



OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mid Week Message

Gather... Connect... Grow... Impact!

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“What do we do? KEEP IT SIMPLE!”

One of my responsibilities at Open Door Christian Church is to help us transition into a church God envisioned us to be in the 21st Century. The church will take on a new feel while resolving the problems of the past. The problems you identified are:

1. Conflict had gotten out of control,
2. Lack of young people,
3. Lack of communication,
4. **Confusion over what we are to do,**
5. Not sure of the church's purpose,
6. Can't keep a preacher.

NOTE: These are the same issues that plague 200,000 churches in America that cause 10-12,000 churches to close each year!

DOUBLE NOTE: Very few churches are making the effort to do what you are doing! We are becoming a model of hope for struggling churches!

For the next several weeks, I will give the solution to these issues that will go a long way to being a healthy Body of Jesus Christ.

The concern being addressed in this article is outlined in red: **Confusion over what we are to do!**

I could go all day in discussing why there is a lot of confusion over what we (individually and collectively as the church) are supposed to be doing. But for the sake of space, I'll **KEEP IT SIMPLE! We are a huge part of God's plan to fix the world!**

1. What is God's vision for the world? To establish God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.
2. What is Jesus' role within God's vision? To show the world what God's Kingdom looks like, what it does, how it is different from the human impulses that influence the world, and what those of us who choose to follow Jesus are to commit to living and doing.
3. What is the Church's mission? To continue where Jesus left off in build God's Kingdom under the guidance of his teachings and spirit.
4. What is God's Kingdom, what does it look like, and how do I fit in it? Matthew's Gospel chapters 5, 6, & 7.
5. What is OUR PERSONAL role within the church?
 - a. To grow into maturity in Christ by studying Jesus' teachings as a foundation to our faith.
 - b. Once the base is solidified, expand to other teachings supported by Jesus' teachings until we find our role within the building process of God's Kingdom.
 - c. When we discover our purpose within God's Kingdom, then joy and fulfilment will rule our lives and the world will know who Jesus is by our love.

We open ourselves up to allow Jesus to influence our lives and use us to serve others in the way God designed us to serve. It is in our serving that we are served! I believe it's that simple! Yet, it takes commitment, desire, and a willingness to grow to get there...but it's that simple.

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