



There's still time to "purchase" a reserved seat along the parade route for the Rose Parade on January 1, 2020! To get more info, stop by the Rose Parade ticket table out front today or contact info@churchoftheopendoor.com. Your involvement in this fundraiser helps students raise money for winter camp!

**COMING
SOON**



ELDER BOARD CANDIDATES - We're excited to share with you the candidates for the upcoming elder board election! Listed alphabetically, they are: *Harout Ayvazian, Robert Gray, Matt Ketterling, Ed Newkirk, Steve Quatro and Ericson Salma*. Members of Church of the Open Door will receive a ballot soon. The results of the election will be shared at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2020.

COD 101 - If you're newer to Church of the Open Door (COD) or simply looking to find out more about this church family, we invite you to be part of COD 101! This is a seven-week class to help you get to know us. It will start on Sunday, January 12 at 9am and we'd love for you to join. Questions? Contact info@churchoftheopendoor.com or sign up on our Church Center app.

FIRST FRIDAY DINNER - Ladies, the Friday night dinner group will be back in action on Friday, January 3 at 6:30pm at Marie Callendar's in Azusa. They'd love to welcome you to this time of connection and laughter over a meal. Questions? Contact Coordinator Holly Toro at 858-776-2795.



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THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY...

Welcome! We are so glad you are here! There are multiple ways for you and your family to connect with our community on campus:

Visit our **Connect Center** in front of the Worship Center.

Grab a **Welcome Packet** to find out more about our church, ministries, and ways for you to get connected. Attached is a coupon for you to enjoy a complimentary drink from our coffee shop - **Sixth & Hope** - located just north of the Worship Center

We would love to get to know you better or pray for you! Let us know you joined us today by filling out a **Connection Card** located in the seat in front of you.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

YTD GENERAL FUND: \$1,741,574
YTD NEEDED: \$2,100,961
YTD PRINCIPAL PROJECT: \$370,129.16

SUBSCRIBE!

Receive all the latest info by downloading our church app, *Church Center*, in your app or play store or subscribe to *The Open Door Weekly* at info@churchoftheopendoor.com.

THIS WEEK AT COD:

NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

For more information on upcoming EVENTS, visit our website.

CHRISTMAS LOVE

I CORINTHIANS 13:1-8

Christmas is an intriguing time of the year where we work really hard to make love work. We want life to feel different and we don't want it to feel like the rest of the year. So we max out credit cards; we spend weeks planning and cooking and eating; we pretend to like people we can't stand with the dream that somehow this thing we call love will really manifest during this Christmas season.

During this season what I discover every year without fail is that I am pretty lousy at love. Maybe I'm not alone? It could be that you have discovered a listless heart in you as well?

Why did Jesus come on Christmas Day? What sent Him here? Why did He take on human flesh and die a criminal's death for us? It wasn't because He looked upon the selfishness and sin of our lives and said, "They are just fine without Me."

Why did He come? He came because of HIS LOVE!

God is underwriting this whole love project. He is funding this whole thing. Even our gifts to Him, He has paid for. You are playing with house money and you are called to spend every ounce of the love you received in Christ Jesus on others. His heart is that we would give away His love without obligation, without announcement, without reservation, without hypocrisy.

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We love because we were first loved on Christmas!

MAIN IDEA



Join us at 10:45am next Sunday, December 29, for ONE SERVICE to close out 2019. (Please note: there will be no 9am service next week!) Our nursery and CODkids program will be closed; children are welcome to attend the family friendly service with their parents.