



OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mid Week Message

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

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“Communication”

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:

- Conflict had gotten out of control,
- Lack of young people,
- **Lack of communication,**
- Confusion over what we are to do,
- Not sure of the church’s purpose,
- 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: **Lack of communication!**

The three certainties of life are death, taxes, and lack of church communication....

The lack of church communication takes place because there is a disconnection between the congregation and the leadership! Leadership is defined as clergy, those on the Administration council, and those leading a ministry team or small group.

Church participation has steadily decreased over the decades as community activities increased making the art of communication more difficult. Communication is a two-way street that requires intentional effort. Both parties (Leadership and congregation) need to put equal effort to create a well-informed congregation. The way to get EVERYONE on the same page as a church family is to do the following:

- 1. Leadership:** Leadership is responsible for sharing important information that effects congregational life. Important information will get shared 4 ways: An email blast to the entire congregation on critical information, the Newsletter, in worship, and within the small groups. The leadership’s responsibility is to get information out to the congregation.
- 2. Congregation:** If the leadership is doing their part, the congregation must do their part! Every person in the congregation is expected to commit to 4 things: Be in worship (live, zoom, Facebook), connect with a small group, participate in a ministry (this will come later), and read your newsletter and email blasts. Engaging in the life of the church is best way to keep informed. It takes both parties committing to this process of communication to resolve this problem.

Communication is a two-way street. The Leadership shares the information and the active people in the congregation take the time and effort to receive it. Both groups are critical! Even so, sometime information gets lost unintentionally. If you need information, contacting your small group leader is a great start.

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