



# OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## Mid Week Message

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

APRIL 8, 2022

### Our Focus: Three Commands of Jesus

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

- Matthew 28:16-20

M28 is a descriptive name for a structure we are installing into the church. This structure is influenced by the first century churches who responded to Jesus' commands. The method we will be using is different because it utilizes our strengths to reach the unique needs of the three generations absent from the church. We will discuss our strengths many times this year.

M28 relives three commands Jesus gave to his disciples:

- Matthew 28:16-20 – defines our mission as a church
- Luke 14:15-23 – defines our direction
- John 13:12-20, 34-35 – defines the behavior we must commit to growing into.

Today, we look at Matthew 28:16-20 which is where M28 receives its name. Matthew 28 is the final interaction Jesus has with his disciples before his physical presence is no longer seen. This is similar to a letter my grandfather, (a former minister and mentor), wrote me about how to conduct my ministry just before he died. 38 years later, that letter continues to be a guide.

28 is Jesus' final words and expectations he places before his disciples.

*"Go and make Disciples and make them a part of the family of God through baptism. Teach the way of life given to me by God, and help them to live this life, and rely on my presence that is not scene but a very real part of your shared lives."*

We accept the honorable role of Disciples – charged to continue Jesus' ministry by following...

- His teachings that help us understand the life he is calling us to live,
- His commands to actively participate in making God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven,
- His spirit that guides us to the places Jesus needs to us to go and do.

M28 honors the charge placed before us while creating a structure that challenges us to BE DISCIPLES before we go and MAKE DISCIPLES. Changed lives lead to changing the world. This is our calling!

The question we are addressing this year is "What is the process we will us in order to make disciples"?

*Danny*



*Family and Friends of Open Door Christian Church:*

*Come and celebrate the miracle of Easter on Sunday, April 17!*

*To prepare ourselves for the miracle of resurrection mark your calendars for the following events:*

- MAUNDY THURSDAY worship on Thursday, April 14 at 7:00pm. This worship will be a service of darkness that will begin in the Upper Room with the Passover and recall the events that would lead to the death of Jesus.*
- EASTER worship will begin with a brunch at 10:00am followed by Easter worship at 11:00!*
- Childcare will be provided in the nursery and Worship & Wonder service will take place during regular worship for children 3 years old and up.*

*Please mark your calendars, bring your family and friends to prepare our lives for the greatest events in human history!*

*Please RSVP for brunch by replying to this email, calling or texting Judy Connor, 281-797-5401, or contacting your small group leader!*

*\*Our Worship Services will also be on Zoom or Facebook Live if you are unable to attend in person.*