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Who's your Pastoral Lead Team?

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Open Door's community tool *YourDoor* will help you engage with all Open Door ministries, activities and events. We encourage you to actively use *YourDoor* to stay informed and connected. Log in to YourDoor today at www.thedoor.org and look into all the ways to experience the Kingdom of God in community this fall...

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- Next Generation
- Service Learning

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Check it out...

Two Member Classes this Fall - This class, taught by Pastor Al Schuck, is for people who have attended Open Door for at least six months and who want to make Open Door their church. Members are people who are on board with what Open Door cares about and who want to be with us as we move forward. *See page 12.*

Life Groups are facilitated by members of Open Door who live out Kingdom principles in their families, workplaces and their surrounding communities. You might read the same book, discuss the weekly sermons, serve your neighborhood school or share a meal with others. *See page 10.*

Ropes Course Team Challenge - 5th and 6th graders will spend a day on Sunday, October 2, at the ropes course at the Kingswood Retreat Center in Minnetrista. *See page 12.*

Family Night - Parents of elementary-aged kids (K-6), spend a fun evening together as a family, meeting other Open Door families. Join us on the first Wednesday of the month throughout the school year. *See page 12.*



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community *continued...*

Summer Baptism

August 7



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Births

February 12
Maris Heuring
 Alan & Katie Heuring

March 2
Henry Wayne Cook
 Scott & Sarah Cook

March 4
Elizabeth Robrahn
 Adam & Melinda Robrahn

March 5
Bennett Neil Fossum
 Kelly & Jana Fossum

March 7
Ander Griffis
 Barak & Laura Griffis

March 18
Vienna Croyle
 Johnny & Mikaela Croyle

April 9
Levi Jonathan Pederson
 Drew & Sarah Pederson

April 15
Evelyn Skye Bursch
 Tim & Heather Bursch

May 9
Allison Grace Klunder
 Chris & Julie Klunder

May 16
Aamya Bibbs
 Derrick & Melissa Bibbs

June 6
Emelia Marie Vreeman
 Brandon & Carolyn Vreeman

June 25
Suri Elizabeth Spiker
 Tim & Sarah Spiker

July 20
Eli Robert Hooper
 Paul & Angie Hooper

Weddings

March 5
Josh & Jill (Hadler) Schultz

March 19
Nathan & Camry (Monson) Crist

April 15
Adam & Krista (Matich) Klecker

May 20
Matthias & Karina (Broman) Kittok

June 4
Matthew & Mikayla (Althaus) Slimmer

June 11
Frank & Julie (Roberts) Brown

June 18
Daniel & Jill (Gagnon) Murphy

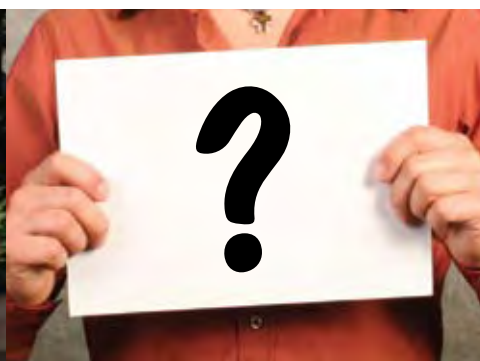
July 17
Kyle & Abby (McLellan) Bowman

July 23
Antoine & Patty (Kongslein) LaFromboise

We Remember

February 28, 1925 - July 3, 2011
Richard "Dick" Caron

October 16, 1957 - July 17, 2011
Robert "Bert" Mathre



Navigating daily decisions in the life of newly marrieds.

There are many questions that come with being newly married. What do we do with that tacky vase Aunt Cathy gave us for our wedding? Who is going to take out the trash? Where should we celebrate Christmas? Thanksgiving? Easter? Who will manage the finances? And the list goes on...

Some of the discussions surrounding these decisions are simple. Many tasks around the house are naturally assigned based on the skill level of each person. I love to cook; my husband's idea of a complete meal is a chicken breast and a bowl of frozen peas. Cooking meals naturally falls to me.

Other discussions can be a bit more confrontational, fueled by emotion and expectation. Deciding where to celebrate holidays, for example, was (and is) a discussion in our marriage where we have learned to tread lightly. After all, we each want the experiences we had growing up: mom's caramel rolls, green bean casserole and family-doubles tennis matches.

GROWTH AND SUPPORT

Part of the learning curve of marriage, I've found, is learning how to navigate decisions in a way that recognizes and respects the other person's thoughts and feelings. But this understanding did not come to me overnight. Through the past three years, Nick and I have learned a lot, and despite many slips, where we should have bitten our tongues, I can safely say that I am still his number one fan.

One reason we have had success is that we have been plugged into the Newly Marrieds

QUESTIONS FOR NEWLY MARRIEDS

group at Open Door. This group has been a place where we have felt supported and encouraged in our marriage.

We'd been married about two months when we first came to Newly Marrieds. As soon as we walked in, we were greeted and felt welcomed. I remember thinking, Wow! I have so much in common with these couples! I can't wait to get to know them better! I felt like I had entered a group of people I could be honest with about our struggles and our successes.

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Each week, we would dialogue about our marriages and brainstorm ways we could be more respectful of our spouses, more servant-like and more compassionate. Through talking with other couples and following a video series, we were able to learn strategies to help us through tough times in our marriage. Now when those tricky questions come up, I feel like we are better prepared to tackle them with patience and respect.

PART OF A COMMUNITY

Nick and I have also developed friendships with the couples from the Newly Marrieds group. We have game nights, meet for lunch after church and laugh a ton! Some of my best memories

from the last few years include the couples we've met through this group...

First, there was the time when we played *The Newlywed Game* at a Sunday evening meeting. For the record, I am coming to terms with my lack of skill with that game, and still need to remind myself that it is not a marriage-success-indicator! During that night, it was fun to see how couples could interpret the same question in totally different ways!

On another night, we pretended to be on the TV show, *The Marriage Ref*, where a panel of judges (our fearless Newly Marrieds leaders) settles a disagreement between a couple. Who knew that potholder placement, bear heads in the freezer and home improvement projects could be such contentious topics? We learned that, sometimes, an objective third-party voice can be helpful in a marriage.

The memories continue: racing across town to complete photo scavenger hunts, playing broomball, experimenting with dry ice, traveling for progressive dinners, canoeing in the rain, finding our way through corn mazes and playing lots of board games. And throughout all these memories, there's laughter, great food and good conversation.

Being a part of the Newly Marrieds group for the last three years has helped Nick and me to create a solid foundation for our marriage. We have developed strong friendships, had meaningful discussions and become a part of a community at Open Door.

So as I think back on all the questions that we've answered together as a married couple, one of the most significant ones has been, *Should we try out this Newly Marrieds group?* We are so glad we answered: Yes!

• **Nick & Rachel Scheevel**

Join the Newly Marrieds group in YourDoor. @

The word "team" is about doing things together. Our new Pastoral Lead Team is looking forward to working together.

Interview by Sandi Lubrant

PASTORAL LEAD TEAM



Joel

Jen

Bob

Sara

Brad

Al

With Open Door heading into a new season of ministry, we wanted you to hear from your new Pastoral Lead Team. As you will read in this interview, they have a variety of gifts and experiences that commulatively will put them in a great position to team together for the benefit of Open Door and those we minister to outside Open Door.

Jen Lindwall, *Service Learning Pastor*, began working at Open Door in July 2005.

What do you do at Open Door? I am the Service Learning Pastor. I organize a variety of service environments for people at Open Door to learn more about themselves, God and our community. Each month, we have groups of students and mentors, families and adults serving at more than 40 sites across the Twin Cities. I also preach once in awhile.

What are some adjectives that describe you? Hmm...active, outgoing, learner, reader, creator, nature enthusiast.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work? Hike in the woods and cook delicious meals. Usually not at the same time.

Do you have any unusually unique talents? Not really. Does pushing kids in a stroller while jogging count?

What do you order at Chipotle? Chicken burrito bowl with hot salsa.

Describe a favorite childhood memory. When I was in elementary school, friends and I used wooden crates and other construction materials from our neighborhood to build a three-story fort in the woods. The thing had a pulley system, multiple rooms and, of course, a flag. I wish I could take a week off work to build another sweet fort like that.

How do you treat yourself when you're stressed out or celebrating? Wine and chocolate.

Briefly, tell us about your family. I have been married to Ben for 8 years. We have two kids: Esme is three and Kellan is one. Ben stays at home with our two little ones. He recently graduated with a certificate in Spiritual Direction and loves to fish, be outdoors and write (in that order). Esme spends most of her days asking questions and Kellan follows her around and tries to play with her toys.

What has been rewarding for you in the past year? It has been rewarding to see how significant the student and mentor relationships have become for so many of the teenagers in our community - to see this dream of mentoring become a reality. Sitting on a Wednesday night and watching 150 students, each with one caring adult, completely focused on every word they are saying, is an incredible sight to see.

What do you think might be challenging for you in the next year? I have the privilege of serving on three different teams here at Open Door. I think balancing the work load and purposes of those unique teams, as well as the relationships, will be challenging at times.

How have you seen God work in your relationships and circumstances? The work has been mostly inside me. Over the past five years, I have started to see what I actually have control over in my life: how I live in the world

and love in my relationships. The unconditional love I have received from God allows me to move towards others, listen to them without judgment and seek ways to understand them without feeling threatened or like I need to control the outcome. This has drastically changed the way I experience my life and relationships, without changing many of my circumstances.

Bob McKenna, *Care Pastor*, began working at Open Door in July 1993.

What do you do at Open Door? I develop, envision, manage and direct Care Ministries. The ministry areas include: funerals, on-call phone coverage, counseling issues, support groups, visitation, grief support, prayer ministries and benevolence.

What are some adjectives that describe you? Calm, kind, inquisitive, passionate, playful, relational, committed, reflective, observant, eager, learner.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work? Being outside in nature with my dog - sitting, walking or running. Taking delight in what I see and learning more of the Creator by what He has made.

Do you have any unusually unique talents? I'm a potter (wheel thrown).

What do you order at Chipotle? Chicken burrito bowl (lettuce on the bottom) with a little rice, black beans, fajita veggies, mild and medium salsa, a bit of cheese and, occasionally, guacamole.

Describe a favorite childhood memory. Exploring the creek in a valley down behind my backyard - catching frogs, turtles, crayfish, salamanders and tadpoles.

How do you treat yourself when you're stressed out or celebrating? Go out to eat with a friend.

Briefly, tell us about your family. My mom and dad are 82 and 87 respectively. I have two older brothers, an older sister and a younger sister. I'm very close to my parents and younger sister. My dad stopped abusing alcohol in 1973 at age 49 and is the most kind and loving man I know. My mom is a compulsive worrier but deeply compassionate and giving. My oldest brother is an electrician - very *laidback* - hippie-like and loves amateur geology (known as rockhounding in the United States). My older sister is a retired elementary teacher and an artist. My other older brother is a commercial painter and handy man, and my younger sister is a realtor with new development property in Sarasota, Florida.

What has been rewarding for you in the past year? Witnessing God work through people in our body to bring hope and comfort to folks in crisis and grief.

What do you think might be challenging for you in the next year? If either of my parents passes away.

How have you seen God work in your relationships and circumstances? The very same place in which I was deeply hurt as a child was also the place where God has met me in deep and profound ways to bring His healing to my soul, mind and heart. Within a close relationship I realized that I had hurt a dear friend and asked for forgiveness and in time was blessed to be given that gift!

Al Schuck, *Next Steps Pastor*, started at Open Door in January 1995.

What do you do at Open Door? Over the last year I led the development of our Membership class. Now, regardless of where a person is at, I will be focusing on helping people discern their next step toward life with God and the community of Open Door.

What are some adjectives that describe you? Bonhomous, zaftig, voracious, debonair, witty.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work? Spend time with my wife and daughter. Photography.

**DEVELOP, ENVISION,
MANAGE, DIRECT,
ORGANIZE, LAUGH...**



Do you have any unusually unique talents? I can speak the language of Spoonerism. Just ask me.

What do you order at Chipotle? A large pepperoni and mushroom pizza! No Chipotle for me.

Describe a favorite childhood memory. Coming to the Twin Cities with my dad and brother and going to my first Twins game.

How do you treat yourself when you're stressed out or celebrating? I love to go out to eat or enjoy a good movie!

Briefly, tell us about your family. I have an awesome wife, Linda, and a terrific daughter, Taylor.

What has been rewarding for you in the past year? Having the gift of a sabbatical to slow down and look at my life.

What do you think might be challenging for you in the next year? God is inviting me to let go of my plans and my need to be in control. Instead of rushing to make a plan and fix things, I am being invited to be with God and let his Spirit show me the way. This is a real challenge for me but I have become painfully aware that I can't fix things anyway so I am saying yes to the invitation. But it will still be a major challenge.

How have you seen God work in your relationships and circumstances? Looking back I can see that God has been present and active in my journey far more than I tend to notice. Starting when I was two years old and my mom and I were in a car accident and she was killed. While this has been a painful part of my journey, I also see that God has always been there and has always put people in my life to be a source of love and encouragement. I have had many questions, many doubts and many fears, but He has been with me through it all.

Sara Richards, *Kids Pastor*, started in October 2010.

What do you do at Open Door? As Kids Pastor at Open Door, I oversee an amazing team of staff and volunteers whose purpose is to inspire over 500 infants through 6th graders to become fully alive in God.

What are some adjectives that describe you? Passionate. Approachable. Nurturing.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work? Hanging out with my boys; anything by the water: swimming, boating, waterskiing; watching movies.

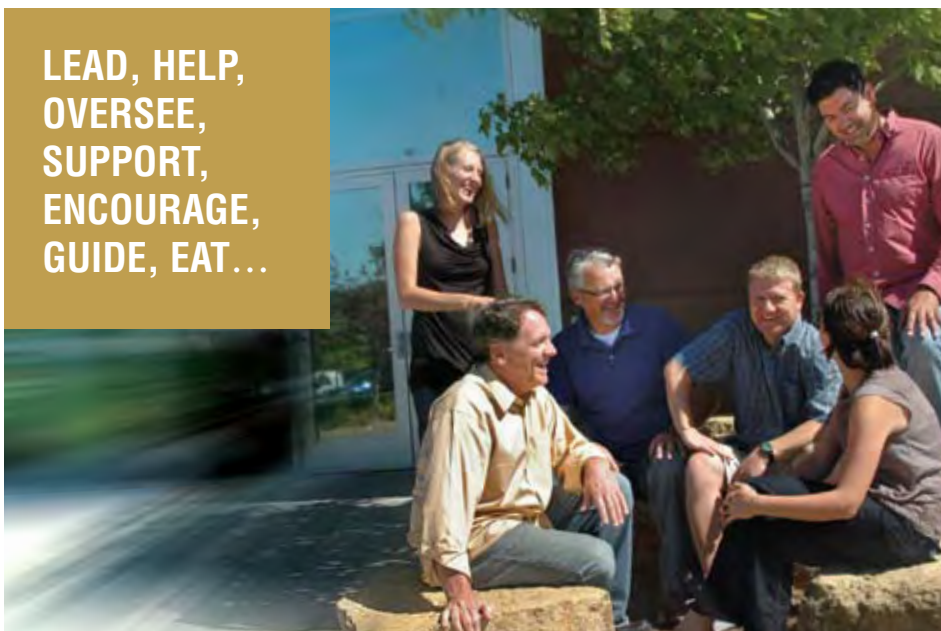
Do you have any unusually unique talents? No.

What do you order at Chipotle? Kid's meal. (I can't eat an entire adult burrito or bowl!)

Describe a favorite childhood memory. Going on trips with my family, picking peas with my grandpa in his garden, swimming in Mille Lacs Lake and another lake by my grandma and grandpa's house.

PASTORAL LEAD TEAM *continued...*

**LEAD, HELP,
OVERSEE,
SUPPORT,
ENCOURAGE,
GUIDE, EAT...**



PASTORAL LEAD TEAM (continued from page 7)

How do you treat yourself when you're stressed out or celebrating? I love checking things off my to do list!

Briefly, tell us about your family. I've been married to Chad for 13 years, and we have three sons: Zach, 11, Caden, 10, and Eli, 2.

What has been rewarding for you in the past year? Seeing my kids deepen their relationships with God, seeing kids in our ministry "get it," moving back to Minnesota and Chad coaching at Bethel.

What do you think might be challenging for you in the next year? I'm very excited about our Celebration Weekends with kids, but also know it might be a challenge to pull it off the way I'd like to!

How have you seen God work in your relationships and circumstances? When I have my eyes open and notice God working around me, it's amazing how far He's brought me. I am still amazed to be back in Minnesota, working here at Open Door. God has allowed me to do what I love here at Open Door, and now my husband is getting to do what he loves, coaching football at Bethel. God has given me an amazing family and I'm extremely thankful that He is moving and working in and through us!

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Brad Friedlein, *Groups Pastor*, started February 2006.

What do you do at Open Door? As Groups Pastor, I oversee all adult group ministries other than support groups here at Open Door. My focus is to support and encourage existing leaders in the ministries that God has called them to lead, and to raise up and encourage new leaders and help them discover what God may be calling them to.

What are some adjectives that describe you? Laid-back, easy-going. My son Jordan says there isn't a word in the English language to describe me – I think that's good? My daughter says controlling. My son Grant says bossy.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work? Hunting, watching movies, projects around the house – I get to see results.

Do you have any unusually unique talents? I can shoot three deer with four shots in 15 seconds. I do a great ostrich impression.

What do you order at Chipotle? Steak burrito!!!

Describe a favorite childhood memory. Sitting on the bakery counter where my grandma worked when I was a little boy. All the ladies at the bakery would spoil me!

How do you treat yourself when you're stressed out or celebrating? When I'm stressed I have to get away. After I've accomplished something I like to just sit down and relax...

Briefly, tell us about your family. I have a beautiful wife named Terry – she has the great ability of making everyone feel like they are important. My son Jordan is a freshman in college and wants to be a surgeon. My daughter, Nicole, is in 10th grade and when she says "It's time to cuddle," everything else stops because it's time to cuddle. My son Grant is in 8th grade – I absolutely love to see him smile.

What has been rewarding for you in the past year? Personally – watching my kids grow up. Professionally – watching leaders who catch God's vision for their ministry succeed.

What do you think might be challenging for you in the next year? Figuring out how to encourage and train all the leaders who give of their time here at Open Door.

How have you seen God work in your relationships and circumstances? God just continues to be faithful – even when I lack faith, He continues to do His work.

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Joel Hanson, *Worship Pastor*, served on staff from 2004-2007 and rejoined the staff in August 2008.

What do you do at Open Door? I am the pastor of worship at Open Door. I am a tornado of creativity and not one to be trifled with.

What are some adjectives that describe you? Tall. "Taller than you look on stage." Funny. Really funny. Creative. Encouraging. Team player. Water boy.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of work? I love writing, recording, playing with my kids, walking with my wife. Dreaming about a little hobby farm where I will grow old and then be buried in the backyard next to the dog.

Do you have any unusually unique talents? I can "irritate" in mere moments. I juggle. And I know that there's no such thing as being double-jointed.

What do you order at Chipotle? Three soft shell chicken tacos, chips and guacamole, and a Mr. Pibb.

Describe a favorite childhood memory. We lived on Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. There was a small park with a lighthouse down at the water's edge. My brother Jade and I used to spend hours playing there on the logs that had drifted onto the shore from the tug boats that hauled them up and down the sound. Oh yeah, and Chuck E Cheese. That place is awesome.

How do you treat yourself when you're stressed out or celebrating? I usually like to go out with friends and decompress at a movie or a meal.

Briefly, tell us about your family. Kathy and I have been married for 22 years. We have two girls, Halle Jo and Maggie Mae. They are all super awesome.

What has been rewarding for you in the past year? Seeing who my girls are becoming is probably the most rewarding thing I can think of.

What do you think might be challenging for you in the next year? Staying focused is probably the biggest challenge I face heading...um...wait. What were we talking about?

How have you seen God work in your relationships and circumstances? I have experienced being "the brother who was gently restored" during the last few years. My family and friends leaned in to my life, encouraging and calling me out into a better way of living. I am so grateful for that. @



**SYNCHRONIZE, COOPERATE, COLLABORATE,
PARTNER, UNITE, AMALGAMATE, TEAM...**

Ministries



We want to engage and support people who, because of their desire to follow Jesus in every area of their life, invest in their relationships with God, others and Open Door.

If you've already found your place here - great! Stay involved. Continue to walk out your story with others. If you want to connect, to find your place and to build community here, try something new this year.

Experience the Kingdom of God in community.

The listings here represent ways you can experience God through connecting with others and serving those among and around us.

All-Church

A Night of Praise & Worship

Begin the new ministry year by joining us for a night of praise and worship led by Joel Hanson. Kingdom Warriors would like to invite men, women and families to join them for another evening filled with singing, a time for prayer and for people to share praises of what God is doing among us.

Tues, Sept 20, 6:45-8:15pm

Sara Groves CD Release Concert

Join Sara Groves for a night of music and worship as she celebrates the release of her newest CD, *Invisible Empires*. Tickets are available at www.echoconcerts.com or (877) 840-0457. A limited number of tickets will be available in the Open Door Bookstore. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$25 artist circle.

Sat, Oct 1, 7:30pm

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child has distributed millions of boxes to children in countries of poverty, war, need - children who normally do not receive any gifts. We have partnered with Operation Christmas Child for over 14 years and as a church community gave over 18,500 shoe boxes! This is a great opportunity for families and people of all ages to participate in.

Oct 29-30: Pick up info and empty boxes before and after the services.

Nov 5-20: Drop off filled boxes.

Nov 14-21: National Collection Week - Open Door will serve as a collection center.

Novembering Service

The Novembering Service will be held during the Communion services. This service will bring the faith community around those in grief, remembering loved ones who have died and inviting God's healing presence.

November 5 & 6

Coping with Grief during the Holidays

This warm, encouraging and helpful time together features video and group discussion to help you deal with the intense pain of grief during the holiday season.

Tues, Nov 1 & 15, Dec 6 & 20, 7-9pm
Cost: \$4 (inc workbook)

Holy Sexuality - Unmarried and Beyond

Join Becky Patton and Peter Kapsner as they take a fresh look at how God designed singleness and sexuality as part of the kingdom. We'll explore some new language and insights that bring freedom and wholeness to this beautiful stage of life. This workshop is for anyone who is, was, or loves a single person. Great for those dating, engaged or wondering. Contact Annie-Claude at atoll@thedoor.org.

Fri, Nov 18, 6:30-9pm & Sat, Nov 19, 8:30am-12pm
Register by Nov 13
Cost: \$20

SimpleGifts Holiday Concert

Made up of award-winning instrumentalists and vocalists, including guitarist Billy McLaughlin, SimpleGifts brings a modern flair to traditional Christmas carols and hymns. This six-piece ensemble combines violin, Celtic whistle, piano, acoustic guitar and percussion with three-part female vocals to create a "modern Old-World" sound. Music samples and tickets available at www.SimpleGiftsMusic.net. A limited number of tickets will be available in the Open Door Bookstore.

Fri, Dec 16, 7pm
Cost: \$25/adults, \$12.50/students

Baptism

Baptism is a wonderful way to publically join others who have said "yes" to Jesus, by outwardly expressing what has happened internally - that through Christ, you're now dead to sin, and you're alive in Christ. Baptisms are held both at the church and off-site at various times of year. Traditionally we hold a baptism in the spring, summer and winter. Please indicate your preference when you apply.

To begin the Baptism process, please complete the online Believer's Baptism Application. Candidates age 14 and up will meet with a pastor and sponsor or attend a prep class. You will be contacted after you apply.

For more info about Baptism, see *Open Door's Core Beliefs* or contact Julia at ext 1902 or jschirmers@thedoor.org. For info about child dedication and baptism for kids under 14, e-mail Lynn at Isnyder@thedoor.org.

Classes

Acts of the Apostles

After Jesus rose from the dead, despite the strongholds of culture, Christianity exploded onto the scene. The power of the Holy Spirit is on full display throughout this book, leading the early believers to live lives very different from their culture. Acts 1-12, focuses on the person and ministry of Peter. Acts 13-28, focuses on the person and ministry of Paul. The book of Acts details their travels and trials, while

showing us what it means to believe in the resurrected Jesus. Join the study at any time; bring a Bible and notebook. Contact David Toll at thetolls@comcast.net.

Acts Chapters 1-12
Sun, Sept 18-Dec 18, 11am (no mtg Oct 2, Nov 6, Dec 4)
Join the Acts group on YourDoor, walk-ins welcome

Acts Chapters 13-28
Sun, Jan 15-Apr 29, 11am (no mtg Feb 5, Mar 4, Apr 8)
Join the Acts group on YourDoor, walk-ins welcome

Financial Peace University

This 13-week program takes biblical principles and turns them into real action in our lives through a step-by-step process taught by bestselling author and financial counselor Dave Ramsey. This course helps you understand the forces behind your financial distress, teaches you how to create a budget that really works, gives you practical lessons on eliminating debt, helps you set achievable goals and empowers you to make things right for you and your family - financially, emotionally and spiritually.

Mon, Sept 12-Dec 12, 7-9pm (no mtg Oct 31)
Register by Sept 11
Cost: \$99 per person/couple (inc workbook, an audio CD of each lesson, durable envelope system, Dave Ramsey's book *Financial Peace Revisited*, tip cards, debit card holders and online resources) - scholarships available

Finding Wholeness

Using the DVD series, *It's a New Day* as a starting point for discussion, this class will offer insights to unravel the mysteries of disease and reveal pathways to health and wholeness. We will promote, seek and find restoration of the spirit, soul and body by examining the truths of scripture that guide and lead to transformation, freedom and healing - all while being aware of the spiritual realities that surround us. For more info, visit www.beinhealth.com. Contact Dave Nelson at djnel@usfamily.net.

Mon, Sept 19-Dec 12, 7-9pm (no mtg Oct 31)
Join the group on YourDoor, walk-ins welcome

Workshops

Restoring the Soul: Distorted Images of God

We all have perceptions of God that can block our ability to connect with Him and relate to others. Through teaching, worship and ministry, this workshop examines the origins and impact of those incomplete and distorted views of God and the broken and untrue images of ourselves. It is our hope that you will gain healing and transformation and deepen your intimacy with God. This class will also help equip you to partner with God in bringing healing to others.

Sat, Oct 22, 9am-12:30pm
Register by Oct 16

Restoring the Soul: Living as the Beloved

The broken and untrue images and beliefs we have about ourselves can hinder our ability to connect with God and others. Take time to discover ways to engage with God's love and truth and dispel the lies that keep us from living as the Beloved. This class will also equip you to partner with God in bringing healing to others. Bring a notebook and a Bible.

Sat, Jan 28, 9am-12:30pm
Register by Jan 22

Restoring the Soul: Loving as the Beloved

Loving others is the identifying mark of Jesus' followers. But we all have relationships where it's very challenging to love well. What would the love of Christ look like in those relationships? How do we learn to love our enemies? This third workshop in the series builds upon the first two because it is only with agape love, God becoming more at home in us, that we can love as the Beloved.

Sat, Mar 24, 9am-12:30pm
Register by Mar 18

Holy Sexuality: Unmarried and Beyond

Join Becky Patton and Peter Kapsner as they take a fresh look at how God designed singleness and sexuality as part of the kingdom. We'll explore some new language and insights that bring freedom and wholeness to this beautiful stage of life. This workshop is for anyone who is, was, or loves a single person. Great for those dating, engaged or wondering. Contact Annie-Claude at atoll@thedoor.org.

Fri, Nov 18, 6:30-9pm & Sat, Nov 19, 8:30am-12pm
Register by Nov 13
Cost: \$20

Care Resources

We want to walk alongside those who are experiencing times of transition such as the death of a loved one, hospitalization, divorce, birth, serious illness or injury, or job loss.

Births and Adoptions

Support and resources are available for those with a new family addition. Call Lynn at ext 1200.

Care Response Ministry

For those in need of emotional and spiritual care during hospitalization or long-term illness, as well as those who are in need of a caring presence while grieving the loss of a loved one. This may include phone conversation, communion served at home and hospital visits.

Resources for Life

A listing of Christian Counselors, Psychiatrists, Spiritual Directors and Retreat Centers. All those listed have a working relationship with Open Door. It also outlines Open Door's guidelines for Pastoral appointments. Download at www.thedoor.org or pick one up at the Info kiosk.

Meal Ministry

The Meal Ministry prepares and brings meals to people with a care situation who attend Open Door and live within an hour drive of the church.

Benevolent Fund

Those who have been actively attending Open Door for a year or more and encounter short-term financial distress may receive a gift from the Benevolent Fund. This fund is sustained by donations provided by those in the Open Door community and are carefully dispersed. Call ext 1335.

Contact Kimberly at kbedore@thedoor.org or ext 1300 if you'd like more info or have questions about Care resources.

Groups

Groups offer a way to participate in a relational community of faith to mature and grow as a disciple of Christ.

20-something

Get together with other young adults – both single and married – for fun, friendship and spiritual growth.

Weekly Study

Our goal is to create an environment where 20-somethings connect, serve and grow. We do that by meeting each week to explore what it means to live as a follower of Jesus, by planning fun social events and by participating together in service environments. Join us – everyone in their 20s is welcome! If you would like to be added to our weekly e-mail list, contact Brad at bfriedlein@thedoor.org.

Mondays, 7pm (no mtg Sept 5 & Oct 31)

Fall Retreat

Hey 20-somethings! Are you up for the Survivor game, High Ropes Course and hanging out with other 20-somethings for an entire weekend at Camp Shamineau? Contact Brad at bfriedlein@thedoor.org.

Fri-Sun, Sept 16-18
Register by Sept 11
Cost: \$55

Common Interest

Connect with people who share similar interests.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you enjoy knitting or crochet, join us as we prayerfully craft these symbols of comfort and blessing. Shawls are prayed over and then given to those in need of a tangible expression of God's love and care during seasons of loss, transition or celebration. Patterns provided; bring three skeins of Lion Brand Homespun yarn (size 11 or 13 knitting needles) or four skeins of yarn (size M or N crochet hook). Contact Rachel at rachel@flachman.net.

Tues, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13, 7-8:30pm
(second Tues of each month)

Volleyball League

Enjoy fellowship with others who love volleyball, as you compete in unofficial league play. Open to beginners through advanced. Some experience and knowledge of the rules is required. Register as an individual or as a team. For more info, contact Kerry at jointheirs77@hotmail.com or at (612)298-1315.

Sun, Oct 2-Dec 11, 6-7:30pm (no mtg Nov 27)
Register by Sept 18
Cost: \$45/person (exact price will be determined based on number of teams)
Location: Crystal Community Center

Life Groups

Life Groups are facilitated by members of Open Door who live out Kingdom principles in their families, workplaces and their surrounding communities. Each group has a different mission. You might read the same book, discuss the weekly sermons, serve your neighborhood school or share a meal with others.

Minnetonka

Every other Thursday, starting Sept 8, 6:30pm
Ages: Families with young children
Topic: Informal gathering, new group forming
Hosts: Gary & Leah Malec, leahjean8@hotmail.com

NEW! Plymouth

Contact hosts about meeting times
Ages: Empty Nesters
Topic: Discuss marriage and life now that the kids are out of the house.
Hosts: Mike & Stacy Monson, stacymmo@yahoo.com

Spring Lake Park

Contact hosts about meeting times
Ages: Families with children welcome
Topic: Doing life together – what does that look like?
Hosts: Adam & Jolaina Falkenstein, wwjd_4him@yahoo.com

NEW! St Paul

Contact hosts about meeting times
Ages: 18 and older
Topic: Bible study
Hosts: Helen Trandem & Diane Dunnigan, dianedunnigan@hotmail.com

Find out more about how you can start and facilitate a Life Group in your area. Contact Brad at bfriedlein@thedoor.org or ext 1903.

Marriage

Newly Marrieds

Get together with other couples married five years or less. You will hear stories from Open Door couples and receive tools you can use in your marriage. Contact Annie-Claude at atoll@thedoor.org or ext 1900.

Sun, Sept 11 & 25, Oct 2, 16 & 30, 6:30-8:30pm

Men

Father Hunger

Help others experience Abba's love in deep, personal and significant ways, through this prison ministry at the Lino Lakes Correctional facility that invites men to deal with the Father thirst in their hearts. Contact Chuck at (763) 544-4936.

Hearts In Action Golf Scramble

Men and women are invited to participate in a golf scramble to benefit Hearts In Action. This men's group helps single moms, widows and the elderly with projects around their home. The proceeds will be used to help with cost of materials for some of the projects. Also, you may get the chance to compare your golf skills with some of the Open Door pastoral staff such as David Johnson, Steve Wiens and Joel Hanson. For info, contact Carol at cerickson@thedoor.org or ext 1180.

Sat, Oct 1, 8am
Register by Sept 28
Cost: \$75 (inc golf cart, greens fees & lunch)
Location: Elm Creek Golf Course, Plymouth

Hearts in Action

Serve with other men in monthly service projects and extend the hands and heart of Jesus into our local community. Call Jeff (952)949-1485 to sign up for the next project.

Sat, Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17, 7am
(third Sat of each month)
Meet at Original Pancake House, Maple Grove

Kingdom Warriors

A welcoming place for men of all ages to share and hear the wisdom of fellow believers in Christ. We desire and emphasize development in Christ Jesus as men, workers, brothers, husbands and fathers. Each night includes worship, special speakers or testimonies and time in a small group.

Tues, Sept 27-May 15, 6:45-9pm (no mtg Dec 27)

Newcomer Orientation - A Kingdom Warriors introduction to what we value, what our heart is and who we want to become in Jesus.

Tues, Sept 6 or 13, 6:45-9pm

A Night of Praise & Worship - Begin the new ministry year by joining others for a night of praise and worship led by Joel Hanson. Kingdom Warriors would like to invite men, women and families to join them for an evening filled with singing, prayer and people to sharing stories of what God is doing among us.

Tues, Sept 20, 6:45-8:15pm

Groups

Battlefield of the Mind - In this group, we will discover the armaments God has provided us 'for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds' by taking our thoughts captive in Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). By the renewing of our mind we will know "what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God" for our lives.

Heart of the Husband - Training in the art of being a loving husband and servant leader in your current or future home.

Word in the Heart - For those who hunger for the practical application of God's kingdom truths in their everyday lives. The discussion content surrounds the weekend sermon.

Sword of the Spirit - An interactive Bible study applying God's Word to our current lives and sharing our collective experiences. This group will begin in Ephesians and then move into other epistles.

Prayer Warriors - A prayer group for Kingdom Warriors providing prayer for attendees in their daily journey of life.

Singles

A group for singles 30 years of age and over.

Holy Sexuality: Unmarried and Beyond

Join Becky Patton and Peter Kapsner as they take a fresh look at how God designed singleness and sexuality as part of the kingdom. We'll explore some new language and insights that bring freedom and wholeness to this beautiful stage of life. This workshop is for anyone who is, was, or loves a single person. Great for those dating, engaged or wondering. Contact Annie-Claude at atoll@thedoor.org

Fri, Nov 18, 6:30-9pm & Sat, Nov 19, 8:30am-12pm
Register by Nov 13
Cost: \$20

Bible Study

Do you find the book of Revelation mysterious, bewildering or even frightening? We are studying the book of Revelation using video and small group discussion. We will also discuss how to discern God's message through personal study and prayer.

Thurs, 7pm, Sept 8 (no mtg Nov 24, Dec 22 & 29)
Walk-ins welcome

State Fair

Cheese curds? Tilt-a-Whirl? Blue-ribbon horses? There's something for everyone at the Minnesota State Fair! Explore the fair with fellow singles. We'll meet at the Family Fair Stage in Baldwin Park. Contact Stacy at (612) 308-5071.

Sat, Sept 3, 2pm

Game Night

Join other singles for a fiesta! We will share a time of worship, fellowship, fun and a taco bar. All singles are welcome! If you would like to volunteer to help or bring a crockpot of meat or a dessert, please contact Stacy at StacyAnn444@yahoo.com.

Sat, Sept 24, 6:30pm
Cost: \$5

Paintball

Did you love playing capture the flag in your youth? If so, you will love the adult version - paintball! Dress for rugged terrain and with the expectation of getting dirty. Contact Stacy at StacyAnn444@yahoo.com or (612)308-5071.

Sat, Oct 8, 1:15-4pm
Cost: \$30 (inc gear and 100 rounds of paint balls. Additional paintballs are \$4 for 100.)
Location: Special Forces Paintball, 5494 Fairhill Drive SE, Buffalo
RSVP by Oct 2

Game Night

Join other singles in praise and thanksgiving, as we share some pizzas and enjoy the blessing of friendships.

Sat, Nov 26, 6:30pm
Cost: \$5

Spiritual Direction

Info Meeting

Learn about the process of group spiritual direction, where we practice prayerful listening to one another, to ourselves and to God, in order to be more aware of, and responsive to, God's activity in our lives. This info meeting is a prerequisite for any men and women interested in being in a spiritual direction group this year who have not been in one of Open Door's groups before. Come and learn, discern your involvement and apply for available groups.

Thurs, Sept 8, 7pm
Register by Sept 5

Spiritual Direction Groups

We will place people into Spiritual Direction groups based on a variety of factors, including scheduling preference and fit. Attending the Spiritual Direction Info Meeting or past participation in a Spiritual Direction Group at Open Door is a prerequisite. Apply online if you are interested in being placed in a group. Space is limited.

Apply by Sept 25

Support Groups

Firstlight

Do you feel shame or regret when you consider an area of your life, wondering, "How can I be a true follower of Jesus and be unable to stop this harmful behavior?" When we

turn to something other than God for relief from pain, even we, as Christians, can find ourselves repeating behaviors until they become compulsive and damaging. Whether the behavior is compulsive shopping, overeating, alcoholism, addiction to prescription meds or other chemicals, or constantly thinking about another person's destructive behavior, the truth of Jesus' saving grace can be found in community with other Christians who are seeking freedom from these things.

Firstlight is a healing ministry that merges the practical wisdom of the Twelve Steps with the spiritual truths of the Bible. After a large-group time of story, teaching or worship, gender-specific break-out groups allow for safe and confidential discussion of how Jesus can help us work through our addictive behaviors. This community will help you recognize the truth that although humanity is broken, Jesus, like the first light of day, entered our darkness so that we could follow him into freedom and transformation.

Tuesdays, 7-9pm
Walk-ins welcome

The Widows Well

Historically, a well has been a place where women have gathered in community and could draw not only water but encouragement from one another. Here, widows can come together in a safe and nurturing environment that will allow them to continue to grow and learn in this season of life. It's a place where women can say the name of their late husband and feel that others understand what it feels like to lose someone so close. This group meets offsite.

Sun, Sept 18, Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18, 1pm

DivorceCare

A supportive thirteen-week group for those dealing with the pain of divorce. Ext 1322.

Tues, Sept 13-Dec 13, 7-9pm
Cost: \$20 (inc workbook)

Transforming Hearts

After completing DivorceCare, join others looking for continuing healing and support.

Tues, Sept 13-Dec 13, 7-9pm

GriefShare

A supportive group for those who have lost someone dear. Videos and small group discussions include 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.

Tues, Sept 6 & 20, Oct 4 & 18, Nov 1 & 15, Dec 6 & 20, 7-9pm
(first and third Tues of the month)
Walk-ins welcome
Cost: \$20 (inc GriefShare workbook)

Special Event:

Coping with Grief during the Holidays - This warm, encouraging and helpful time together features video and group discussion to help you deal with the pain of grief during the holiday season.

Tues, Nov 1 & 15, Dec 6 & 20, 7-9pm
Cost: \$4 (inc workbook)

Moving Beyond Your Past

Many of us grew up without good role models to show us how to live and love the way Jesus did. In place of that, we learned patterns of behavior that can cause us pain, not only in our relationships, but also in our spiritual life. The goal of this group is to move beyond this past in an environment of honest, safe relationships in a faith community. Open to new members on the dates below.

Mon, Sept 12 & 26, Oct 10, 7-9pm (every other Mon)

Contact Kim at kbedore@thedoor.org or ext 1300 if you'd like more info or have questions about Support Groups.

Women

Common Ground

Women of all generations and faith stages are invited to come together in unity, to learn, to grow and to share the inheritance of sisterhood in Christ Jesus.

A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place

Author Beth Moore invites you on a journey into why God would choose to live in a wilderness tabernacle made by human hands and explores the parallels between the physical tabernacle and the tabernacle of the human heart. You will be challenged to prepare your heart, like the Holy of Holies, to become a home for His love and glory, a dwelling place for the Most High God. Contact Annie-Claude at atoll@thedoor.org.

Thurs, Oct 6-Apr 26, 7pm (no mtg Nov 24, Dec 22 & 29, Jan 5, Apr 5)

Register by Sept 25

Cost: \$20 (inc book); \$5 if you have the book

Morning Blend

Using the book *Listen To My Life: Recognizing and Responding to God in My Story*, women in all stages of life will explore how our personal stories fit within God's story. We'll use life maps to help us identify where God has been present in our lives and where He is inviting us. We'll carve out time for hands-on, practical ways to reflect on our lives and scripture, ask questions and listen, and connect with others in small groups. We'll invite God to help us see into our hearts and souls as we discover who we are and whose we are, as His Beloved! Vicki Degner will facilitate once a month.

Tues, Oct 4-Apr 24, 9:30am (no mtg Nov 8, Dec 20 & 27, Jan 3, Feb 14, Mar 27)

Register by Sept 25

Cost: \$31 (inc book)

Morning Blend Childcare - Childcare for infant through kindergarten is available for children of Morning Blend participants. Space is subject to availability of caregivers. Contact Trisha at trishamckeever@me.com.

Register by Sept 25

Cost: \$25 per month for 1 child, \$50 for 2+children; \$175 for the year for 1 child and \$350 for 2+ children. Minimum payment will be due on the first day of childcare.

Membership

Member Class

This class, taught by Pastor Al Schuck, is for people who have attended Open Door for at least six months and who want to make Open Door their church. Members are people who are on board with what Open Door cares about and

who want to be with us as we move forward. We want to support people who, because of their desire to follow Jesus in every area of their life, intentionally invest in their relationship with God, others and Open Door.

Sun, Sept 18-Oct 9, 9am

Register by Sept 13

Sun, Oct 9-30, 11am

Register by Oct 5

To become a Member of Church of the Open Door, a person must attend the Member Class and sign the Membership Agreement.

Prayer

Prayer Line

If you need prayer for a situation, you may bring your request to the Prayer Line. Though this is a voicemail system and you leave a recorded message, our team of intercessors access the messages daily and pray for each need. Messages remain on the Prayer Line for one week, and we welcome updates. Call ext 1374.

Restoration Through Prayer

Teams of two or three trained lay ministers are available for 60 to 90 minute confidential prayer appointments. (These are not counseling sessions.) The team, partnering with the Holy Spirit, will support you as you share your needs. They will spend time with you in prayer, asking God to bring His kingdom more fully. E-mail restoration@thedoor.org or call ext 1373 to schedule an appointment. Please indicate whether or not we may leave a message on your voicemail.

Participate in Prayer

Sentinels

Receive brief weekly updates inviting you to pray for Open Door's ministries and partnerships as well as the specific issues around each weekend service. Join the Sentinels group through YourDoor or register online.

First Service Prayer

Each Sunday during the 9am service, a group meets to pray for Open Door's ministries, partnerships and whatever else God invites us to hold. Ext 1303.

Sun, 9-10:15am

Prayer Line

Pray for the requests recorded on the Prayer Line. You may access these messages from any touch-tone phone. E-mail Peggy at plang@thedoor.org or call ext 1374 to serve.

Emergency Workers Moms in Touch

Join in intercessory prayer with other moms of adult children who work in emergency services (firefighters, paramedics, law enforcement personnel). Exchange e-mails to share information and prayer requests. A dinner will be held every couple of months. Contact Cindy at cjdischer@yahoo.com.

Next Gen Prayer Group

Each Wednesday during the Next Gen programming, a group meets to pray for the Next Gen program participants and staff. See page 13 for details.

Kids

For most Kids events, registration is required. Pick up a registration form at the lower level Registration kiosk or register online. If you are a guest with us, please stop by the Kids registration kiosk downstairs for a visitor tag.

Sunday Programming

Early Childhood

Programming is available for Infants through Pre-Kindergarten every week at 9am and 11am (holiday weekends, Infants through two-year-olds only).

Elementary

Programming is available for Kindergarten through 4th graders every weekend at 9am and 11am, except for holiday weekends.

Upper Elementary

Programming is available for 5th & 6th graders every weekend at 9am and 11am, except Communion Sundays and holiday weekends. This year, the 5th and 6th Graders will experience Sundays on a whole new level, with programming specifically designed for this age group. They will also have special events throughout the year.

Holiday Programming

Programming is available for children Infants through Two-year-olds on holiday weekends (Easter, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas). We have space for parents with older children in the Gathering Place, where you can watch the service; there are toys and activities available.

Events

Child Dedication

This beautiful service celebrates the life of a child through dedication and parent consecration. Services are held Communion Sundays (Oct-Jun). Register online. For more info call ext 1200.

Family Night

Parents of elementary-aged kids (K-6), spend a fun evening together as a family, meeting other Open Door families. Join us on the first Wednesday of the month throughout the school year. Bring your dinner at 6pm to eat with other families before the evening gets started. (Younger children may attend with their parents and siblings).

Wed, Oct 5, Nov 2, Dec 7, 6:45-8pm

Ropes Course Team Challenge (5th & 6th grade)

Bring a sack lunch and we'll load up and head to the ropes course at the Kingswood Retreat Center in Minnetrista for a fun day in the great outdoors. Registration and waiver form are required.

Sun, Oct 2, 10:45am-4:30pm

Register by Sept 27

Cost: \$25

Hands on: Serve Maple Grove

On the first Saturday morning of each month, we will serve the Maple Grove community. Participants will meet at Open Door and then take part in a variety of different service projects, ranging from work with organizations in our area to helping our neighbors out around the house. This experience will be open to adults and children and

is a great opportunity to serve as a family. Contact Robin Fraser at rfraser3@embarqmail.com for more information. Register online.

Sat, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, 9am-12pm

Homeschoolers Connection

All Open Door parents who are interested in, planning on, or currently homeschooling are invited. We support parents through prayer, encouragement, sharing of info and resources. For info, call ext 1226.

Thurs, Sept 8 & Oct 13, 7-9pm

Next Generation

Mentoring (Middle School & High School)

We invite middle school and high school students to enter into a mentoring relationship. Mentors are volunteers ages 19-35 who are interested in building a positive, encouraging relationship with a student. Students and mentors will learn together through service and learning environments, and will engage together through large groups, small groups and one-on-one dialogue.

Fall 2011 Registration

We need every student to register for the 2011/12 school year so that we know how many mentors we need. Registration means that you are committed to attending Next Gen regularly and we are committed to finding you a mentor. If you miss the deadline, we can't guarantee that you will be matched one-on-one with a mentor.

New students, register by Fri, Sept 30.

Next Gen Kick-Off

Wed, Sept 14, 7-8:30pm

Learning Environments

Learning environments take place three out of four Wednesdays at Open Door. Mentors and students participate in a variety of different experiences each week, but always have an opportunity to connect one-on-one with each other.

Wed, Sep 14-May 9, 7-8:30pm (no mtg Nov 23, Dec 21, Dec 28, Mar 21)

Service Environments

Beginning in November, mentors and students will participate together in a service environment in the community on the first Wednesday of the month. To find your student's location, go to www.nextgeninfo.thedoor.org.

Wed, Nov 2-May 2, 5:45-9pm (first Wed of the month)

Middle School (7th & 8th Grade)

E3

Learn practical ways to explore the Bible, discover relevant truth, and live in pursuit of Christ. Explore, engage in, and embrace God's word, specifically through focusing on the primary themes of creation, fall, salvation and resurrection. Contact Jack at jmackinnon@thedoor.org for more info.

Sundays, 9-10:15am (except for Communion Sundays)

Mentors & Mentor Coordinators

Mentors

The role of a mentor is to build an intentional relationship with a middle school or high school student through

shared experiences and reflective conversations. Each mentor will also be paired with a mentor coordinator, who will act as a mentor, coach and resource throughout the mentor/student relationship.

Apply online for the 2011/12 school year.

Mentor and Mentor Coordinator Kick-off

We'll meet one week before regular programming begins in order to connect with each other and set the stage for the year. Mentors will be matched with their mentor coordinators and all participants will have the chance to meet each other and begin to develop relationships.

Wed, Sept 7, 7-8:30pm

Parents

Open House

Parents of Next Gen students are invited to attend this Wednesday night program to see the mentoring program in action. You will also have the opportunity to meet your student's mentor and mentor coordinator at the end of the program.

Wed, Nov 16, 7-8:30pm

Parent Connect

Gather with other parents to learn more about and discuss how to better connect with your student relationally and spiritually.

Sun, Nov 20, 9am

Parent Teams

Parent involvement is critical to sustaining Next Gen programming. We ask parents to serve on one of the following teams:

Parent Patrol Team - As a visible presence during programming, this team will assist in registration, crowd control, watching exits, and keeping a general eye out for the student's safety and the integrity of the weekly program. Serve once a month.

Wed, 6:30-8:30pm, starting Sept 14

Take-Down Team - Help take down and store the middle school and high school room decor for programming. This will involve some consistent tasks and some that change, based on the weekly program. Serve once a month.

Wed, 8:30-9:30pm, starting Sept 7

Wednesday Prep Team - Help with administrative tasks, such as copying, cutting, collating and organizing supplies. Serve twice a month.

Wed, 1:30-3:30pm, starting Sept 7

Mentor Childcare Team - Provide childcare for children of mentors during weekly programming. Serve once a month.

Wed, 6:15-8:30, starting Sept 7

Sign up online for Parent Teams.

Next Gen Prayer Group

Each Wednesday during the Next Gen programming, a group meets to pray for the mentors and staff of the Next Gen program and to pray that students would have a richer and deeper walk with God. Contact Carol at c2voelker@gmail.com or Twila at Under_His_Wings_@hotmail.com.

Wed, Sep 14-May 9, 7-8:30pm

Service Learning

Site Directors Needed

Each month there are serving experiences for the community to engage in, intentionally creating space to help those around us. We need Site Directors to lead these opportunities on an on-going basis beginning October 2011 and ending April 2012. Site Directors act as a liaison between an Open Door partner and the people and staff of the Open Door community, and will be the main contact throughout the program year. If you are interested in leading a group of community members or have a specific group of friends that you are interested in serving with, please contact Rebecca at rsharbo@thedoor.org.

Service Environments

We desire to be good neighbors and build community as we serve together, learning about our call to be active in the world around us, and integrating service into our daily lives. There are opportunities to serve and learn by engaging in a service environment. These environments include hands on projects where we will serve a meal, serve Minneapolis, and serve the Maple Grove community, as well as an intentional relational environment with people living on the margins of society.

Hands on: Serve Maple Grove

On the first Saturday morning of each month, we serve the Maple Grove community. Participants meet at Open Door and then take part in a variety of different service projects, ranging from work with organizations in our area to helping out our neighbors around their home. This experience is open to adults and children and is a great opportunity to serve as a family. Contact Robin Fraser at rfraser3@embarqmail.com for more information.

CROSS Food Shelf

12915 Weinand Circle, Rogers, MN 55374

Sat, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Feb 4, Mar 3, Apr 7, 9am-12pm
Register online

Rose Arbor

16500 92nd Avenue North, Maple Grove, MN 55311

Sat, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Feb 4, Mar 3, Apr 7, 9am-12pm
Register online

Neighbors (various locations)

Sat, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3, Feb 4, Mar 3, Apr 7, 9am-12pm
Register online

If you know of an individual or family in the Maple Grove community who might need help with projects around their home, please e-mail Rebecca at rsharbo@thedoor.org. Please put "Serve Maple Grove" in the subject line.

Hands on: Serve a meal

Once a month, participants serve a meal at a partner organization. Groups meet onsite, prepare a meal, serve it, interact with the guests, and clean up. We look for ways to learn about the organization's purpose and clients, and also have a chance to process our experience together.

Clare Housing

929 Central Avenue Northeast, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Thurs, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15, 5:30-8:30pm (third Thurs)
Register online

St. Stephen's Shelter

2211 Clinton Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404

Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13, 6-8:30pm (second Tues)
Register online

Hands on: Serve Minneapolis

The second Saturday of each month, we partner with Sanctuary Community Development Corporation in their Love Minneapolis project. This project was created to give people a chance to serve, develop connections with each other and the city, learn about issues, and become an active part of the solution. This is a great opportunity to serve as a family. Contact Jen Lachermeier at jen@sanctuarycdc.org or (612) 692-6566 for more information or to register.

Sat, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 3, 8:30am-12:30pm
Location: Sanctuary Business Campus
1201 37th Avenue, Minneapolis

Engage: Know and be known

Relationship is at the center of understanding God and others. Through this environment, participants have an opportunity to be matched up in a one-on-one relationship with someone on the margins of society. Our partner, City House, will facilitate the matching and guide us as we meet, share, and hear from someone whose life, at first glance, looks different than our own. Participants will meet with their friend on a monthly basis and then gather with the other Open Door participants to process what they are learning. Contact Rebecca at rsharbo@thedoor.org for more information.

Global Marketplace

Through the Global Marketplace, the church community has an opportunity to help in the fight to end global poverty with purchasing fair trade items from producers around the world. Last year, in one weekend, the Open Door community supported about 10 people for an entire year! We need volunteers to help in the areas of Data Entry, Set Up, Marketplace Assistance and Take Down. Register online.

Sat and Sun, Dec 3-4
Following each service

Holiday Outreach Needs

During the holiday season an atmosphere of giving and receiving is created as needs among the church community are shared and responded to in a gracious and loving way. If you have a specific need this Christmas season, you will be given the chance to share that need in mid November. We will share the Needs with the community at the end of November and beginning of December.

Project Homeless Connect

Project Homeless Connect is a one-stop shop model for delivering services to people experiencing homelessness. Twice each year, Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis partner with service providers, businesses, citizens, and faith communities to bring multiple resources to one location where people can come to find the services they need.

We need people to volunteer as guides and help guests find the resources they want. The guides and guests identify service priorities, and will then visit service providers and eat a sit-down lunch. A background in social services is not required; however, you do need a sense of humor, the willingness to help, and the ability to be on your feet for relatively long periods. First-time volunteers are required to attend a training and orientation session. Note: volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.

Mon, Dec 12, 9am-2pm
Register online

Holiday Serving Opportunities - Along with the events listed above, the December *Service Environments* will be another way to serve this holiday season.

Serving

Find a place to serve alongside others in the Open Door community. Serve once or twice a month during the weekend or weekdays. There are numerous ways your commitment can help.

Weekend

Ushers

Help hand out bulletins, seat people and collect the offering.

Coffee Crew

Help to make and serve coffee in the Gathering Place.

Greeters

Welcome regular attenders and guests to our worship services with a warm greeting.

Info Kiosk

Play an important role in guiding others through their questions.

Contact Deb at draab@thedoor.org. You may serve once a month or as often as you like.

KIDS (Sunday Morning)

Hospitality

Spend the morning connecting with and providing information for new and visiting families. Minimum commitment of one time per month.

Room Assistant

Team with a group of adults to connect and interact with kids while providing a relational and helpful presence. Minimum commitment of two times per month.

Special Needs

Build a one-on-one relationship with a child with special needs. Creative accommodations provided.

Student Assistant

Students ages 11-17 are given the opportunity to serve, play and enjoy the morning with kids of various ages. Limited spots available. Minimum commitment of two times per month.

Substitute

Fill in for Room Assistants when they are sick or out of town. Choose dates that fit your schedule.

Celebration Team (Communion Sunday)

Participate on a team to create a fun and exciting environment for K-4th graders by celebrating Feasts & Festivals of the Bible. Minimum commitment of one time per month. Must be able to serve on Communion Sundays (the first full weekend each month).

Tech Support

If technology is your thing, we need individuals who can provide basic tech support for the K-4th grade large group. Minimum commitment of one time per month.

Worship Leader

Lead kids with energy and enthusiasm in worshipping God through music. Music and curriculum provided. Minimum commitment of two times per month.

Band Members

Participate in the Kids Worship Band and lead K-4th

graders in a time of worship on Sunday mornings. Music and curriculum provided. Minimum commitment of two times per month.

Storyteller

Lead K-4th graders in telling a Bible story with energy and creativity. Curriculum is provided. Minimum commitment of two times per month.

If you are interested in partnering with Kids contact Lynn at lsnyder@thedoor.org or ext 1200.

Weekday

Event & Funeral Hospitality

We need caring servers to prep food, set up, make coffee, serve, clean up and occasionally make bars for funerals, retreats and large events. Usual time commitment per event is a 2-4 hour shift. Contact Kimberly at kbedore@thedoor.org or ext 1300.

Meal Ministry

Deliver a meal made from the deli or prepared in your home to someone who is struggling with a health situation or other difficult transition. You will be contacted as needs arise for people from your area. Contact Kimberly at ext 1300 or kbedore@thedoor.org.

Premarriage

Be listening ears for engaged couples and share your own premarriage experiences. Contact Brad at ext 1903 or bfriedlein@thedoor.org.

Office Support

Help with office projects, such as printing and assembling binders for the Groups ministry area. Contact Annie-Claude at atoll@thedoor.org or ext 1900.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Prayer Line

Open Door learns about many prayer needs. If you are interested in bearing another's burdens, contact Peggy at ext 1303 or plang@thedoor.org.

Pray for Open Door

Receive weekly notices (via e-mail or regular mail) inviting you to pray for Open Door's weekend service. Join the Sentinels group through YourDoor or register online.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Group Leaders

People who have a heart for recovery ministry and are known in the Open Door community are needed to co-lead a men's or women's support group. Contact Bob at ext 1302 or bmckenna@thedoor.org, so we may get to know you.

KIDS

Resource Assistant

Provide support to Kids staff by organizing, sorting and working on projects related to curriculum. Commitment is based on both availability and need. Contact Lynn at lsnyder@thedoor.org.

Family Night Assistants

Help make our monthly Family Nights a great experience for our elementary kids and their parents. Minimum commitment of two times per month. Contact Lynn at lsnyder@thedoor.org.

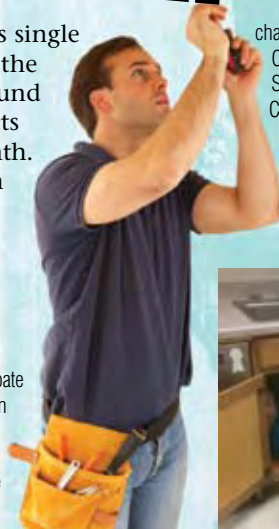
Dear Church of the Open Door,
 Todd Bertelson and three other men came to my home at a rather short-notice request. This little card is filled with a huge, overdue but not forgotten, heartfelt thank you to four amazing men. These Hearts in Action men truly extended their hands and hearts of Jesus. They worked through the pouring rain on Saturday, May 21, at my home.. In addition to some inside work, they emptied my garage and swept it, repaired gutters and drain spouts, replaced rotten fascia and reinforced my old deck. I can't tell you what their hard work and gift of time and expertise means to me. Sincerely, Sheryl S.

Hearts in Action

Hearts in Action helps single moms, widows and the elderly with projects around the home. Service projects are organized once a month. Join the Hearts in Action group in YourDoor. The next service project is scheduled on Saturday, September 17.

Hearts In Action Golf Scramble

Men and women are invited to participate in a golf scramble to benefit Hearts In Action. The proceeds will be used to help with cost of materials for some of the projects. Also, you may get the



chance to compare your golf skills with some of the Open Door pastoral staff such as David Johnson, Steve Wiens and Joel Hanson. For info, contact Carol at cerickson@thedoor.org or ext 1180.

Sat, Oct 1, 8am
 Register by Sept 28
 Cost: \$75 (inc golf cart, greens fees & lunch)
 Location: Elm Creek Golf Course, Plymouth



CD Release Concert

SARA GROVES
 INVISIBLE EMPIRES

Sat, Oct 1, 7:30pm

\$15 General Admission
 \$25 Artist Circle.

Tickets available at echoconcerts.com or (877)840-0457. Limited number of tickets available in the Open Door Bookstore.



Bookstore

Resources that support the message and beliefs of Open Door.

All books and music are always priced 20% lower than regular retail list prices.

Open before and after weekend services in the Gathering Place.



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