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Open Worship Church of Hope

Lead Article - Letter From The Pastor

Greetings in Jesus name,

I am excited to share with you that NOW IS THE TIME. We have laid a solid foundation, and set forth the Vision, made it plain and are now ready to make it happen. The Vision is to obtain our own building, open a hospice, open a Youth Center for our community as well as to bring ALL people to the knowledge of Christ as their personal Savior; if anyone is aware of an empty church not being used please let us know. We continue to see new faces and changes in our current location; we are definitely moving forward. This Vision cannot be accomplished by ONE person; but it takes us ALL to make this happen. I personally invite you to become a part of the Open Worship Church of Hope family and let's work together to make a change in lives and in our community. You may say – 'what can I do?' You can volunteer to help move forward, become a part of the church, help organize community events, donate money for any of these causes and pray daily for the success of what GOD is doing through OWCoH.

Pastor Rob

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

SPEAKING GIFTS

Wisdom
Knowledge
Prophecy
Faith
Tongues
Interpreting Tongues
Apostle
Teacher
Encouragement
Leadership
Evangelist
Pastor-Teacher

Inside Article - Ordination

In accordance with the bylaws of Open Worship Church of Hope, the church board officially ordained Pastor Robert Stamper to serve as our Pastor. The congregation voiced their agreement and stretched forth holy hands in confirmation. The ordination was a great moment for the church. It was a symbol of unity, church structure and fellowship. We are thankful for the path that God is leading us and down and walk with humility toward the foundation and vision he has set forth.



Pastor's Ordination with board members Adam and Olemuel

Inside Article - GAAAP



The Global Alliance of Affirming Apostolic Pentecostals is a diverse group of people who share a passionate love for Jesus Christ and the gospel of His death, burial and resurrection. Since its inception as a ministerial alliance, they have grown on many levels to now find themselves adding churches to their roster so that the new churches can benefit from organizational affiliation. GAAAP was pleased and honored to ordain Bro. Robert Stamper recently and they (and we) are expecting great things from this man of God. We anticipate wonderful fellowship between our church and the GAAAP. It is our prayerful heart's desire to touch our world with the unconditional love of Jesus Christ. Standing together shoulder to shoulder with those of "like precious faith," we will contend for that "faith which was once delivered unto the saints." The Lord is coming soon and we must "win for the Lamb the fruit of His suffering," waiting for that blessed hope of the church, the return of Jesus Christ. Until He returns however, let us labor for the Master giving praise until His Name! We welcome and rejoice in the alliance between Open Worship Church of Hope and the GAAAP alliance!!!

Sermon

Love the person in the
mirror.
God Does.

James 4:6, Ephesians 1:14,
Romans 12:1-5, Matthew
22:39, 2 Corinthians 10:12
5/2/2010

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

SERVING GIFTS

Faith
Healing
Miracles
Service
Discerning Spirits
Administration
Giving
Helps
Mercy

Church Vision Statement

The church has adopted an official Vision Statement. A vision statement is supposed to be a brief summary of what the church's goals are centered around. OWCH's vision statement is "To give hope to the hopeless, to be a friend to the friendless, to be Christ-like in word and deed, and to be a family to all."

The church leadership feels that this statement reflects everything that we have done thus far and where we intend to go. It also echoes that we intend to be a family to all. The church is for the people, to serve the people and to be a place where people commune together like a family.

New Website

The new Open Worship Church of Hope website has been launched. The site (<http://www.owcoh.com>) still has some tweaks necessary to the 'Calendar Of Events' page. Those updates will be done in the coming weeks. The rest of the content is complete. There are a couple of links to some GLBTQ information that will also be useful for those not immediately in our community; such as a link to a website containing a listing of GLBT affirming churches across the nation. There is also a link to the GAAAP (Global Alliance of Affirming Apostolic Pentecostals) which our Pastor was recently ordained into. Take some time to review the site, forward it to friends and family (including 'family'), and let us know what you think. What would you be interested in seeing our website contain?

Sermon

You are not protected if you
run!
Move Forward.

Ephesians 6:10-18
5/9/2010

Church Attendance

Date	Attendees
May 2, 2010	12
May 9, 2010	12
May 16, 2010	13
May 23, 2010	14
May 30, 2010	15

Read Bible in a Year
Daily Scripture
Reading and Reflection

June

- 1 - Ezra 9-10
- 2 - Nehemiah 1-3
- 3 - Nehemiah 4-6
- 4 - Nehemiah 7-8
- 5 - Nehemiah 9-10
- 6 - Nehemiah 11-13
- 7 - Esther 1-3
- 8 - Esther 4-7
- 9 - Esther 8-10
- 10 - Job 1-5
- 11 - Job 6-10
- 12 - Job 11-15
- 13 - Job 16-21
- 14 - Job 22-28
- 15 - Job 29-33
- 16 - Job 34-37
- 17 - Job 38-42
- 18 - Psalms 1-9
- 19 - Psalms 10-17
- 20 - Psalms 18-22
- 21 - Psalms 23-31
- 22 - Psalms 32-37
- 23 - Psalms 38-44
- 24 - Psalms 45-51
- 25 - Psalms 52-59
- 26 - Psalms 60-67
- 27 - Psalms 68-71
- 28 - Psalms 72-77
- 29 - Psalms 78-81
- 30 - Psalms 82-89

Sermon

His Word Still Stands!

Psalm 23
5/16/2010

Life Lesson For June (From Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)

It's part of the human condition – we often want what we don't have or what we see other people getting. Discontentment is a disease of the heart running rampant, even among the most faithful believers in Christ. Read below for some lessons in Godly contentment we can learn from the Apostle Paul.

CHOOSE AN ATTITUDE OF HUMILITY

Take a look at this piece of Paul's letter to the Philippians:

Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. – Philippians 4:11-12

Paul wrote this letter from a Roman prison, having been incarcerated for sharing his faith. By our standards here in the United States, this is a very unfair predicament. Yet, Paul did not feel he was short of anything.

He was humble to accept the circumstances he had been given, because he was humbled by the grace he had been given by God when he became a follower of Christ. He knew, at that point, that he possessed that most important thing he could ever obtain – assurance of salvation and a right relationship with his Lord.

CHOOSE AN ATTITUDE OF PRAISE

If you were to flip a few pages to the left, you would find Acts 16:25-26:

But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them; and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened.

In this passage, Paul was imprisoned (at an earlier time), along with Silas, for spreading the Gospel. They had been stripped and beaten severely. Instead of complaining or lamenting, the two men began to sing praises to their God.

It's probably safe to say they didn't feel like praising the Lord, but they chose to have a grateful heart. They literally "brought down the house" with their songs of praise! The floor of the prison were shaken by an earthquake, and everyone in their midst were set free. Not only were the other prisoners set free by their praise, the heart of the jailer was changed (verses 31-40).

It's interesting to see that their attitude about their circumstances not only pleased God, it impacted other people – it freed them. We can become so caught up in our attitude of discontentment that it affects the people in our paths. It could even keep them from wanting to know Christ. Do you think the jailer would have been attracted to a relationship with Christ if he sensed a bitter heart in Paul and Silas?

Let's commit to freedom from the bondage of discontentment through attitudes of humility and praise. By doing this, we can do more than live the abundant life in Christ that was intended for us. We can impact the world by living this outwardly for those around us to witness. By *Joy Allmond* BGEA.

Ask The Pastor

Q: If someone was Baptized before or as a child should they be Baptized again?

A: Baptism is a wonderful Blessing and an outward symbol of an inward change. By public Baptism we are showing we believe in the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and that a NEW Birth has taken place inside of us.

It is ok to be re-baptized if you have made a new commitment in Christ or was Baptized as a child and now that you are an adult and have the ability to make a conscience decision of a profession of faith for yourself.

Volunteer Your Talents

With our church being new, there are many opportunities for you to get involved. Whatever your talent we can find a place for you to help out. The church is about communing together to help us grow in Christ. As we join together to work toward our common mission we become a stronger family and church. So, please consider volunteering to assist the church. Some ideas for thought are:

- Greeters and Ushers
- Are you musically inclined? We need lead singers and musicians.
- Event coordinator(s)
- Outreach and Charity work
- Administrative coordinator

Please see Pastor Stamper for if you'd like to help out. No amount of assistance is too small.

Submission of Articles / Newsletter Suggestions

The OWCOH newsletter is a work in progress. If you have any suggestions concerning the layout, the color scheme, flow, etc. I most welcome them. I have considered several designs and color schemes and the current scheme incorporates the new church logo and its colors. I have also incorporated recent suggestions which included keeping articles to one page and not flowing to the following page and rather than a Sermon Summary Section - to incorporate weekly sermon titles along with corresponding scripture reading in the high-light boxes.

If you have written (or would like to write) an article for the newsletter please email it to the pastor or one of the board members and the article will be reviewed and considered for publication in the newsletter.

At present, I suspect the newsletter will be published monthly, however as mentioned this is a work in progress and publication will be based on submission of content.

Larry

Sermon

The Time is Now!

Move or Lose

Philippians 4:4-20

II Thessalonians 3:9-13

5/23/2010

Sermon

The Party is up to You.

Home or Hogs!

Luke 15:11-32

5/30/2010

Upcoming Events

Date	Upcoming Event	Location	Time	Contact Person
Jun 13, 2010	Sunday Services 2 pm			
	New Members Receiving and Reception; <i>Special music by Chicagoan Brother Erik Wise.</i>	Open Worship Church of Hope following service	3:30 PM	Amy
	Quarterly Financial statement delivered to Members (in lieu of meeting).	Open Worship Church of Hope	2:00 PM	
Jul 11, 2010	OWCoH Family Picnic		12:00 PM	Pastor Rob
Jul 17, 2010	GAAAP Rally and Church Cookout 2 pm	Open Worship Church of Hope		Pastor Rob
Aug 1, 2010	Church Board Meeting	Open Worship Church of Hope.	3:45 PM	
Aug 6, 2010	Church Sponsorship of "First Friday" at the Bistro	Bistro	5:00 PM	
Aug 15, 2010	Church Event Outing		TBD	Jai
Sep 12, 2010	Quarterly Members Meeting	Open Worship Church of Hope.	7:00 PM	
Sep __, 2010 (TBD)	Church Event Outing - Movie Night (snacks/ drinks provided)	TBD	TBD	Larry
Nov 7, 2010	Church Board Meeting	Open Worship Church of Hope.	7:00 PM	
Feb 6, 2011	Church Board Meeting	Open Worship Church of Hope.	7:00 PM	

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ALL ARE WELCOME !