



# The Open Door

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*A Church of open hearts, open minds, open doors*



On Tuesday, September 24, Awana 2019-2020 will begin! We will kick off our first night with pre-registration at 5:30 p.m. along with hot dogs, chips, and watermelon. The cost is \$45.00 per child for 28 weeks. This covers the cost of a vest or shirt, a handbook and awards. The ages to participate are 4 through the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Awana happens every Tuesday, with days off for holidays, from 6-7:45 PM.

Volunteers are being sought! You can be a Volunteer for the entire time, or for 45 minutes if you want to be a Book Leader. It can be a rewarding time! Please be in prayer about helping. We have places for small group

leaders, helpers, Game Leaders, and others. Talk with Ellen Martinez if you are interested in helping.

## Kairos 23

Kairos 23 will be happening at Folsom Prison on October 3-6. At this time Gary Gaffney, Chris Gardner, Norm Teter, Ron Wootten, and Terrye Lucas will be attending as Team Members. (Pastor Scott will not be attending as that weekend is also World Communion Sunday.) Of course, the rest of you can help through your prayers, as well as gifts of cookies, hands, and posters

The original Kairos 23, scheduled for last Spring, was cancelled due to the Prison being locked down. The website for Kairos 23 is not open yet, but when it is you can sign up for a slot on the 24-hour Prayer Wheel if you so feel led. You can check the website here: <http://folsomkairos.org/index.htm>. On it will appear the guidelines for the cookies, hands, and posters. These will be needed by Wednesday, October 2 by 2 pm.



Please keep the Kairos 23 Team Members in prayer, but more so, please pray for the "Men in Blue" that God will be calling to be a part of this special event. This will be the second Kairos in Cell Block B; God has been at work in B Block since the first Kairos of last October. Thank you!

## Temporary change of church office hours

The office will be closed Friday August 30, September 6th, 13th and 20th since Scot Stribolt will be out of town until September 27th? Thanks!

Normally, there is a volunteer in the office Monday thru Friday from 10:00 am thru 2:00 pm.

## **Pastor Scott's Corner**

The "Month of Nothing" is over.

That's right, it's what I refer to August as, the Month of Nothing. OK, yes, my Grandson's Birthday is in August, and the NFL: Preseason starts, but other than that, it's known for nothing. (Outside of being hot.)

Think about it; all other months of the year have at least one thing they are known for. Let's look; September: Labor Day, October: Halloween, November: Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving, December: Christmas and Hanukkah, January: New Year's Day, Epiphany, and MLK Day, February: Valentine's Day and President's Day, March: St. Pat's Day and Lent, April: April Fool's Day and often Easter, May: Mother's Day and Memorial Day, June: Father's Day, Flag Day, and Graduations. July: Independence Day and my Birthday. August... Nothing!!! No holidays, no special days, and now with school starting so soon, it's not even known as the Vacation Month anymore. It's nothing!!!

That's right nothing. August is hard on churches as well: attendance is always down, so are finances. (July and August are traditionally bad income months for churches, as well as ours.) Many churches, like ours, are shut down during August in many areas of ministry: no Choir, No Sunday School (we keep ours going), Men's and Women's Groups are dark during August, and many pastors are on vacation. As I said, the Month of Nothing – except preaching and worship opportunities, which aren't bad.

But now that September is upon us, things will be happening again!!! Our Choir resumed practice on August 29! Awana will be starting up September 24! After a July hiatus, my Bible Study is on again every Wednesday. Marva's Tuesday Study is back as well! Rose Schottman is putting out feelers to start a third Class, and I will be holding another Membership Class on Sundays the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Soon we will be pushing for cookies and hands for Kairos 23, then things like the Pumpkin Carving Contest and Trunk or Treat will be here, then comes Thanksgiving and Christmas!! Hey!! Things are going to be happening again! Whoo-hoo!

That is exciting news, and things I am glad of. But, as I said, we never stopped offering times of Worship and the Word. And we won't. We will continue to meet every Sunday morning at 9 and 11, as well as our Youth Program on Sunday nights and Children's Sunday School every Sunday at 9. We have our weekly Men's Breakfast at Cozy Diner every Tuesday morning at 6:30, and the occasional special event as we had with Mishi Neubach on Thursday, August 15.

My hope and prayer is that you will continue to bless us with your presence and invite your friends too. So, check out the information we are sharing in this Open Door, and come and join us! Be blessed! The Month of Nothing is OVER!!!

My prayers are with you.

## **Sermons for the Month of September**

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| 1.  | Labor Day Weekend<br>"What Do We Labor For?"<br>I Timothy. 4:1-10    | 22. | Jesus, the Barrier Breaker<br>"The Second Sign"<br>John 4:43-54                       |
| 8.  | Jesus, the Barrier Breaker<br>"Another Confrontation"<br>John 4:1-26 | 29. | Jesus, the Barrier Breaker<br>"Healing on the Sabbath!!! The Shame!!!"<br>John 5:1-15 |
| 15. | Jesus, the Barrier Breaker<br>"Tell What You Know"<br>John 4:27-42   |     |   |

All sermons at Aldersgate are recorded. You can download them from our website or get a copy on CD. (A \$2 fee is requested for each CD, but not required.)

## **Membership Class**

Pastor Scott has been asked, "When will your next Membership Class happen?" Well, that question can now be answered!

The next class will be held Sunday nights, September 8 and 15, 6pm each night. It's open to any and all who would like to attend, whether you want to join the Church or not.

Let Pastor Scott know if you would like to attend.

## **Blessed again!!**

We will once again be blessed by a visit from one of the missionary teams we support! The Datwylers will be visiting us on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tim & Daina Datwyler have been doing amazing things in Ecuador! Their reports are often accompanied by wonderful photos of many children (and adults) taking part in the special activities that Tim & Daina provide – all so that these people can learn about the love of Jesus! Tim & Daina will attend both services; and following the late service we will have a short luncheon followed by a presentation by the Datwylers about their ministry in Ecuador. *Please join us!!*



## **Treasurer's Report**

GENERAL FUND	
Jan 1 Beginning Balance	24,757.83
June 30 Balance	31,468.77
July Income	+14,183.91
July Expenses	-17,578.61
July 31 Balance	+28,074.07

## **Church Library**

Yes! For those of you that don't know, the church has a lending library that all of you are welcome to use. It is located off the short hall between the sanctuary and the kitchen. Dorothy Dalske has recently volunteered to become our new librarian. She and her husband relocated to Chico from the Willets, Ca. area and she has become a part of our congregation. She has been organizing things and will try to keep you up to date on any new arrivals. If you have any questions or concerns, she would be happy to talk with you.

## **Down the Road!!!**

Some dates to mark on your calendars!

- Ninth Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest and Nacho/Potato Night: Sunday, October 27!
- Seventh Annual Trunk-or-Treat: Thursday, October 31!
- Ninth Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Sunday, November 24!
- Hanging of the Greens (decorating the Sanctuary): Sunday, Dec. 1 after Worship
- Ninth Annual Allred Open House, Saturday, December 14! (Hey, it will be here before you know!)
- Eighth Annual Before Worship Breakfast: Sunday, December 22
- Ruth Rosen of Jews for Jesus Returns, Sunday, January 26, both service

## September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Labor Day Weekend "What Do We Labor For?" I Timothy. 4:1-10  The Vine 5:00 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	<b>4</b> Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	<b>5</b> Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	<b>6</b> Celebrate Recovery 7pm	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Jesus, the Barrier Breaker "Another Confrontation" John 4:1-26 Membership class 6pm The Vine 5:00 pm	<b>9</b> Trustees meeting 6:00 Rm 7-8pm Finance team 7:00 pm	<b>10</b> Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	<b>11</b> Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	<b>12</b> Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	<b>13</b> Celebrate Recovery 7pm	<b>14</b>
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<b>22</b> Jesus, the Barrier Breaker "The Second Sign" John 4:43-54 Datwylers visiting The Vine 5:00 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Men's Bible Study 6:30 am Cozy Dinner Women's Bible Study 9:45 – 10:45 am Church office	<b>25</b> Pastor Scotts Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm Rm 7-8	<b>26</b> Praise team 7:00 pm Choir 5:30	<b>27</b> Celebrate Recovery 7pm	<b>28</b>
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### Birthdays

Mary Gaffney	9/6
Joe Hejl	9/9
Eldon Schottman	9/10
Emily Martinez	9/11
Cheryl Sharp	9/16
Lynn Little	9/21
Bobbie Dege	9/21

Chancee Wootten	9/21
Jerry Allred	9/21
Linda Austin	9/26
Rose Schottman	9/26
Penny Miller	9/28
Dick Hiersche	9/29

### Anniversaries

Pastor Scott and Frances Allred	9/10/83
Ron & Rebekah Wootten	9/16/2000