

## 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.*

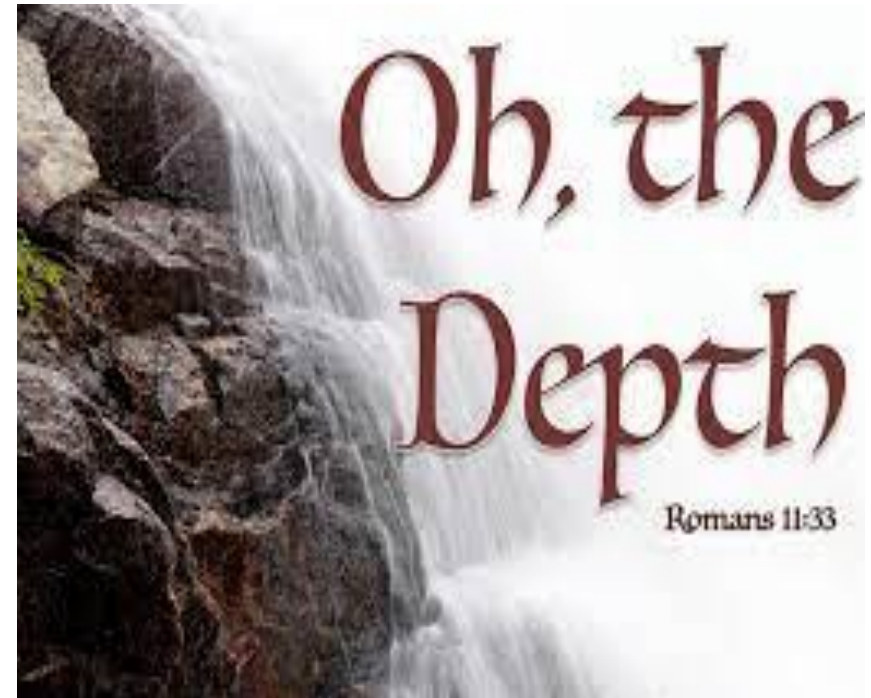
*The children will be dismissed to their class by the Pastor during the service.*

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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 9:30am	WORSHIP CELEBRATION
10:40	FELLOWSHIP
11am	ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASSES
MONDAY, 6:30pm	MEN'S GROUP
TUESDAY, 10am	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP
6:30pm	COFFEE & A TASTE OF HONEY BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, 5pm	LANDSCAPING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
THURSDAY, 7pm	TETELESTAI BIBLE STUDY
FRIDAY, 6pm	YOUTH GROUP

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!



# OPEN DOOR CHURCH

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## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

October 15, 2023

Call to Worship Chip Winnard

*"My Hope Is In You, Lord"*

*"Ancient of Days"*

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim

Biblical Truth Skit Pastor Jim & Ali

Prayer Pastor Jim

*"Amazing Grace"*

*"Great Are You, Lord"*

Prayer Chip Winnard

Dismissal of Children to Class

**"THE MYSTERY OF ISRAEL"**

**Romans 11:25-36**

Opportunity for Decision Chip Winnard

Offertory Prayer Pastor Jim

Worship in Tithes and Offerings Lynn Arseneau

*"The God Who Stays"*

Benediction Pastor Jim

## ISRAEL-GAZA WAR

*What Can We Do?*

In the early morning hours of October 7, 2023, militants with the terrorist group Hamas launched a surprise, multi-pronged assault on Israel — beginning with missile strikes near Tel Aviv — with thousands dead and injured from both sides within the first 24 hours. The assault is the broadest in decades, escalating the long-simmering conflict into all-out war — displacing thousands.

The Southern Baptist crisis response agency, Send Relief, is working with partners in Israel and the region to quickly respond to needs of people reeling from the effects of war and displacement. Gifts can be made through them to aid in the provision of trauma care, food, medical care, and hygiene supplies. Send Relief is working with Baptist Village, a non-profit organization near Tel Aviv, to provide urgently needed refuge and resources for vulnerable and displaced people during this war. The center has been a place of refreshment and reconciliation since the late 1940s. *If you wish to contribute toward these relief efforts, please make your check to Open Door Church and designate it for "Send Relief."*

**You can give, but we all must also pray for innocent victims of the war in both Israel and Gaza.**

Pray for survivors and the thousands injured in the fighting, as well as hostages and prisoners of war.

Pray for the families and individuals displaced due to the sudden conflict.

Pray for thousands grieving the loss of loved ones.

Pray for needed resources such as food, water, and medicine to reach those impacted by the conflict.

Pray that the terrorists responsible for these attacks will be brought to justice.

## LANDSCAPING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

You have likely noticed the trees and shrubs that have been purchased and placed on the northern side of our Worship Center. Now, all they need is to be planted! Could you join us this Wednesday evening to get that task accomplished?

Work will begin at 5 and continue until sunset.

The ground on that side of the building is very hard and rocky. A garden tiller would be of great help if you have one that you could bring. Other than that, we need shovels, picks, anything that will help us dig holes and removed the grass. Let us beautify this space for the glory of God!

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Please be sure to download our church app which can be found with a search on your App tab on your I-phone. There is no cost to getting the app but a major cost in not having it since that is where you can learn of events at ODC, post prayer requests, and find the contact information for those affiliated with our church. (Be sure to post your information so others can find you as well!)

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## KEEPING YOU INFORMED!

***Attendance Last Sunday—57***

**Offering Last Sunday--\$4,776      Budgeted--\$3,556**

**Offering This Fiscal Year--\$124,321      Budgeted--\$113,792**

**Benevolence Offering--\$348**

## "THE MYSTERY OF ISRAEL"

Romans 11:25-36

### Introduction:

#### I. GOD'S MYSTERIOUS DESTINY FOR ISRAEL

<sup>25</sup> For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; <sup>26a</sup> and so all Israel will be saved;

#### II. GOD'S MYSTERIOUS DELIVERER OF ISRAEL

<sup>26b</sup> just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB." <sup>27</sup> "THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS."

#### III. GOD'S MYSTERIOUS DESCRIPTION OF ISRAEL

<sup>28</sup> From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of *God's* choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; <sup>29</sup> for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

#### IV. GOD'S MYSTERIOUS DESIRE FOR ISRAEL

<sup>30</sup> For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.

**CONCLUSION:** <sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! <sup>34</sup> For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? <sup>35</sup> Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? <sup>36</sup> For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.