



The Open Door

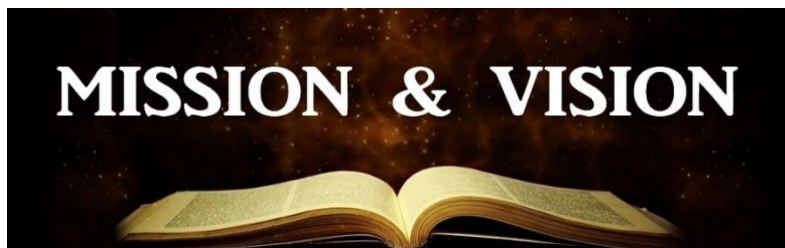
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A Church of open hearts, open minds, open doors

Blessings Aldersgate Church Family,

As we approach October we will gear up for our 2nd Vision Casting meeting on Sunday October 15th after church in the Sanctuary. We will once again have a light lunch and drinks that will be provided by the church between service and our vision casting time. The 2nd thing we will be gearing up for is our All Church Conference which will be on Thursday November 2nd at 6pm in the Sanctuary.



I really enjoyed our first Vision Casting meeting; I collected a lot of useful information from it. We had some great discussions and that will continue during our second meeting. I hope you will all attend, even if you missed the first one I will be asking you different questions in order for me to get all of the information that I need in order for us to cast a vision that we, as the church, can live into. Please be in prayer as we work on casting a vision for the church and how we can live it out in our community!

Pastor Scott



*We are planning to
have a fall workday*

*Saturday,
October 14 from
9:00 a.m. until
12:00 pm.*

Please come help beautify our church

Some of the possible projects might include: Washing windows and screens, scrubbing tables, sorting of materials in the Sunday school rooms and... If you know of a project that needs attention let a member of the Trustees know.



I have had a chance to meet with some of you already. If you have not scheduled an appointment with me yet, please call or text me at (530-635-1582) and let me know when would work best for you. We can meet at your house, a park, Starbucks, the church, just about anywhere that works for you, or we can meet as a small group with a few families together. The point of getting to meet you and talk to you is so that we can get to know each other stories and build a closer family group.

Please leave me your name so that I can know who has called, my phone goes right to voicemail if you are not in my contact list, so if I do not answer I am either busy or it went right to voicemail. I won't be able to get back to you if you don't leave me your information!

I look forward to our work together to build the Kingdom of God and reach the people in our communities!

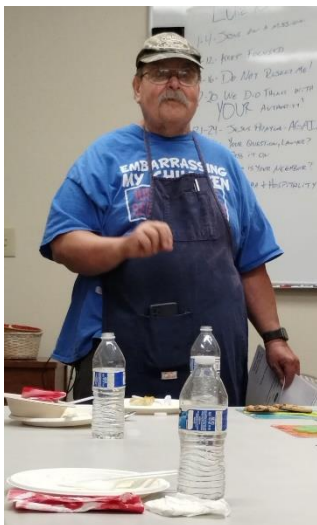
In Christ's Love,
Pastor Scott Gessford

Sermon Schedule for Worship in October:

In service this month we will be focusing on chapters 10-13 of the Gospel of Mark. Here are the upcoming Scripture verses so you can read ahead and be prepared for what we talk about on Sunday...

1	Larry Ducommun will be preaching "Passover - the Root of Communion." Luke 22:7-20 Communion to be done by Pastor Neal.	15	Into Jerusalem Mark 11:15-19
8	James & John Mark 10:35-45.	22	2 Commandments Mark 12:13-17 & 24-27
		29	Jesus teaches about the end times Mark 13:1-13 & 24-27.

Review – September Friday Night Light.



The mission selected for the September Friday Night Light was the Kairos prison ministry.

We gathered on Friday the 22nd to find Chris Gardner preparing chicken strips with three different toppings. Several others brought salads, bread and a delicious cheesecake that was brought by Ruthie Holland. It was prepared for her by the kitchen staff at Sycamore Glen, where she lives.

Chris shared how the Lord drew him into Kairos and how it has been a blessing to work with the prisoners. We later saw a video of a prisoner sharing how God has changed his life through prison ministry and how now he is ministering to his cellmates.

Chris also wants to thank everyone that has supported Kairos by providing cookies, cutting out hands, and signing up to support the prisoners by taking a time on the prayer list.



Missions

Missions night is set for Sunday Oct 8 at 6 PM. There will be a pot-luck meal and a presentation about one of our mission projects by Katherine Parker, who serves with the United Mission to Nepal. She was with us several years ago and gave an excellent presentation about their work: health care, agriculture, education, community transformation and ecology in a region of high mountains north of India.

The United mission is a cooperative mission of several Christian mission organizations, founded 67 years ago. Bob and Hazel Buckner, whose parents were a part of Aldersgate church in the past, served in Nepal for 40 years before retiring and serving as pastor of Montague UMC. Our church has a long connection with the mission in Nepal.

Come and meet Katherine and get an update about the fascinating work of what God is doing in this country where it was once forbidden to convert people to Jesus.

Birthdays

Nancy Patterson	10/1	Craig Hawes	10/16
Shelley Young	10/5	Veronica Davis	10/28
Eunice Toussaint	10/6	Zachary L. Howe	10/30
Susan Hartman	10/10		

A note from your editor

In case you haven't noticed, this Open Door is short, the shortest in the 9 – 10 years that I have been your editor. I am only able to use what is given to me or what I am aware of. I am not able to include what I don't know about and that is where you the congregation come in. If you have something you think should be shared with others, then send the information so that I can include it.

Some examples might include, reports from finance, leadership, trustees, and others that meet in the church that I have received information from in the past but are not included in this month's issue. My point is that if I don't receive material, there isn't much point in my continuing to put out the Open Door. Those of you to whom this applies would have my gratitude if you would make the effort to provide information. I send out a reminder to the entire church each month so you know the deadline.

If anyone wants to talk to me about this, you know where to find me.

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