



CHURCH OF THE  
**OPEN DOOR**

**2018** YEAR IN  
REVIEW

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I'm reminded today that our destiny as a community far surpasses our potential in ourselves. God has fashioned a destiny that is unique to our church and each year we see His powerful and loving hand execute His beautiful plan.

We are imperfect disciples of Christ who come boldly to the throne of grace, asking to be a part of His plan, and in 2018 He graciously allowed us once again to be a part of His unfolding plan in some dramatic ways.

A year ago, we began asking God to give us 100 stories of grace. We wanted to record one hundred times where we saw God intervene in time and history to show His glory, grace and love. As a result, God gave us 125 personal accounts from the "ordinary" lives of our people. These stories shared how the God of the universe healed or opened up doors for us to share His gracious gift of salvation or miraculously reconciled relationships.

A year ago, we continued to ask God to pay off the mortgage on our Worship Center. At that time we had very little paid off of the principal of the loan. We had no idea what He was going to do, but He did. In one year He helped us pay nearly \$800,000 off the principal of the loan and gave us hope that He may even pay off this loan by 2025.

In 2018 God showed His provision over and over.

Here's what we have found in this community at Church of the Open Door: not only is prayer the fundamental way that God enters into our weakness and demonstrates His power and strength, but there is also something He wants to do as we pray together.

Jesus' high priestly prayer in John 17 is "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that You sent Me" (vs. 21). Jesus' continuous work is to expand our hearts as we continue to expand our capacity to trust Him together.

We praise Him for His unifying care of us and His amazing supply. We praise Him for the joy of trusting Him with all that we have and all that we are.

Much love,  
David Anderson

# YEAR IN REVIEW

What happened at Church of the Open Door in 2018? Here's a glimpse, using our four core distinctives as a guide:

## WORD

Teaching God's Unchanging **WORD**: We concluded two years in the book of John and started a series in Proverbs, called Trust Wisdom. Small groups continued to meet, both on and off campus and on every day of the week, to engage with God's Word together. Our missionaries regularly shared stories of how they had opportunity to share the gospel of grace with people they care for in the countries where they serve.

## COMMUNITY

Trusting Grace In **COMMUNITY**: The August evening of baptisms at the pool was a time of great joy! The place was packed as those gathered celebrated with 12 people, both children and adults, as they shared their desire to follow Jesus in baptism and were then baptized. We said farewell to several members of the COD team (Brian de la Cruz, Justin Townsend, Nicole Bernardini and Annette Greek) and welcomed Lisa Joens, Kellie Adamian and Janet Holden to our staff. It was a privilege to work together to invite and welcome thousands from the surrounding communities to the campus for Easter services, VBA, IDRAFOJE, Trunk or Treat, Living Nativity and Christmas services.

## PRAYER

Moving Forward Through Bold **PRAYER**: We regularly prayed the 2018 Breakthrough Prayers and saw the Lord answer in spectacular ways, including giving us over 100 stories of His amazing grace, the gift of a large estate, and an amazing response from the COD family to paying down the principal of our loan. Our Sunday morning prayer teams met faithfully week after week to pray for the needs of the church and the COD family. Over 100 people prayed weekly through a list of specific requests sent in by our missionaries.

## DISCIPLESHIP

Making **DISCIPLES** Of All Nations: Throughout the year our community soccer leagues, Azusa Release Time volunteers, Club 3:16 helpers, Christian Club leaders and Care Ministry members quietly served and asked the Lord to allow them to make a difference in the lives of people right here in the San Gabriel Valley. During the summer a team from our high school group spent a week with our sister church in Tecate, Mexico, continuing our long-term partnership with them in offering a VBS to children in their community. In January we were thrilled to send out Kris & Heather Hoffman (and kids!) to work as missionary teachers and disciplers of students in Spain. Later in the year we were excited to send Rebecca Young to join this same ministry in a short term capacity.

# THE YEAR IN NUMBERS

ACTIVE MEMBERS

420

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

28

NEW MEMBERS

17

REGULAR ATTENDEES

258

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

488

BAPTISMS

12

## ASSETS AS OF 12/31/18

PETTY CASH	1,808
CHECKING ACCOUNT	119,803
RESERVE FUND	586,170
MERCY FUND	9,744
TOTAL CASH	718,527
PROPERTY/EQUIPMENT (FIXED ASSETS)	11,091,348
TOTAL ASSETS	11,809,875

OUR MORTGAGE  
(ORIGINAL LOAN: 5,000,000)

3,759,300

# from our Board of Elders

One thing I have learned during my time at Church of the Open Door is that each year tends to bring something new or unexpected. This year one of the most amazing things that happened was the way God moved to begin answering our prayer to pay off the Worship Center debt by 2025. As we started the year, we had no idea how God would answer this prayer.

The answer came as God worked in the hearts of a large number of people who faithfully prayed, listened to His voice and acted in faith.

This is one of those unusual times in which the results of God's actions in response to prayer can be quantified. While our debt is still very significant, here are a couple of different ways to look at the progress we have made.

- At the start of 2018 we owed 4.48 million dollars and by the end of the year our debt was reduced to 3.75 million.
- In 2018 we reduced our debt more than we had since we originated the loan in July of 2012.
- We shortened the time we will be paying on the loan by about six years.

I really want to express my appreciation to everyone who contributed to this effort and I am very excited to see how God will continue to answer this prayer during 2019.

Sincerely,  
Bob Ketterling  
Chairman of the Board

## 2018 Breakthrough Prayers

Father, please keep us one.

Father, please give us 100 stories of grace released.

Father, please give us all the joy of regular giving.

Father, please move 40 of us to lead Gospel of John groups.

Father, please retire the Worship Center mortgage by 2025.

# GOD'S PROVISION

## REVENUE

BUDGET	ACTUAL	
2,150,000	1,879,613	(regular giving)
	973,745	(estate giving)
	569,156	(Principal Project gifts)
	3,422,514	TOTAL giving

DEPT. EXPENSE	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUALS	2019 PROPOSED
Salaries/Taxes/403b	727,385	715,399	726,390
General (includes mortgage)	472,400	466,304	469,595
Properties (Maint + Improv)	383,100	376,271	598,000
Missions	242,955	233,869	236,410
Health Insurance	125,500	133,066	149,000
Children's Ministry	59,425	56,992	57,900
Student Ministry	62,085	66,186	73,235
Adult Education	21,280	18,838	21,700
Music/Worship	12,020	8,090	12,020
Communications	10,700	6,839	8,600
Assimilation/Small Grps	7,200	3,851	6,200
Executive	950	951	950
Contingency	25,000	0	25,000
<b>Total Dept Expense</b>	<b>2,150,000</b>	<b>2,086,656</b>	<b>2,385,000</b>
Principal Proj expense		569,156	
Estate Princ Proj Exp		200,000	
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>2,855,812</b>	
<b>Surplus (giving - exp)</b>		<b>566,702</b>	