

## WELCOME!!!

We are excited that you have chosen to join us for worship as we celebrate our Lord Jesus and God's loving plan for us.

Our prayer is that God will encourage you and give you hope, that He will bless you through His Word, and that you will know you are welcome here. Please let us know if you have any questions concerning our beliefs or practices.

*For your convenience, restrooms are located in the hallway immediately to the right of the front entrance.* While the children are in class, only the handicap accessible bathroom will be available.

*The children will be dismissed to their class just before the Pastor's sermon.*

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### OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

<b>SUNDAY, 9:30am</b>	<b>WORSHIP CELEBRATION</b>
<b>10:40</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>
<b>11am</b>	<b>ADULT BIBLE STUDY</b>
<b>MONDAY, 6:30pm</b>	<b>LEADERSHIP TEAM</b>
<b>FRIDAY, 6pm</b>	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b>
<b>SATURDAY, 9am to Noon</b>	<b>WORK DAY</b>

Marriage *is to be held* in honor among all . . . (Hebrews 13:4a)



## OPEN DOOR CHURCH

**DR. JIM GUENTHER, PASTOR**

**Mitch Arseneau, Youth Ministry Intern**

**Worship Team: Chip Winnard, Lynn Arseneau, Brian Console, and Lisa Zabian**

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

September 24, 2023

Call to Worship	Chip Winnard
<i>"Be Praised"</i>	
<i>"How Great Thou Art"</i>	
Welcome and Announcements	Pastor Jim
Biblical Truth Skit	Pastor Jim & Ali
Prayer	Pastor Jim
<i>"Psalm 84"</i>	
<i>"Lord, I Need You"</i>	
Prayer	Chip Winnard
Dismissal of Children to Class	
<b>"PURITY AND MARRIAGE"</b>	
<b>1 Corinthians 7:1-9</b>	
Opportunity for Decision	Chip Winnard
Offertory Prayer	Pastor Jim
Worship Through Tithes and Offerings	Lynn Arseneau
Benediction	Pastor Jim

## FELLOWSHIP

## WORK DAY

Saturday, September 30, 9am to Noon

The dormitory has been razed but the work is not finished. Your help is needed to pick up small sticks and pieces of metal which sit on top of the broken concrete blocks surrounding the slab. These will be deposited in the remaining dumpster. Many hands will make light work. Please consider helping. Ray Peebles will be leading this work.

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**Please note that our Quarterly Member's Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am.**

### ***OTHER DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR***

November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm, **THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, **CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP**

### **KEEPING YOU INFORMED!**

***Attendance Last Sunday—52***

**Offering Last Sunday--\$2,321      Budgeted--\$3,556**  
**Offering This Fiscal Year--\$112,118      Budgeted--\$103,124**

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**NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUPS START NEXT WEEK!**

## **“GOD’S UNCOMMON MAN”**

**Men’s Group-- Mondays beginning October 2  
Meets at the Church, 6:30 to 7:45pm**

Do you ever wonder what it looks like to be a man of faith? In this three-session series, sportscaster James Brown and former NFL coach Tony Dungy will teach us what it means to be an “uncommon man”—a man who follows God faithfully. Are you ready to take the next step in your life of faith? Learn what it takes in God’s Uncommon Man.

**There is no cost for this course.**

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## **Women’s Bible Study and Fellowship**

**Tuesdays beginning October 3  
Meets at the Church, 10am to Noon**

Ladies are invited to meet together for a time of fellowship and spiritual growth through the study of Biblical truths. You will make deeper connections with other women and grow in your understanding and application of the Scripture. Whether you are a seasoned Bible student or just starting out, you’ll find a supportive community and enrich your faith. The specific study topic and material for this class will be announced next Sunday.

## **COFFEE AND A TASTE OF HONEY**

**Tuesdays beginning October 3  
Group Meets at the Church, 6:30 to 8pm  
(Fellowship 6:30 to 7pm, Study 7 to 8 pm)**

## **“TEACH US TO PRAY”**

You are probably familiar with “The Lord’s Prayer.” Perhaps you can recite it verbatim. Or perhaps you’ve recited it so many times that the words fail to make much sense to you anymore. In this eight-part series, pastor Ranjit David explains how the Lord’s Prayer is much more than a model prayer. Instead, it is a declaration that establishes God’s reign not just in Heaven, but on Earth as well when we mean what we pray. The Lord’s prayer is not ritualistic dogma or a magical mantra but a deeply conversational one-on-one appointment with our Father. **There is no cost for this course.**

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## **BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP**

**Thursdays beginning October 5, 7 to 8:30pm  
(First meeting will be at the church)**

## **“TETELESTAI”**

This 12-session study will help you trace God’s hand from the Garden of Eden to the Risen Christ and unfold the breathtaking story of a God who passionately loves humanity and paid the ultimate price for our Rescue. Whether you are spiritually curious or seeking to grow deeper in your understanding of God, this series will help you catch a stunning view of God’s love and how much He desires to have a relationship with you. Note that this group will meet at the church for the first session but may move to the Pastor’s home for later sessions. Cost of Material--\$10

## “PURITY AND MARRIAGE”

(1 Corinthians 7:1-9)

**Introduction:** <sup>1a</sup> Now concerning the things about which you wrote,

### I. THE PROTECTION OF MARRIAGE

<sup>1b</sup> it is good for a man not to touch a woman. <sup>2</sup> But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband.

### II. THE PROMISE OF MARRIAGE

<sup>3</sup> The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. <sup>4</sup> The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*. <sup>5</sup> Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

### III. THE PROSPECT OF MARRIAGE

<sup>6</sup> But this I say by way of concession, not of command. <sup>7</sup> Yet I wish that all men were even as I myself am. However, each man has his own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that. <sup>8</sup> But I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is good for them if they remain even as I. <sup>9</sup> But if they do not have self-control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn *with passion*.

### CONCLUSION: