



# CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## OPEN THE DOOR

**O**pen the Door If not for Amazon, FedEx, and Grub Hub, no one would ever visit my house. The age of the pandemic has me dependent on the "drop and knock" procedures of today's delivery services. I get a courtesy text alerting me to my delivery, and sometimes I get a picture of the dropped-off package. Thanks to my fairly trustworthy neighborhood, I'm comfortable with my packages being secure for a while. I have a certain amount of faith in that regard. My faith, however, begins and ends with the Word.

With Jesus, the scriptures give me a snapshot of a really special delivery: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20.) I can think of no better gift to arrive at my door. And the fountain is FREE! Can you imagine ignoring a knock on your door and overlooking a text message...from HIM?

What if I were to open the door and see...NO ONE! He's not gonna wait for us if we take our time answering his call. This scripture not only speaks to me in regards to answering his knock and putting him on in baptism, but also in my daily walk with him.


We have an opportunity to answer his call every day. Ministering to those in need, serving others in this time of distress, and spreading God's word and Jesus' call to save. As we continue to deal with our ever-changing physical world, let's not forget to answer the call...the knock of our Lord. The time is now. There's no better gift.

<sup>20</sup>"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door"

Be blessed!  
David A. Brantford

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## REMINDERS:

~Please silence your *cell phones*.   
~There is no *eating* allowed in the auditorium.

~Please be diligent in observing **CDC guidelines** by getting vaccinated, sanitizing, social distancing, and masking up. This includes wearing a proper fitting mask that covers both your mouth and nose.

~Please dispose of your used **communion cups** in the trash can in the foyer .

~You are encouraged to use the **PayPal** option for electronic offerings.

## FOR PRAYERS :

Please seek prayers for traveling grace as many families will be returning from their vacations.

Continue to pray for and encourage our new members Bros. William Lawton and David Croom and Sis. Nicole Tillman.

Please pray for Christopher Strickland as he is experiencing some health issues, Sis. Webster; who is having some health challenges, Sis. Wyatt, Sis. Doris Davis who will have a procedure next week and Sis. Annette Brantford.

**Reminder:** Bro. Webster will be taking some time off and will be back at the end of July. Please keep the Webster family in your prayers.

## CLASSES:

The Sunday morning **children's bible class** teacher is Sis. Jameka (lower level-2G).

The Sunday morning **young adult class** is temporarily being held in the auditorium.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANIVERSARIES

### THIS WEEK:

### BIRTHDAYS~

Bro. Booker Carter	Mon.-	July 11th
Bro. Robert Webster	Fri.-	July 15th
Sis. Ann-Marie Webster	Fri.-	July 15th
Sis. Doris Davis	Fri.-	July 15th
Sis. Debra Ellis	Sat.-	July 16th

### ANNIVERSARIES~ NONE

### SKILLS BANK~

Remember to submit your information, and do your own verification for licensing.

**Sis. Webster & Sis. Tillman**.....Real Estate Agents

**Sis. Debra Woodard** .....Financial Advisor

**Gambles** ..... Property Preservation & Custom Home Décor

### Order of Service

Song

Announcement

Song

Opening Prayer

Song

Scripture Reading

Song

Sermon

Song

Lord's Supper

Offering

Song

Closing Prayer

### Last Week's Record

Sunday AM Worship & Zoom	59
Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom)	43
Last Sunday offering:	\$4441.92
Weekly Budget	\$2625.00