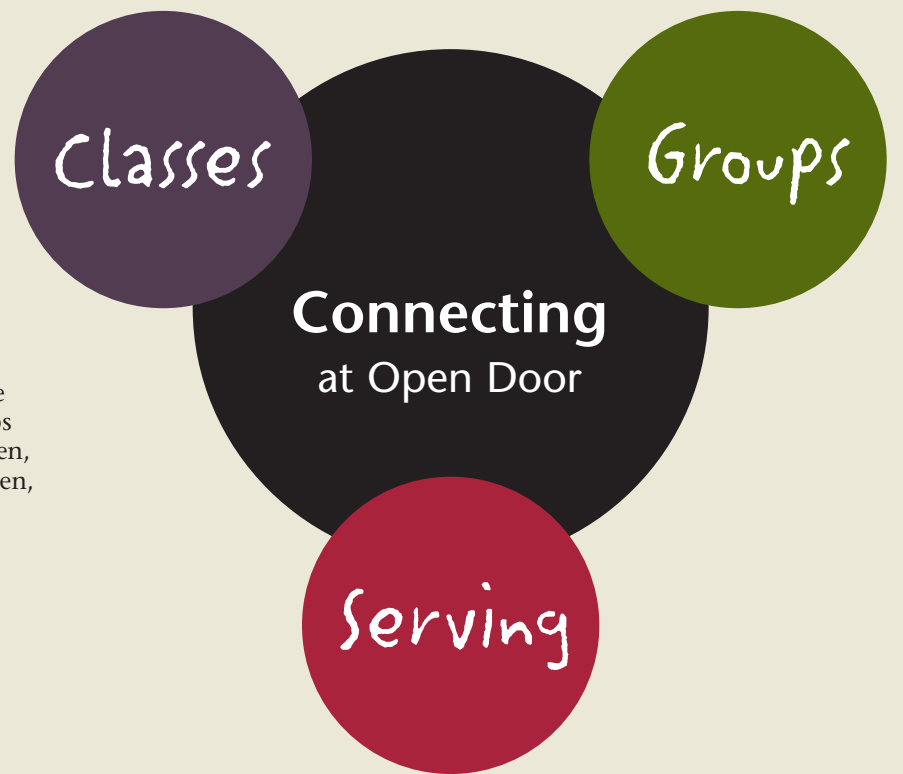
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Groups offer a way to participate in a relational community of faith to mature and grow as a disciple of Christ. Groups include: Common Interest, Marriage, Men, Outreach, Prayer, Singles, Support, Women, Young Adults, Kids and Youth.



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Discover community, connection and transformation through serving. Serve during weekend services or at other times. Commitment is as little as once a month. You can make a difference!



CONNECTING

To register, complete the form on page 5 or register online at www.thedoor.org



Classes

Real growth occurs with a blend of learning, relational community and serving others. Grow deeper in your relationship with God as you partner with others on the same quest of transformation into Christ-likeness.

The First Step

A great starting place to get to know Open Door. This three week class is a great introduction to the Open Door Values, Beliefs, Culture, Community and Serving Opportunities. The class is structured around small group discussion and interaction around a workbook, game and video clips. It is a prerequisite for The Journey and some ministry opportunities. Ext 1900.

Sun, Jan 14-28, 9am-10:15pm

Register by Jan 3

Sun, Feb 11-25, 9am-10:15pm

Register by Jan 31

Sun, Mar 11-25, 9am-10:15pm

Register by Feb 28

Kids Programming is available on Sundays for Infant through 6th grade; register children in advance through Kids' Ministry.

New! Spiritual Practices Sampler

Does "slowing down to hear God" and "living in His presence" pique your curiosity? This introductory class about spiritual practices is both instructional and experiential. Discover how fasting, confession, active prayer, servanthood and secretly serving others for God's glory can be integrated into your every day routine. Through these spiritual practices, you'll develop a greater awareness of God's presence in your life.

Sun, Mar 11-Apr 29, 11am-12:15pm
(no mtg Apr 8)

Register by Feb 25; walk-ins welcome
(up to 60 participants)

Fee: \$5

New! Praying The Psalms

Executive Pastor Keith Meyer facilitates a class for anyone who wants to learn how to pray and move deeper into God's peace and Kingdom life. Through the Psalms, we will practice: slowing down, confession, Scripture memory, meditation, fasting, intercession, and submission in suffering. The lives of great Christians who exemplified these practices will also be explored.

Sun, Jan 14- Mar 11, 11am-12:15pm
(no class Feb 25)

Register by Jan 7

Fee: No cost

New! Transformed Into Fire

Experience love and intimacy with God by forsaking the "false" self that is driven by the pursuit of security, esteem, and power and discover your "true" self in Christ. Participate in a conversational journey with God and others seeking to live a transformed life out of our belovedness in God. Taught by author and Governing Board Chair and President, Judy Hougen. This class is based on her book *Transformed Into Fire* which is available in the bookstore. Purchase book ahead of time and be prepared to discuss chapters 1-2 on the first day of class.

Sun, Jan 14- Feb 25, 11am (no class Feb 4)

Register by Jan 2

Fee: \$10 (includes study manual)

Life In The Spirit

Explore the Person and role of the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus told His disciples to stay in Jerusalem to be "equipped with power from on high" we need that same power today to live effective Kingdom lives. God created us to be in constant, intimate communication with Him and grow in the character of Christ. Learn how to hear Him more clearly, respond to His voice and understand, experience and partner with Him in every aspect of life. This class includes large group teaching, small group discussion and hands-on application. For more info, call ext 1303.

Sun, Jan 28-April 1, 9-10:15am
Minimum class size: 25 participants

Register by Jan 21

Fee: No cost

Broadening Biblical Horizons

Is your faith challenged when the trials of life come? If you've ever longed to do an in-depth study of the Bible, these four classes, taught by Charles Yue from Village Schools of the Bible, will get you through. It's motivational and experiential, not just informational. You'll gain a passion for the Word and insights into Biblical truth for relevant life application. To inquire about scholarships or for more info, call Charles at (952)926-1696 or visit www.vsb.net. Scholarships are available.

New Testament History

Mon, Feb 12-Apr 16, 4:30-6:20pm or 7-8:50pm

Register by Feb 4

Fee: \$80/person or \$125/couple each class

New Testament Writings

Mon, Apr 23-June 24, 4:30-6:20pm or 7-8:50pm

Register by Apr 15

Fee: \$80/person or \$125/couple each class

Baptism Prep Process

Baptism honors Christ's invitation and is practiced by those who follow Him. Prepare to enter the waters of baptism through study, faith sharing, and prayer. Each candidate will meet with a sponsor and pastor or ministry leader. Baptisms will be held occasionally between Sunday services on Communion weekend. Easter and summer baptisms also available. Register online. For more info, call ext 1320.

Child Dedication

This beautiful service celebrates the life of a child through dedication and parent consecration. Register online or call ext 1200.

Premarriage Process

If Open Door is your church home and you'd like to get married here, enter into our premarriage process by filling out a Marriage Application Questionnaire available online or by calling ext 1905. Once we've received your application and a photograph of you and your fiancé, you'll be notified about next steps which may include the Good Sense Money Management Course, Before You Say I Do class, PREPARE inventory and meeting with a pastor. Please submit your application at least nine months before your wedding date to ensure enough time for the classes and counseling required.

REGISTRATION

Complete this form or register online at www.thedoor.org

**Kids' Registration Form is available online or at the Family Life kiosk on the lower level.*

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____

(work) _____

(cell) _____

Are you a: Visitor Regular Attender

Please write the activity name, section (if applicable) and cost.

Activity: _____

Section: _____

Cost: _____

Please list person(s) or teammate(s) attending with:

(must register separately)

Sports and recreation participants are also required to sign a waiver at the first session.

Payment

Payment must accompany registration. Make checks payable to Church of the Open Door.

Cash Check VISA MC

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ / _____

Drop in the slot at the Welcome Place or mail to:

Open Door Registration
9060 Zanzibar Lane North
Maple Grove, MN 55311

Refunds issued only if class is cancelled.

CONNECTING

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Men

Men's Summit

Steve Johnson, Bethel University head football coach, will be the featured speaker. His talk, "Creating a Culture that Wins", will encourage men on their spiritual journey.

Sat, Jan 27, 9-11am

No registration required

Fee: No cost

Father Thirst

A prison ministry that invites men to deal with the father thirst in their hearts. Experience Abba love in deep, personal and significant ways. Ext 1925.

Hearts In Action

Join other men the last Saturday of each month for service projects and extend the hands and heart of Jesus into our local community. Contact Jeff at (952)949-1485 or JCasale@MinnesotaHomes.com.

Sat, Jan 27 and Feb 24, 7am

Location: Original Pancake House, Maple Grove

Kingdom Warriors

Connect with God and other men in honest and grace-filled ways. Men are equipped to serve in compassionate ways and called into true masculine, humble, and courageous leadership. Ext 1925.

Tues, 6:45-9pm

No registration required

Fee: No cost

Kingdom Warrior Groups**Heart of the Husband**

Basic training in the art of being a loving husband and servant leader in your home.

Heart of a Warrior

Be encouraged in this grace-filled place to study topics such as God's desire for men, growing in relationships, heart issues and being empowered by the Holy Spirit to persevere through the challenges this world brings.

Prayer Warriors

Provides prayer cover for all Kingdom warriors in the weekly battles of life.

TrueFaced

A book, DVD and discussion-based series by John Lynch encourages men to get away from performance religion and encounter authentic relational Christianity with God and others. Additional resources will be used from various authors to encourage growth.

Wild at Heart

Designed to help men recover their heart and discover their true masculine identity and calling in life through a book, DVD and discussion format based in material by John Eldredge.

Word in the Heart

For those who hunger for practical application of God's Kingdom truth to their everyday lives.

Groups

Groups offer a way to participate in a relational community of faith to mature and grow as a disciple of Christ. Groups include: Common Interest, Marriage, Men, Beyond Our Door, Prayer, Singles, Support, Women, Young Adults, Kids and Youth.

Common Interest

Bowling League

Subs needed for an adult, non-sanctioned, co-ed bowling league. Ext 1938.

Sun, Sept 17-May 13, 6:30pm (every other Sun)

Fee: \$20 (plus \$10 per player each game day)

Location: New Hope Bowl, New Hope

Crafters

Connect with others who share the same passion for crafting, whether it is scrapbooking, quilting, or stamping. Come when you can, stay as long as you like. Bring your own supplies. To reserve your space e-mail cewing@thedoor.org.

Fri, Jan 12 and Feb 9, 5-10pm

(second Fri of each month)

No registration required

Fee: No cost

Christian Entertainers

Glorify God by using the performing arts to spread joy, promote laughter, and share the Good News. For more info, call Jen at ext 1171.

Homeschoolers' Connection

All Open Door parents who homeschool are invited. We support parents through prayer, encouragement, sharing of info and resources. Bring questions to the next meeting for a time of open discussion. Call ext 1226.

Thurs, Jan 11 and Feb 8, 7pm

(second Thurs of each month)

Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry

For those who enjoy knitting or crocheting, here's a way to join others as we prayerfully create prayer shawls to be used as a ministry tool for Care and Prayer appointments. Bring yarn and tools; info and patterns are provided. Ext 1305.

Mon, Jan 8 and Feb 12, 7-8:30pm

(second Mon of each month)

No registration required

Fee: No cost

New! Sign Language

Learn and practice sign language with the hearing and deaf. Come to the Sat, 5pm worship service and stay for fellowship. Bring a dessert to share. For more info, call ext 1321 or e-mail jschirmers@thedoor.org.

Sat, Jan 27 and Feb 24, 6:30-8:30pm

Fee: No cost

Marriage

Valentine's Dance

Square dancing for married and engaged couples. No dance experience necessary. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by Soul Mates.

Fri, Feb 16, 7-10pm

Register by Feb 14; walk-ins welcome

Fee: \$10/couple

Newly Marrieds

Couples, married five years or less, connect through small group discussion that focuses on building marriage relationships. For more info, contact Lisa at ext 1905 or lchesnutt@thedoor.org.

Sun, Jan 7, 21 and Feb 18, 6-8:30pm

Fee: No cost

Soul Mates

Couples meet in homes to build places for fellowship and support and discuss books that are designed to reinforce healthy Christian marriages. For more info, e-mail lchesnutt@thedoor.org or call Lisa at ext 1905.

Prayer

First Service Prayer

Join others to pray for the weekend service. Ext 1303.

Sun, 9-10:15am

Singles

Bible Study

New Bible study begins Thurs, Jan 4, 7-9pm.

Single Parent Potluck

Come for fellowship, fun, family entertainment, prayer and support. Bring a dish to share. A map to the potluck is available at the Welcome Place or by calling ext 1230.

Sun, Jan 21 and Feb 18, 1pm

Support

Celebrate Recovery

This Christ-centered recovery program provides a safe place to enter a healing journey with God and others. You'll learn the "Eight Recovery Principles" to breakthrough the snares of addiction and dysfunction. Address real-life issues with God's grace and forgiveness to experience real-life change. Begins with an optional meal followed by large group worship, testimony and teaching. The evening concludes with gender-specific small group discussion. An info session is held for newcomers. Ext 1322.

Tues, 6:45-9pm, (no large group Jan 2)

No registration required

Support Group Meal

Support group participants are invited join Celebrate Recovery for a meal followed by worship.

Tues, 6-6:30pm (no meal Jan 2)

No registration required

Fee: \$4/person

DivorceCare

A supportive thirteen week group for those dealing with the pain of divorce. Includes video presentation and discussion after worship. Visit DivorceCare.com.

Tues, Feb 13-May 8, 6:45-9pm

Register by Feb 4

Limited to 16 participants

Fee: \$20 (includes workbook)

GriefShare

A supportive group for those who have lost someone dear. Worship followed by video and small group discussion. Includes the grief process; the flood of emotion: shock, anger, denial, blame, regret and feeling out of control; finding freedom in forgiveness; and healing in Christ. Call ext 1322 or visit GriefShare.com.

Tues, Jan 2, 16 & 30, Feb 13 & 27, Mar 13 & 27, Apr 10 & 24, 6:45-9pm

Registration requested

Fee: \$20 (includes workbook)

Women

Morning Blend

On Tuesday mornings, women come together to celebrate what God is doing within our hearts and lives. Grow through Bible studies, book studies, classes and small groups. Ext 1955.

Class registration is accepted for newcomers throughout the year if space is available. To guarantee your registration, please register one week prior to start date.

Resting Together

Breathe deep and learn to hear God's voice through Scripture, prayer, silence, creative expression, and journaling. This class includes weekly teaching and time for sharing.

Tues, Sept 19-Jan 30, 9:30-11:30am
(no mtg Jan 2)

Registration requested; walk-ins welcome
Fee: No cost

New! Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit

Begin your journey to "Glorious Freedom" by learning to live a Spirit-filled life. This Beth Moore Bible study from Galatians includes weekly video, small group discussion, and daily assignments. Ext 1955.

Tues, Feb 6-May 15, 9:30-11:30am

Register by Jan 29

Fee: \$20

New! Walking Together

Join us as we explore our inner reality, the world around us, and our role in God's bigger story. We will listen, contemplate, discuss, study, and seek God together regarding our unique place in the ongoing creativity of the Kingdom. Ext 1955.

Tues, Feb 6-May 15, 9:30-11:30am

Register by Jan 29

Fee: \$10

New! Life You've Always Wanted/Eat Your Bible

Explore transformation in community using two books: *The Life You've Always Wanted* by John Ortberg and *How to Eat Your Bible* by Joel Warne. This combined book and Bible study includes video teaching from both authors, small group discussion, prayer, and homework. Ext 1955.

Tues, Feb 6-May 15, 9:30-11:30 am

Register by Jan 29

Fee: \$20

Soul Sisters

Women of all ages come together on Wednesday evenings to study God's Living Word and apply it to our lives. We journey together on a road of encouragement, refreshment and transformation. Ext 1956.

The Intimate Journey

Do you long for a deeper relationship with God but are not sure where to start? Or do the distractions of life keep you from entering in? *The Intimate Journey* by Joel Warne will gently guide you through Scripture meditation, listening, and rest to help you draw closer to God and others.

Wed, Sept 27-Mar 28, 7-9pm

(no group Jan 31, Feb 21)

Register anytime

Fee: \$30 (includes book and workbook)

Ministry to and through Women

By Donna Branchaud

Quiet whispers of prayer. Hugs of comfort. Listening and sharing with one another. Devotion, celebration, praise and joy. Friendship, love, encouragement, and acceptance. Giving, growing, and serving together.

This is what Soul Sisters is all about. Listen to what women are saying:

Soul Sisters stretches me and gives me the opportunity to go deeper and risk being vulnerable. God wants us to take a risk and be obedient; doing so may encourage someone else to be willing to take another step forward at whatever level they are at.

—Vizma Schlundt

Soul Sisters is a connecting point at Open Door to meet and grow close with other women and encourage each other.

—Carol Chase

Soul Sisters is a place where I have received confirmation that I am hearing from God. It is humbling to know that God uses us to encourage each other.

—JJ Weiland

The friends I have made through Soul Sisters are true friends; people who think about me even when we are apart. Soul Sisters is a place where women of all ages, single, married, with and without children come together and do life.

—Mary Brytowski

Soul Sisters invites women to come on this journey as we seek to draw closer to God and each other. Join us for a cup of coffee or tea and find a warm welcome here.

Holy Sexuality

Through teaching, testimony, prayer and Scripture, explore the mystery and wonder of our sexuality through God's eyes. We will wrestle with heart issues that the world promotes and discover ways to become the women God designed us to be. Includes teaching, personal reflection, and prayer for single and married women 18 years and older.

Topics Include:

Sex and the Woman's Soul
My Body/My Self Image
Sexual Etiquette
Male and Female – Designed by God
Dating with Integrity

Wed, Jan 17-Mar 21, 7-9pm

(no mtg Jan 31, Feb 21)

Register by Jan 3

Fee: \$20

Sophia's Heart

Women over 40 are invited to come together on Thursday evenings. Grow with God and each other on a journey to pursue wisdom and wholeness in Jesus. Ext 1954.

Book Study: The Joy of Listening to God

(A second part of a two part book study) What does it mean to listen to God? Join us as we continue to explore how to experience God in this way through Joyce Huggett's book, *The Joy of Listening to God*.

Thurs, Feb 1-April 26, 7-9pm

Register by Jan 31

Fee: \$20 (includes study book & journal)

Young Adults

20-Something

Get together with other young adults both single and married for fun activities, friendship, worship, spiritual growth, and serving opportunities. For more info contact Brad at ext 1903.

Transformation Night

A time of experiential worship and informal discussion on relevant topics.

Thur, Jan 25 and Feb 22, 7-9pm

Serving Opportunity:

Feed My Starving Children

Pack food for kids around the world. If interested, e-mail Drew at scoobydrewnsarah2@msn.com.

Sat, Jan 20, 6:15-9pm

Register by Jan 17

Fee: No cost

Serving Opportunity:

Hospitality House

Prepare a meal for Midnight Basketball. Contact Drew at scoobydrewnsarah2@msn.com.

Sat, Feb 9, 7-11pm

ComedySportz & Applebee's

Sat, Jan 13, 8pm

Register by Jan 7 (limited to 40)

Fee: \$11/ticket (bring money for Applebee's)

Snow Tubing

Sat, Feb 3, 6:15-9pm

Register by Jan 31

Fee: \$12

KIDS & YOUTH

To register, complete the form on page 5 or register online at www.thedoor.org



Registration Deadlines

Start Date	Class	Register By
January		
Jan 12	Sr High Retreat	Jan 7
Jan 13	20-something: ComedySportz & Applebee's	Jan 7
Jan 14	The First Step	Jan 3
Jan 14	Transformed Into Fire	Jan 2
Jan 14	Praying The Psalms	Jan 7
Jan 17	Soul Sisters: Holy Sexuality	Jan 7
Jan 20	20-something: Feed My Starving Children	Jan 17
Jan 26	Jr High Retreat	Jan 21
Jan 28	Life in the Spirit	Jan 21
February		
Feb 1	Sophia's Heart: Book Study	Jan 31
Feb 3	20-something: Snow Tubing	Jan 31
Feb 6	Morning Blend: Living Beyond Yourself/Fruit of the Spirit	Jan 29
Feb 6	Morning Blend: Walking Together	Jan 29
Feb 6	Morning Blend: Life You've Always Wanted/Eat Your Bible	Jan 29
Feb 11	The First Step	Jan 31
Feb 11	Operation: Date Night	Feb 4
Feb 12	New Testament History	Feb 4
Feb 13	DivorceCare	Feb 4
Feb 16	Valentine's Dance	Feb 14
March		
Mar 11	Spiritual Practices Sampler	Feb 25
Mar 11	The First Step	Feb 28

Kids

For most Kids' events, registration is required. Pick up a special registration form at the lower level kiosk or register online.

Weekend Ministry

Programming for Infant to Pre-Kindergarten is available every Sunday. Programming for Kindergarten-6th grade is available on Sunday mornings, except for Communion Sundays (first full weekend of the month). This provides a great opportunity for families to worship together.

Visiting children may walk-in for weekend programming. Stop by the Kids' Welcome Place on the lower level to pick up a visitor's name badge and directions to the classroom.

Playgroups

An opportunity for moms to connect while their kids play in the gym. Ext 1220.

Thurs, Jan 11 and Feb 8, 10am-12pm

No registration required

Fee: No cost

Operation: Date Night

In honor of Valentine's Day, Jr and Sr Highers will watch children ages Birth-6th grade while parents enjoy time together on a date. Registration is required by calling ext 1620.

Sun, Feb 11, 5:30-8:30pm

Registration opens Jan 21 to Feb 4 (space is limited)

Fee: No cost

Preteen (5th-6th Grade)

Preteen Sundays

Get your friends and check it out! At the beginning of the 9am and 11am services, boys gather in room 5/7 and girls in room 9/11. Together we'll head up to the balcony for worship and return to our classrooms to learn about God and His Word through fun activities and teaching. We'll dive into our curriculum: *What God Says About Me*.

Sun, 9am and 11am



Impacting the Community

Thank you for your generosity!

- Over 80 families received presents for their children from their parents in prison through Angel Tree Christmas
- Over 90 volunteers served the community through Holiday Outreach events
- A team was sent to Gulfport, MS to provide Hurricane Relief

Preteen Chill Out

We're going to Chill-Outside and have a blast! Bring your sled or snowboard. We will have three hours of playing in the snow, sliding down the hill, slurping down hot cocoa and watching movies. Feel free to bring your friends! No cost, but you must register ahead of time. Please make sure you have a 2006-2007 Parental Release Medical Info Form signed and on file with us before this event.

Mon, Jan 15, 1-4pm

Youth (Jr & Sr High)

Quest

Our "quest" is to know and experience God in a real and practical way using music, discussions, sacred practices, stories, videos, and small groups. What really makes it work is that we do this together! If you want to know and be known by other students...join in the Quest!

Wed, 7-8:45pm

Jr High (7th-9th Grade)

Jr High Sundays

Learn practical ways to explore the Bible, discover relevant truth and live in pursuit of Christ. Join us in the Youth Suite after worship during the 9am service.

Jr High Winter Retreat

Join us for a winter weekend at Camp Forest Springs to grow in our faith with God and each other. The love of God comforts and challenges us at the same time. This weekend we will explore this self-sacrificial, unconditional and life-changing love. Activities include skiing/snowboarding, broomball, snow tubing and playing in the rec hall. NOTE: This will require the students to miss a day of school.

Fri-Sat, Jan 26-28

Register by Jan 21

Fee: \$105

Sr High (10th-12th Grade)

Sr High Winter Retreat

Join us at Timber Bay Camp for a snow-filled weekend of fun, hot chocolate chats, and an opportunity to live the life of a Christ-follower. The Winter Retreat is the perfect place to make new friends and have fun. It's also the perfect time to use your spiritual ears. What is God saying to you? The Winter Retreat is a chance to find out.

Fri-Sat, Jan 12-14

Register by Jan 7

Fee: \$105

who volunteered ∞

Jonny Lang? I'm a Fan

By Ashley Malette

In a Christian marketplace weary with the latest post-modern music professing itself as worship...

Jonny Lang's most recent recording *Turn Around* is a welcome reprieve. It is a breath of fresh air in the Christian pop-music induced smog.

I would not classify my musical tastes as inclusive of blues, a genre that Jonny Lang has been affiliated with since his first album at the age of 15. Most of the music on my iPod is along the lines of Pink Floyd, David Crowder, Aimee Mann and everything in-between. With that said, I probably wouldn't have given Lang's latest album more than a passing glance were it not for two things: 1) a friend of mine who just happens to be a sibling of Jonny Lang and 2) Myspace. That's right, Myspace.

Although now a furious frenzy of "friend" networking and teenage-crazed connectivity, Myspace was initially a website that gave bands, artists, and musicians the resources to connect with each other and get their music heard. Yes, I have a Myspace, and no, I'm not a teenager. I found the accessible means to music that Myspace offers so enticing that I simply had to give in and get one.

In my journeys through the great chasm of Myspace networking, I stumbled upon Jonny's Myspace and gave a few of the songs from *Turn Around* a healthy listen. All right Jonny Lang, you've got my attention. Call it my love for a decent back beat (and all things Michael Bland), call it my never-ending search for compelling lyrics in a world of cracker box pop music... call it what you will, but one thing is for certain. I am no blues fan and it is with great delight that I tell you, in the certain words of Jack Black, "Jonny Lang? I'm a fan."

As the album's title implies, Jonny has turned around... not musically mind you; he still croons with the voice of a 40-year veteran blues singer, although only a 25-year-old farm boy from North Dakota, and his guitar still sings as it has since Jonny first started playing at the age of 12. What has turned around is Jonny himself, who now boldly professes a renewed faith in God - to the end that *Turn Around* has been released to both Christian and mainstream audiences.

His musical prowess at such a young age forced Jonny Lang to grow up in plain view of the public and, as Michael Jackson has so colorfully taught us, that can have a precarious outcome. A life riddled with addictions, partying, and

performing was Lang's self-admitted existence. But in recent history, an encounter with God that knocked him off his feet (literally) led Jonny to profess a faith in Christ that redirected his life. "...It wasn't so long ago that I was spiraling downward in a lot of ways, until God touched my life and set me on the right track. I feel a huge debt to give glory back to Him for everything He has done for me," says Lang, who now finds himself healed of his addictions, walking with Jesus.

The reason why I want to tell you about this album is not to point out the dramatic shift in motivation, direction, and inspiration that this album has in comparison to Lang's previous work. In order to do that, I would have to give you a complete biography on Jonny Lang's musical journey, and my lack of attention to detail will only leave you confused.

The reason why I want to tell you about this album is because redemption really is true, and the message of redemption that permeates the lyrics, ideas, and soul of this album resonates in my heart. Maybe it will do the same for you.

In the album's single, which is getting a steady diet of radio play these days, Jonny pleads with the listener in a way that mirrors the pleadings of scripture, in Matthew 19:26 and Hebrews 12:1-2:

"Don't be deceived... it might not be easy, but anything's possible... your gonna make it if you try, keep your eye on the prize" (**Anything's Possible**).

Lang breathes some life into the spiritual discipline of prayer, a practice that those of us who've grown up in Christendom often grow weary of practicing:

"On my own I just can't get it right, it doesn't matter how hard I try... but with You, I become a much stronger man... getting on my knees puts me back on my feet again" (**On My Feet Again**).

There are many beautiful moments in the album, but the one that catches me by surprise every single time is the song "Only a Man". There is a simple call-and-response moment near the end of the song as Jonny poses these questions:

"I'll give You my burdens, all of my desires... oh, what about these chains, Lord, they're so heavy... where do I go from here, Lord?" (**Only a Man**).

You must listen to this song. The answer comes and it is the beautiful truth of God's love, God's patience, God's promise, and the birth of His redemption that is made new in us each day.

In my garage last week, as I was listening to these songs, this thought crossed my mind, "Maybe You really mean it. Maybe all Your promises of redemption are true." And so, anywhere that I've had my iPod in tow spinning Jonny Lang's album *Turn Around*, I have remembered some things about God that I had grown

weary of remembering. Give it a listen. I promise that you will hear the heart and soul of our God in the heart and soul of Jonny Lang. ∞

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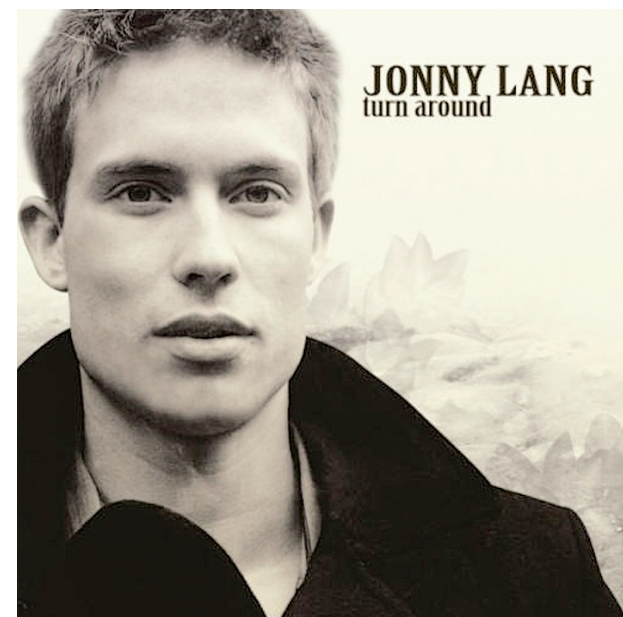


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DATE NIGHT

Sun, Feb 11
5:30-8:30pm

In honor of Valentine's Day, Junior and Senior Highers will show God's love by supporting married couples with young children. While parents enjoy the night off, Junior and Senior Highers will provide for their children with a safe, free, and fun-filled evening.

Register by calling ext 1620 between Jan 21 and Feb 4.

*“When I came to know that the faces of poverty have names,
I became engaged in their story.”*

—Pastor Steve reflects over 20 years in ministry

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Steve remembers his first encounter with poverty when his dad brought him and his two brothers to the Minneapolis Revival Mission. Ten-year-old Steve didn't feel like spending a Friday night serving food to homeless people, but after he gave to others in need, he returned home feeling full and rich.

Another encounter with poverty was in his twenties when Steve became a Big Brother and friend to a fatherless, inner-city boy. Forty years later, Steve and Sam are still friends.

You see, building deeply authentic, long-term relationships is what Steve Hanson's life is about.

He brought this concept into ministry as well. For the last two decades, Steve has established and developed long-term relationships throughout the world as Global Impact Pastor, and he has invited us along for the journey.



A fond memory Steve has, was when he carefully transported Raheem to the ocean pier. Together, they watched the seagulls, felt the gentle Caribbean breeze, and gazed into the wavy horizon. Raheem looked at Steve and said joyfully, “This is wonderful.”



“We knew a God of judgement. You showed us a God of grace.”
—Pastor Herdie, Hopkins Village Belize

20 years in ministry

In 1985, Steve Hanson left a private practice in psychology and became the Youth Pastor at Open Door. He wanted Youth to experience something beyond a color television set and shopping malls. He wanted them to experience what he experienced in Haiti.

“I ruined these kids,” he said, “in a positive way, by opening their eyes and ears to the faces and stories of poverty.”

In 1987, Steve took the Youth to Haiti for the first Open Door short-term mission trip. He soon discovered that short-term mission trips are practical learning labs to test out authenticity, risk belonging, learn to love others who are different, and move beyond seeing a multitude of need to realizing that the faces of poverty have names with stories to tell.

Four years after working with the Youth, Steve was asked to become the first Mission Pastor at Open Door. His vision was – and continues to be – unconventional. In addition to supporting missionaries who serve in foreign places, he notices foreign places where God is already working and equips the native people with the resources they need to develop God's work. Then after a partnership has been established, he sends short-term mission teams from Open Door to participate in cross-cultural experiences.

These experiences help to strengthen relationships within our church body and across cultural lines. “Relationships grow in organic ways,” Steve said, “meaning that they evolve on their own without constructing an agenda.”

Among the 30 global and international partnerships, Open Door has been in relationships with Pastor Dio in Haiti for 17 years and Pastor Herdie in Belize for 15 years. A 16-year relationship with Steve Hass who is now the Vice President of World Vision led us to support HIV/AIDS in Africa through the Beyond Our Door special project.

“I feel like we've grown up with the people of Hopkins Village, Belize and Tricotte, Haiti,” Steve said. “I like to stick with people for the long haul.”

Reflecting over the last 20 years in ministry, Steve has gotten to know many names and faces beyond our door. Each one has a story, and Steve has invited us into their journey. He introduced us to the sunny smile of Raheem, a Belizean



Steve prays with Grandma Oliver, who is single-handedly raising nine grandchildren.

boy with brittle-bone disease. While children his age play basketball, he's confined to a table and stares at the same four walls and ceiling every day. Through Project Mercy, Open Door children and adults compassionately raised a barrel-load of coins; enough to build a safe brick home for Raheem's family of seven and a school for him and two other siblings with brittle-bone disease.

Another story is about Fanfan, a beautiful, young Haitian girl who was born with a mental disability. In Haiti, her condition is considered a voodoo curse. Fanfan's God-revering family was too embarrassed and hid her whenever any American stopped by for a visit. Five visits passed before the family trusted Steve enough to let Fanfan come out from hiding. In 2005-2006 more coins rolled in through Project Mercy to build a special-needs home where mentally disabled Haitians, like Fanfan, can live freely and be loved unashamed.

In Uganda, Steve introduced us to the blank, lifeless stare of a hopeless and disparaged African boy named Peter Katabazi. At the age of 13, he was left



Madam Dio will oversee the soon to be completed Mephibosheth Special-Needs Home in Haiti where mentally-disabled people like KoKo will be loved and cared for unconditionally.

Pastor Steve Hanson makes an astute diagnosis: “Yes Dio, you do have a heart!”

to raise his four siblings after both parents died of HIV/AIDS. Through the Beyond Our Door special project, enough money was raised to build a safe, brick home with running water for Peter and his family. It replaced the mud hut they once lived in. In fact, in all, 38 homes have been built in the last three years through the generosity of the Open Door community.

In Northern Uganda we met a terrorized teenage boy named Innocent. He is one of thousands who have escaped the horrors of Lord's Resistance Army. The Beyond Our Door special project provides resources to World Vision that help restore these broken lives.

Getting to know the names and faces of the poor and building deeply authentic, long-term relationships with our partners are why Project Mercy and the Beyond Our Door special project work so well.

"But it's far more than a fund raising campaign," Steve said. "It's about making a difference in the lives of other human beings – getting to know their names and join their story."

So when Steve asks, "When do I ever 'feel' like being with the poor?" He just thinks back over the last 20 years of ministry at Open Door and smiles at all the faces, names, and stories that capture his memory within our doors and beyond. ∞

Faces within our door

In a church our size, it is easy to get lost in the crowd, but Steve Hanson has gotten to know many faces and names within our door over the last 20 years. Read on to what the Open Door community says about our pastor, mentor and friend...

I have logged thousands of miles traveling to the other side of the world with Steve Hanson. I know God has had a hand in having my path cross with his. He has been like an older brother to me – the one I never had but always wanted. He truly has an exceptional gift of just being with people and loving them. I get a vision of what Jesus was like when I have seen Steve in Africa with the poorest of the poor. He will sit and talk with the widow whose husband has died of AIDS, hold a baby who is dying of the same disease, or just get down on the same level with the kids to play and laugh with them. I have seen and experienced first hand "Jesus with skin on" when watching Steve in action.

I have also appreciated getting to know the crazy side of Steve. I knew there was a "love connection" when I discovered early on Steve's sense of humor. I have laughed with him into the early hours of the morning until I literally hurt. Few people have shaped me so much, touched my spirit so deeply, or made me laugh so hard. –Terry Eiswald

How do you sum up 15 years with a Pastor who has become my friend and has had an impact on nearly every aspect of my life? Steve has shown me the world through his eyes – then my own. More importantly, he has helped me truly see individuals who seemed so different by helping me see our similarities, explore our difference, question my responses, explore my awareness of God and God's life in others. Steve Hanson taught me to gently ponder, rather than having to have all the answers. –Nancy Abbott

Steve is gifted with God-driven vision and a love for people and other cultures. In Haiti I was amazed to watch Steve visit each hut and love people. Even though he didn't speak the language, he knew their names and stories. It was incredible to witness the love he gave that was so generously given back. It's been a pleasure to serve with Steve over the years. –Cossette Dussault Parriott

Steve Hanson is a pioneer when it comes to overseas missions. He was one of the first to recognize the need to partner with indigenous leaders. Steve has always reported that our church receives more than we ever give. The places Steve takes us to reflects his understanding of God's humility in Christ coming under us in grace. –Keith Meyer

Steve Hanson has been instrumental in my personal and professional journey. A few years ago Steve was my internship supervisor and ever since he has been a constant presence in my life. He invites me to face hard questions, challenge assumptions, and stay in the dance. He has an amazing capacity to see the big picture and manages to balance being serious when needed and adding humor to most situations. In one breath, he asks a stirring question and in the next, I'm rolling in laughter. I am grateful for how he has enriched us with a compassionate worldview and his commitment to Open Door for 20 years. –Jen Lindwall

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Simon Katabazi, four years ago and today. Beyond Our Door special project raised money to build a safe brick home for the Katabazi's – one of 38 since 2003.

CONNECTING



Serving

Discover community, connection and transformation through serving. Serve during weekend services or at other times. Commitment is as little as once a month. You can make a difference!

During Weekend Services

Weekend Support Team

Dozens serve behind the scenes to facilitate our weekend services. If you are looking to get connected, serving is a great way to do that. Weekend Support Teams are full of great people who love Open Door. One weekend per month is all it takes. Maybe one of these teams would be the perfect fit for you. Call ext 1409.

Ushers

Ushers play a critical role in our services. Do you enjoy people? Are you trustworthy? You may have what it takes to wear the burgundy vest.

Greeters

Do you have the gift of hospitality? Sometimes the simplest thing such as a warm greeting makes the biggest impact.

Parking Lot Attendants

Be the first bright smile and welcoming presence that attenders and guests encounter as you safely direct them to a parking space. Parking lot attendants are needed before and after the 9am service.

Welcome Place

Would you enjoy helping others connect? Play an important role in guiding others through their questions.

Sign Language Interpreter

Sign language interpreters are needed for weekend services and classes. Contact Julia at ext 1300 or jschirmers@thedoor.org.

Kids' Ministry

Help finish out the school year (Jan-May). Serve together with a friend or family member during the 9 or 11am Sunday services. Contact Trisha at ext 1208 or tmckeeper@thedoor.org.

Early Childhood (Infant – PreKindergarten)

Connect and interact with kids as a leader, caregiver or storyteller. These roles are needed to provide a consistent and relational presence. Leaders manage the flow of the room while caregivers support the leader. Storytellers provide dramatic story and songs to small groups of children.

Elementary (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)

Teachers, assistant teachers, worship band and storytellers are needed to provide a fun learning experience. Teachers review and present a lesson each week while assistant teachers nurture and build relationships with kids. Worship band and storytellers lead kids in fun and creative worship.

Preteen (5th and 6th grade)

Coaches prep for Preteen Sunday and events.

Special Needs (various ages available)

Build a unique one-on-one relationship by assisting and caring for a child with special needs.

Subs and Floaters (for all ages)

Subs fill in for teachers when they are sick or out of town. Floaters commit to helping once or twice a month wherever the biggest need is.

Customer Service

The library or bookstore could be the right fit for you! We have openings after each service. Only a half hour commitment each month. Call Dawn at ext 1505.

At Other Times

Office Support

Do you have office skills? Are you available two or more hours between 9am-5pm one day a week Mon-Fri? We want you! Call Lori at ext 1102.

Lunchtime Receptionist

Warmly welcome and direct visitors at the receptionist desk while working on office projects over the lunch hour. Commitment is as little as once a week on Tues or Fri, 12-1pm. Stay longer if you'd like. Call Lori at ext 1102.

Meal Ministry

Help those from Open Door who are experiencing a health difficulty, recent family death, or transition. Reach out by bringing something from the deli, or preparing a home-cooked meal. Call Vicki at ext 1305.

Funeral Ministry

Funeral Hosts & Set Up

Compassionate people are needed to set up rooms for funeral and memorial services and be a caring presence during the service. Requires availability during the day with a 2-5 day notice. Call Julia at ext 1300.

Meal Servers

Set up, serve, or clean up funeral meals. Requires availability during the day with a 2-5 day notice. Call Julia at ext 1300.

Phone Callers

Make calls from home to the funeral meal and serving teams as the need arises. Minimal time commitment. Call ext 1300.

Food Providers

Help lift the burden of grieving families by donating salads, bars or cookies for funeral meals. A 2-3 day notice is given to prepare or purchase food and deliver it to the church. Call ext 1300.

Data Entry

Help once or twice a month for 2-3 hrs each time. Call Carol at ext 1180.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Line

Open Door learns about many prayer needs. If you are interested in bearing another's burdens, call Peggy at ext 1303.

Pray for Open Door

Receive weekly notices (via e-mail or regular mail) inviting you to pray for Open Door services, speakers, the worship team and others. Sign up through sentinel Dropbox@thedoor.org.

Recovery Ministry

Food/Hospitality Team

Set up tables, prepare food and beverages, serve buffet, and clean-up. Flexible hours on Tuesday afternoons. Contact Julia at ext 1300 or jschirmers@thedoor.org.

Menu Planners/Shoppers

Plan menus, take kitchen and pantry inventory, and create shopping lists. Flexible schedule available on a weekly basis. Contact Julia at ext 1300 or jschirmers@thedoor.org.

Group Leaders

People who have a heart for recovery ministry and are known in the Open Door community are needed to colead a men's or women's support group. Contact Bob at ext 1302 or bmckenna@thedoor.org.

Book Donors

Do you have gently used books in need of a new home? The School of Narnia and the C.S. Lewis Gymnasium (high school) in Slovakia are in need of English books such as Dr Seuss, Nancy Drew and Frank Peretti. Monetary donations also accepted to cover shipping costs. Note: "Books for Narnia" on the envelope addressed to the Global Impact. For more info, call Carol at ext 1800.

Database Updates

We have an ongoing need to update our database and would like help with calling people during the day or evening. Time commitment is flexible – one time or several. Help Open Door save time and money by having the most accurate information on record. Call Carol at ext 1180.

Sanctuary CDC

Serve with others from North Minneapolis churches and organizations on a variety of projects. Volunteer opportunities include painting, prayer walks, construction projects and more. Contact Jen at ext 1171 or jlindwall@thedoor.org.



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Steve is hilarious. As far as stories go, these two stick out. We were riding on the bus from Hopkins Village, Belize to the airport. We noticed that the bus driver was falling asleep, so we alerted Steve. He walked up the aisle and asked the bus driver to lie down and take a nap while he drove the bus. We weren't sure if Steve had ever driven a bus before (at least it didn't seem like it). It was a rough ride. Suitcases were flying all over the bus and Steve was ditching potholes and singing praises to our Lord at the top of his lungs. We think it was the most fun he had in weeks!

Another story Steve is famous for was when he set up for bedtime right in the midst of the activity. He placed a battery-operated fan on his stomach, turned on his praise music, closed his eyes and fell fast asleep. When Steve was ready for bed, he was ready!

Beyond the funny stuff, Steve is one of the most joyful, spirit-filled, lighthearted, sincere, humble people we know and we are so honored to serve with him, and to call him our friend and brother in Christ.
—George & Reagan Kramer

Steve means a great deal to me. When I first began as Youth Pastor 12 years ago, he was the one to ask how I was doing, and he actually wanted to know. Having served as a Youth Pastor himself, I got advice from someone who loved students as much as I did. My best memories over the last 12 years are when Steve and I led youth mission trips to Haiti together. Those trips, and what I learned from spending time with Steve, have been important in my journey of transformation. I am blessed to pastor alongside of Steve and even more blessed to call him friend. —Al Schuck

We have been privileged to participate on six medical trips to Tricotte, Haiti with Steve. These have been precious times of sharing and doing life together.

—Dave & Anna McQuoid

We arrived in Haiti and boarded a large truck to begin a long, bumpy, and dusty journey to the village of Tricotte to hold a medical clinic. At the end of the day, I climbed down from the truck. Steve gave me a serious look and said "Judy, do something! DO SOMETHING WITH THAT HAIR!" When I looked in the mirror, I burst out laughing and understood his urgent request. My hair looked something like a dust mop!

When we ran the medical clinic in Tricotte numbers were given to the throngs of people waiting for the examining room. Each would be called in turn. Steve was the "keeper of the gate" to manage the crowd. One Mom pushed through with her toddler. The child appeared to have a large swelling on her face. Steve became quite concerned and moved her to the front of the line. The diagnosis? A piece of candy tucked inside her cheek. Steve's title was changed to "minister of triage!"

Steve has a great way of communicating with people. Everywhere we traveled, he conversed with the people. Steve sat on the school steps, at a family's table, and along village streets to wonder about their lives, children, and health. They knew Steve was listening. Sometimes he didn't know the language, but people knew that Steve cares. He doesn't need to preach to portray Jesus (although he does that well). Steve is present to the culture, to each person, and people see Jesus in him.

Being a missionary's child, I had a different concept of missions – the



Pastor Steve Hanson with his wife Cheryl, and daughters Angie, Jamie, and Kati

more someone did, the more successful they would be. Numbers were important! How freeing it was for me to discover being present with people and letting God do the rest.

When I first came to Open Door I was hurting and found the services to be healing. But due to the size, it was hard to connect with others. I volunteered a lot and Steve's door was always open. He may never know how much that meant to me. For this I am thankful.

—Judy (Crew) Tate

Global Impact Pastor Steve Hanson and his wife Cheryl have been married for 35 years. They have raised three children: Angie (31) is an English teacher for the Somali culture, and she is married to Chris; Jamie (30) is a high school teacher in Guatemala City, Guatemala; and Kati (28) is an office manager in the Twin Cities and college student. Cheryl is a director of Early Childhood Special Education.

A celebration will be held Sun, Feb 11 between the worship services in the Gathering Place to honor Pastor Steve Hanson for 20 years in ministry with Open Door.

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A Brilliant Dance

By Amy J. Garvin

Talk about interesting dancing partners:
my husband is an Owl and I am a Dolphin.

We learned this a couple of years ago, at Newly Marrieds – a gathering held for couples married five years or less. We all took a personality inventory, which revealed our general personality types. Among the types were the Owls and the Dolphins. We were separated into groups based on our likeness for a building project. My husband Ryan was in the Owl group. At the end of the allotted building time, the Owls had an intricate but disjointed construction. My Dolphin group had, well, not much of anything – we had spent most of our time chatting and sharing our ideas!

This was an epiphany for me. During disagreements and discussions, I had often wondered of my dear, sweet husband, What is wrong with him?!

This exercise made me realize that the very same thing was “wrong” with many of the other people in the group: they didn’t think like I did! But the biggest realization I had was that most of the other couples weren’t in the same personality group as their spouses...and it’s a good thing. If I were exactly like Ryan, we’d both do a lot of planning but not much communicating. If he were just like me, we’d be very aware of each other’s feelings and dreams, but we wouldn’t get a whole lot accomplished. If we were the same, we both would lead and neither would follow.

Much of marriage is like this: learning to work with, and maybe even appreciate, the differences. Those who attended the recent *Love & Respect Conference* heard it referred to it as men and women wearing blue and pink headphones, respectively.

Through their headphones, they don’t hear the same messages. Neither is inherently wrong; they’re just different.

Mary Lou Fox leads one of the many Soul Mates marriage ministry groups at Open Door. She said, “Working and keeping your marriage together and learning new ways of dealing with each other have to be the hardest lessons to learn.” But learning these lessons – to compromise and leave room for one another – can result in a beautiful dance.

As with any new skill, we learn this best from other people, receiving counsel from those who have figured it out and being present with those who are still studying. Getting involved in marriage ministry groups can aid in this learning curve. “It just might make your good marriage stronger, or it may provide the support you desperately need,” said Mary Lou. *Before You Say I Do* facilitators, Ben and Ginny Quie, believe that this support is vital, “because there is so much joy and peace in a loving marriage and so much heartache and misery in a poor one. Simple as that.”

One might think that, because I had this moment of realization, I am no longer dismayed by the fact that my husband cannot read my mind. Unfortunately, this isn’t the case. But reading marriage



books, attending conferences, and enjoying community with other couples all serve as mini refresher courses in this complex choreography. And maybe someday, through God’s grace and our commitment, we will dance gracefully, and experience the blessing of being an encouragement to others. ∞

There are many opportunities for married couples to get involved at Open Door through Newly Marrieds and Soul Mates. Join other married and engaged couples at the Valentine’s Dance on Fri, Feb 16, as we learn new steps alongside one another. For more info, see page 6.

Love and Respect

By Todd and Kim Nelson

“However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband” (Eph. 5:33).

I don’t want you to think Kim and I are marriage experts. Married seventeen years, we still have disagreements. We still disappoint each other. We still step on each other’s words and thoughts. We still give each other cold shoulders, silent treatments, parting shots, and nasty looks.

However, we also love each other more. We respect each other more. We adore each other more. I am way into her more. The *Love & Respect Conference* served to confirm that we are perfectly normal. It affirmed what we do right. It challenged us where we fall short.

I will confess. I did not want to go. How could I maintain the image that we are a perfect couple if it were known that we attended a conference on marriage? Isn’t it enough to say we were going to a “church thing”? People already accuse us of being big time church-goers. Do they need to know we are going to another church

thing that is also a marriage thing? So as much as I did not want to go I had no reasonable excuses.

I figured only couples in crises attended marriage conferences. Kim and I already had been fine tuning our communications with each other. I couldn’t see how a conference could make a difference. Besides, I had better things to do with my weekend, like putts in the garage, go to the office, rake the yard.

The conference was highly recommended by Brad Friedlein, Adult Connections Pastor, and a few trusted friends. It was also what Kim wanted to do. One of her arguments for going was that it might be an opportunity to connect with other couples at Open Door – something we have wanted to do over our four years of attending. She knows me well. I acquiesced. But I wasn’t about to make connections with couples whose marriages I assumed were train wrecks.

Please don’t think ill of me, but here is what I did: I arrived, sat down, and looked around at the hundreds of couples. I tried to guess their stories. I tried to imagine the melt-down that brought these people to the point where they needed help. Kim was looking at all the couples who were just-like-us. I was looking at all the couples with suspicion.

Once the sessions began it did not take long for me to come to understand that the *Love & Respect Conference* is for any man and woman joined in marriage – not only couples in crisis. We had a good marriage going in. I am not bragging about my marriage, nor am I disillusioned. We know it’s a good marriage because it’s so much fun. But since the conference we have a more enriched marriage. We possess greater understanding of our core values.

Dr. Emerson Eggerichs begins by outlining the Crazy Cycle for us.

Without love, wives react without respect – without respect, husbands react without love. Simply put, women seek love like they seek air to breath – men seek respect like they seek air to breath. When we fail to provide these for each other we risk suffocation in the Crazy Cycle.

Unless we do things purposely to move out of the Crazy Cycle, we will never get off the ride. Our deepest marital needs will never be met. We need to be willing to “decode” our spouses’ words and come to a point where we trust their good will.

With the Energizing Cycle, his love motivates her respect. Her respect motivates his love. We were encouraged to try to see through the opposite pair of glasses. Emerson gave very practical ideas for how a husband can love his wife through “pink” megaphones, glasses, and hearing aids.

Love and Respect, continued

Emerson's wife, Sarah, shared similar insight with women about how to respect their husbands by acting, speaking, and listening with "blue" glasses, megaphones, and hearing aids. All throughout the conference we were reminded of the fact that neither of us are wrong, we are just different: "male (blue) and female (pink) He (purple) created them" (Gen. 1:27).

The strategies and stories shared were both helpful and humorous and helped us keep perspective in our union. For example, brand new infant girls make eye contact with adults and respond to conversation. Infant boys will first look toward the sound of the adult voice but then they will move their gaze to watch the mechanics of the spinning ceiling fan. Using these differences between the sexes Emerson helped us understand how we each hear and see and speak within the marriage. We were reminded that we (husband and wife) are wired vastly differently – that we need to communicate in ways that show love and respect, even when we do not feel loved or respected.

Since the conference Kim and I have found ourselves using one of his catch phrases on a number of occasions. If I feel disrespect, it has been useful to remember to frame my response thus: "that feels disrespectful, did I just come across as unloving?" Kim has been able to make use of the same tool: "that feels unloving, did I just say something disrespectful?" This has diffused many potential arguments.

Are we willing to commit to do as God commands regardless of the actions of our spouse? Not always easy, but necessary to experience the Rewarded Cycle.

Due to a prior commitment we had to leave the conference early. We missed the final session on the Rewarded Cycle (He loves regardless of her respect. She respects regardless of his love.) As we headed east on I-94 we recapped some of the presentation. We have applied much to our marriage, home and family and have drawn strength from the affirmations we received. We reflected on the lessons learned and connections made during the sessions.

I was engaged with her and showed it until a mint-condition-boat-tail-Buick-Riviera cruised passed us. As I gawked at the car, I realized I had begun to pull down my "blue" visor.

I reassured my wife with a lesson learned, "I'm listening honey, I'm just watching the ceiling fan." ∞

Todd and Kim Nelson have attended Church of the Open Door for about four years. They are regular people who have three children, Cora, Isaiah, and Nola.

Want to give?

There are several ways to participate financially.

Some people choose to give weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. Some give cash, others write checks or give by electronic contribution. However you choose to give, we encourage you to do so thoughtfully and with prayerful intention.

Year-to-date, 2006

Oct 23 - Dec 17 **\$2,587,589**

\$0 **\$2,955,769**

Difference >>> - \$368,180

For the most recent financials, see the bulletin available at the Welcome Place kiosk



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To initiate an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) to Church of the Open Door from your checking or savings account:

- Complete and sign the authorization form (available at the Welcome Place on the weekends) or call ext 1182.
- Return the form to the church office along with a voided check or savings deposit slip.

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If you would like to donate stock:

- Call ext 1103, with the name of the stock you are contributing and the number of shares.
- Give your broker the following account information:

Church of the Open Door
Home Base Account Number:
1101-2182-0225 DCT# 0235

Donate Your Car

If you'd like to donate your car, or even your boat, call ext 1180.

Benevolent Fund

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Rightly Ordered Finances

By Bob Guck

Recently I reflected on a message series Senior Pastor David Johnson delivered...

The series was entitled "Money, Sex and Power". It seems that these three topics are at the center of many struggles we have as we live out what it means to be transformed into the image of Christ.

Squarely on the topic of our money and things, the Word of God reminds us to "be on our guard against all kinds of greed: a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15).

Let's face it – we all struggle with our stuff and how much keep or give away or about how much we really need or just want. We try to find ways to balance our giving, saving, and spending. Sometimes we wrestle with unbelief, insecurity, desire, and control.

Giving our time, treasure and talent isn't only about outward acts of giving – it's about where our hearts are directed. I think Jesus touched the core issue when He said, "Where

your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

Does Jesus want us to give? Yes. Is it only about time and money? I don't think so. If our hearts are focused on Him, joyful giving will easily follow.

At the end of the "Rightly Ordered Finances" portion of the "Money, Sex, and Power" message series was a consecration service. From this service we were given the "Ten Commandments of Financial Freedom". It gives us practical advice in order to live within our financial means and be good stewards with our resources.

Stay tuned...over the coming months additional thoughts will be shared from the "Rightly Ordered Finances" series and principles of the Ten Commandments of Financial Freedom. ∞

Ten Commandments of Financial Freedom

1. Thou shalt recognize and value highly the nobility of hard work.
2. Thou shalt establish a plan.
3. Thou shalt avoid debt like the plague.
4. Thou shalt distinguish between wants and needs.
5. Thou shalt determine when enough is enough.
6. Thou shalt not get involved in "get right quick" schemes.
7. Thou shalt not compete with the Joneses.
8. Thou shalt not make a major financial decision without getting wise counsel first.
9. Thou shalt not corrupt your kids with money.
10. Thou shalt not orient your whole life around money.

CALENDAR

January

SUNDAY

December 31

9am First Service Prayer
Worship Service
Preteen Christmas Party
9:20am Jr High Sundays
11am Worship Service
Preteen Christmas Party

January 7

9am First Service Prayer Group
Worship Service
11am Worship Service
5pm Winter Volleyball League
6pm Newly Marrieds
6:30pm Bowling League

January 14

9am First Service Prayer Group
Worship Service
The First Step
9:20am Jr High Sundays
11am Praying the Psalms
Transformed Into Fire
Worship Services
5pm Winter Volleyball League
6pm Singles at the
Simpson Shelter

January 21

9am First Service Prayer Group
Worship Service
The First Step
11am Praying the Psalms
Transformed Into Fire
Worship Services
1pm Single Parent Potluck
5pm Winter Volleyball League
6pm Newly Marrieds
6:30pm Bowling League

January 28

9am First Service Prayer Group
Life in the Spirit
The First Step
Worship Service
9:20am Jr High Sundays
11am Praying the Psalms
Transformed Into Fire
Worship Service
5pm Winter Volleyball League

MONDAY

January 1

Happy New Year!

Building closed

January 8

4:30pm Old Testament History
and Prophecy
7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
Old Testament History
and Prophecy

January 15

1pm Preteen Chill-Out
4:30pm Old Testament History
and Prophecy
7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
Old Testament History
and Prophecy

January 22

4:30pm Old Testament History
and Prophecy
7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
Old Testament History
and Prophecy

January 29

4:30pm Old Testament History
and Prophecy
7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
Old Testament History
and Prophecy

TUESDAY

January 2

4:30pm Old Testament History
and Prophecy
6:45pm GriefShare
Kingdom Warriors
7pm Old Testament History
and Prophecy
Celebrate Recovery
(small groups only)

January 9

9:30am Morning Blend
6pm Support Group
Community Meal
6:45pm Celebrate Recovery
Kingdom Warriors

January 16

9:30am Morning Blend
6pm Support Group
Community Meal
6:45pm Celebrate Recovery
GriefShare
Kingdom Warriors

January 23

9:30am Morning Blend
6pm Support Group
Community Meal
6:45pm Celebrate Recovery
Kingdom Warriors

January 30

9:30am Morning Blend
6pm Support Group
Community Meal
6:45pm Celebrate Recovery
GriefShare
Kingdom Warriors

WEDNESDAY

January 3

7pm Youth Quest
Soul Sisters

January 10

7pm Youth Quest
Soul Sisters

January 17

7pm Youth Quest
Soul Sisters

January 24

7pm Youth Quest
Soul Sisters

January 31

7pm Youth Quest

THURSDAY

January 4

7pm Singles Bible Study
Sophia's Heart

January 11

10am Playgroup
7pm Singles Bible Study
Sophia's Heart
Homeschoolers' Connection

January 18

7pm Singles Bible Study
Sophia's Heart

January 25

10am Playgroups
7pm 20-something:
Transformation Night
Singles Bible Study

February 1

7pm Singles Bible Study
Sophia's Heart

FRIDAY

January 5

January 12

5pm Crafters' Group
Sr High Winter Retreat

January 19

January 26

9:30am Jr High Winter Retreat

February 2

SATURDAY

January 6

5pm Worship Service

January 13

5pm Worship Service
8pm 20-something:
ComedySportz

January 20

9am Women's Leadership
Training
5pm Worship Service
6:15pm 20-something:
Feed My Starving Children

January 27

9am Men's Summit
5pm Worship Service
6:30pm Sign Language
Gathering

February 3

5pm Worship Service
6:15pm 20-something:
Snow Tubing

February

SUNDAY

January 28

9am First Service Prayer Group
Life in the Spirit
The First Step
Worship Service
9:20am Jr High Sundays
11am Praying the Psalms
Transformed Into Fire
Worship Service
5pm Winter Volleyball League

February 4

9am First Service Prayer Group
Life in the Spirit
Worship Service
11am Praying the Psalms
Worship Service
5pm Winter Volleyball League
6:30pm Bowling League

February 11

9am First Service Prayer Group
Life in the Spirit
The First Step
Worship Service
9:20am Jr High Sundays
10:15am Celebration of
Service: Steve Hanson
11am Praying the Psalms
Transformed Into Fire
Worship Service
5pm Winter Volleyball League
6pm Singles at the
Simpson Shelter

February 18

9am First Service Prayer Group
Life in the Spirit
The First Step
Worship Service
9:20am Jr High Sundays
11am Praying the Psalms
Transformed Into Fire
Worship Service
1pm Single Parent Potluck
5pm Winter Volleyball League
6:30pm Bowling League

February 25

9am First Service Prayer Group
Worship Service
Life in the Spirit
The First Step
Preteen Sundays
9:20am Jr High Sundays
11am Worship Service
Transformed Into Fire
5pm Winter Volleyball League

MONDAY

January 29

4:30pm Old Testament History
and Prophecy
7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
Old Testament History
and Prophecy

February 5

4:30pm Old Testament
History and Prophecy
7pm Old Testament
History and Prophecy

February 12

4:30pm Old Testament
History and Prophecy
7pm Old Testament
History and Prophecy

February 19

4:30pm Old Testament
History and Prophecy
7pm Old Testament
History and Prophecy

February 26

4:30pm Old Testament
History and Prophecy
7pm Old Testament
History and Prophecy

TUESDAY

January 30

9:30am Morning Blend
6pm Support Group
Community Meal
6:45pm Celebrate Recovery
GriefShare
Kingdom Warriors

February 6

9:30am Morning Blend
6pm Support Group
Community Meal
6:45pm Celebrate Recovery
Kingdom Warriors

February 13

9:30am Morning Blend
6pm Support Group
Community Meal
6:45pm Celebrate Recovery
Kingdom Warriors
GriefShare
DivorceCare

February 20

9:30am Morning Blend
6pm Support Group
Community Meal
6:45pm Celebrate Recovery
Kingdom Warriors
DivorceCare
3pm Memorial Blood Center
Blood Drive

February 27

9:30am Morning Blend
6pm Support Group
Community Meal
6:45pm Celebrate Recovery
Kingdom Warriors
GriefShare
DivorceCare

WEDNESDAY

January 31

7pm Youth Quest

February 7

7pm Youth Quest
Soul Sisters
Singles Bible Study

February 14

7pm Youth Quest
Soul Sisters

February 21

7pm Ash Wednesday

February 28

7pm Youth Quest
Soul Sisters

THURSDAY

February 1

7pm Singles Bible Study
Sophia's Heart

February 8

10am Play Groups
7pm Sophia's Heart
Homeschoolers' Connection
20-something: Hospitality House

February 15

7pm Singles Bible Study
Sophia's Heart

February 22

10am Play Groups
7pm 20-something:
Transformation Night
Singles Bible Study

March 1

7pm Singles Bible Study
Sophia's Heart

FRIDAY

February 2

February 9

5pm Crafters' Group

February 16

7pm Valentine's Dance

February 23

March 2

SATURDAY

February 3

5pm Worship Service
6:15pm 20-something:
Snow Tubing

February 10

5pm Worship Service

February 17

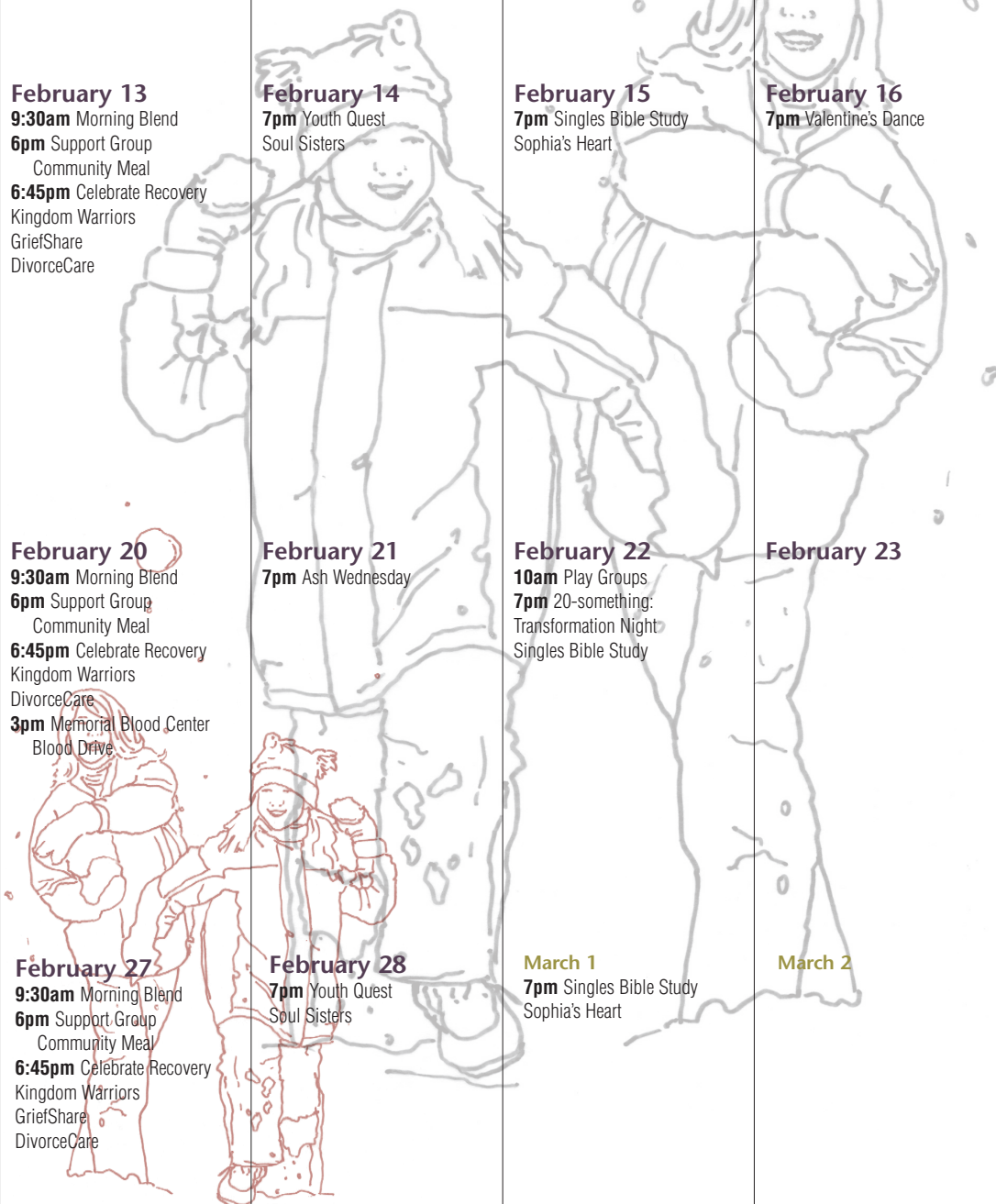
5pm Worship Service

February 24

7am Hearts In Action
5pm Worship Service
6:30pm Sign Language
Gathering

March 3

5pm Worship Service



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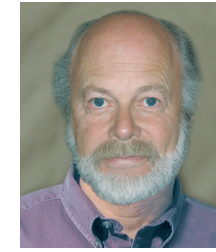
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New Governing Board Member: Nina Coleman

Meet the newest member to join our Governing Board, *Nina Coleman...*

What are some adjectives that describe you?

I would say that I'm down-to-earth, curious, objective, a peacemaker, tenacious and a baseball junkie.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work?

I love to stay up late and read when everyone else is sleeping.

What are your favorite movies?

Ben-Hur, Lord of the Rings Trilogy, and Fiddler on the Roof.

What advice do you have about anything?

Even the most ordinary tasks can have great significance if I remember my role in the mission or greater story.



Nina Coleman

Governing Board Member

Who are your heroes or heroines?

This is a dangerous question to ask a bookworm. Heroes/Heroines: Mary, sister of Lazarus; Esther; Harriett Tubman; Sojourner Truth; Martin Luther King, Jr.; Chuck Colson; Fictional Characters: Samwise Gamgee; (*Lord of the Rings Trilogy*); Hadassah (*Mark of the Lion* by Francine Rivers).

Do you have any unique talents?

I can cry and laugh at the same time.

Tell us about your family.

My husband Duane and I have been married 19 years and reside in Golden Valley. Our son Leland is 16 years old and a sophomore at Minnehaha Academy.

What is your education and work experience?

I earned a Bachelor's degree in Christian Ministry with an emphasis on Biblical Counseling and work at Northwestern College as a Human Resources Generalist.

When did you begin attending Open Door?

1998.

What Open Door ministries have you been involved with?

In 1998, my family and I began attending Open Door. Over the last 10 years, people I trusted and respected challenged me to develop my gifts for ministry leadership. I accepted the call and at Open Door I've been involved with the prison ministry, as a recovery ministry support group leader, and as a prayer sponsor for new members completing The Journey class. I have also served in leadership with Prison Fellowship Ministries and on the Board of Minnehaha Academy.

Describe your sense of call about being a member of the Governing Board:

I believe my desire to serve on the Governing Board is an outgrowth of my gratefulness to authentically live out my faith alongside genuine, deeply committed followers of Jesus. I feel it would be an honor to serve through a commitment to prayer, God's Word, and care for the people who make up Open Door.

What is your testimony?

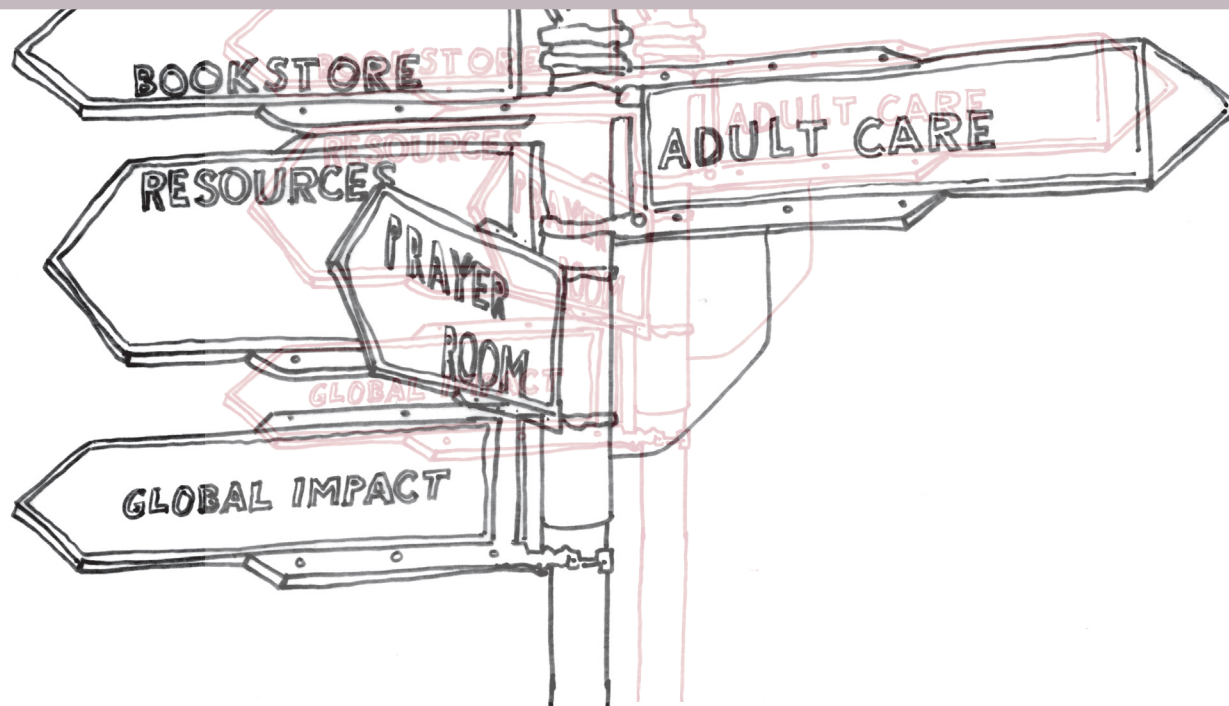
My faith story came alive in May of 1985. I had a successful career in the Los Angeles recording industry and was living "the good life". Despite the outward "success", I was miserable inside and began to question the value of my existence.

Around that time a friend kept inviting me to church. I wasn't interested in the "religion thing" and declined. Finally, my friend's persistence paid off. God met me during worship and my soul became flooded with a powerful feeling of hope and a hunger to know more. Curiosity led me to search scripture, and I could no longer deny the Truth I was reading. I made a decision to know, follow, and serve Jesus – my Redeemer.

What Scripture is particularly meaningful for you?

"But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ" (Phil 3:7) is a meaningful verse to me because I know first hand that no achievement or possession can compare to knowing Jesus. ∞

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Adult Care

If you are seriously ill, going to the hospital, or have experienced a death in your family, let us provide you with resources, support and prayer. Contact Vicki at ext 1305.

Restoration Through Prayer (RTP)

RTP is a scheduled 60-90 minute confidential prayer session with a team of trained lay ministers. For an appointment, call ext 1373 or e-mail restoration@thedoor.org and indicate if we may leave a message.

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Prayer Line

If you need prayer for a situation, you may leave a message by calling ext 1374. Intercessors will pray for each need. Messages are left on voice mail for one week. Call ext 1374.

Bible Bucks

Bible Bucks provide elementary age kids an incentive to store God's Word in their hearts. Kids earn Bible Bucks as they learn about Jesus and study God's Word. To donate new, fun toys, call Catherine at ext 1200.

Births or Adoptions

Support and resources are available for those with a new family edition. Call Catherine at ext 1200 so we can celebrate with you.

Bookshare

A community library of good quality books. To donate, simply place books in the book drop. Over 1,000 books have been donated the last six months! We continue to need currently published titles, children's books, Bibles and enduring classics. Call Tom for info at (763)494-3919.

Bookstore & Library

The bookstore and library are open Saturday and Sunday after services in room 112. Tapes and CDs of this and last weekend's message can be purchased in the Gathering Place.

Kingdom Now

Kingdom Now exists as a vehicle for Open Door attenders to share the ways God is moving in our lives. Material is designed to help attenders deepen their experience of their belovedness, reach beyond themselves to the world around them – especially the "overlooked" and be drawn into the transformation of their own lives.

To submit a story, please call Sandi at ext 1110. Your story may be used in upcoming issues of *Kingdom Now* available on news stands in the Gathering Place and online: www.thedoor.org. All submissions are subject to editing.

Outside Resources

Located in the corner of the Gathering Place. Posters and flyers are placed by Ministries of Open Door about activities with outside organizations. Helpful assistance and referrals to outside organizations are available.

Prayer Room

Room 111 is open 7am-11pm for those in need of a quiet space for prayer and reflection.

International Partnerships

Open Door has strategically partnered with individuals called to leave their homeland to serve Jesus abroad and to build long-term relationships that are meaningful and mutual. Our desire is to reach out as holistically as possible – mercy, education, evangelism, medical, relief, church planting and translation.

Simonne & Dr. Bob Dyer - Development
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Chuck & Maria Eddy - Asia

Amy Getsch - Teacher/Missionary
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Sharon Getter - Teacher, Asia

Andy & Jillien Higgins - Teachers, Asia

Paul & Nydia Johnson - Church planting
LAM/Mexico, www.lam.org

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We Go Global, Eastern Europe
www.tj4kids.org

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China Outreach Ministries
U of M/Minneapolis, Minnesota
chinaoutreach.org

Mission Aviation Fellowship: maf.org

Brad & Joyce Hazlett - Thailand

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geocities.com/pattonministriesinternational.com

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Global Partnerships

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Sudan, www.persecution.com

Moses & Margaret Wanyonyi
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www.worldvision.org

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Groups



Groups offer a way to participate in a relational community of faith to mature and grow as a disciple of Christ. There are a variety of groups available at Open Door.

20-something: Get together with other young adults both single and married for fun, friendship, spiritual growth, and serving opportunities.

Common Interest: A place to connect with people with similar interests.

Marriage: Reinforcing healthy Christian marriages and building places for fellowship and support.

Men: Connecting with God and each other in honest and grace filled ways.

Singles: Connect in respectful and friendly ways through Bible studies, social activities and monthly potlucks.

Women: Grow through Bible studies, book and topical studies and small groups.

See pages 6-7 for Group details.

Classes

Groups

Serving

PROJECT MERCY

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