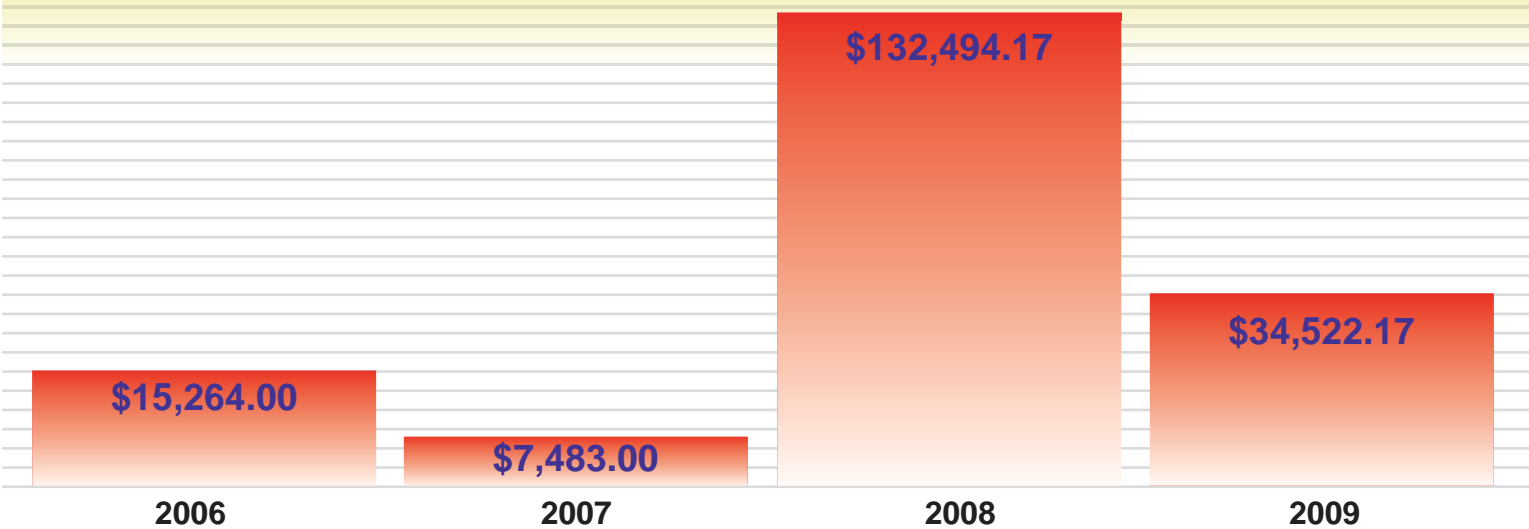


Lighting The Vision Giving

Giving to Lighting the Vision Since It Began



Our Lighting the Vision giving goal is \$231,000.00. These numbers reflect our giving since the very beginning of this program.

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News & Information of the Ongoing Miracle at The Open Door Church

Clarifying our Vision

Pastor Mike Sanders

A preacher came to the breakfast table with a cut on his cheek. His wife asked him what had happened. He replied that he was concentrating on his sermon while shaving and cut his face. His wife said, "Maybe you should concentrate on your shaving and cut your sermons." There are many things that may need to be cut out or cut back on but, vision is not one of them.

The importance of goals in life cannot be overstated. Deciding where you want to go and determining the most appropriate route are fundamental to any accomplishment. However, vision is much more than goal-setting. Having a vision means not only knowing where you want to go and the best means of getting there, it also means knowing why the destination is important.

Scripture tells us that "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18)

Any organization without a vision or any institution with a muddled vision is at best, spinning its wheels and, worst still deteriorating into shambles.

Why Should We Have A Vision?

At The Open Door Church we have a vision because we are on assignment. (John 17:18 KJV) "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." God has given The Open Door Church an assignment from heaven.

Bring them in, build them up, and send them out. We are committed to this task more than ever. We believe achieving this task will bring glory to our Savior.

At The Open Door Church, we have a vision because equipping and edification is our job. Ephesians 4:12 (NKJV) "for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of

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The Journey

by Clay Brewer

The Open Door Church has embarked upon a faith based journey of Lighting the Vision and my family is glad to be a part of that journey. Before we had even arrived, the foundation, like so much of The Open Door, had been established with faithful members seeing a need for upgrading the lighting. Since that time, the whole Lighting the Vision was presented to the church which included not only lighting, but several upgrades with the purpose to "Bring them in and Send them out" by reaching as many people with the Gospel of Christ.

It seems like yesterday that the whole church family came together on "Miracle Offering Sunday" to watch and see how God would provide for his people. As we look back on each stage and how each portion of the Vision has been utilized it brings everything together. For instance, we have not only seen the benefits during our worship time, but the CVCS graduation was able to show how the lighting added to the ceremony - especially when all the lights went out and the new graduates were highlighted walking down the center isle. It was accomplished without anyone in the baptistry area manually turning lights on and off. Also, during Vacation Bible School, it is apparent how the dual screen projection showcases just the brief potential of the audio visual effects and how they were able to capture the kids attention the whole time. The wider stage has been able to provide enough room for the choir and orchestra as well as the school production of Charlie Brown. We look forward to the final stage of procuring camera equipment and televising Sunday worship service to a wider audience of lost souls and encouraging existing believers.

It's easy to get caught up on the economic turmoil we all have been facing, but it is exciting to see how God provides a way to accomplish His purpose. As it has been said from the pulpit, it will never be about the amount of the gift, but that we come together as a family and participate in the Vision.

4 PHASES

PHASE 1 - \$126,000

Replace all of the lighting in the sanctuary with lighting that gives light more efficiently.

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PHASE 2 - \$25,000

Build a new platform to provide a better space from which to minister.

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PHASE 3 - \$25,000

New screens and projectors located on either side in the front of the sanctuary giving us a clear view of our baptistry and the cross.

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PHASE 3 - \$65,000

Purchase new TV ministry equipment.

Yet To Do

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the body of Christ," There is no greater joy than to see lives changed as we invest in them. Every leader is committed to developing each person into the full potential God has created them with.

How do we establish a vision?

Vision always begins with knowing our purpose. We have not forgotten why The Open Door Church was started and why we are here. It is that purpose that motivates us everyday. Vision continues by developing our strategy. Through the years, we may have to change our strategy, but the mission remains clear. Vision is accomplished by building our team. We thank God for the team of teachers, parents and volunteers that help us to accomplish the vision.

About 350 years ago, a shipload of travelers landed on the northeast coast of America. The first year, they established a town site. The next year, they elected a town government. The third year, the town government planned to build a road five miles westward into the wilderness.

In the fourth year, the people tried to impeach their town government because they thought it was a waste of public funds to build a road five miles westward into a wilderness. Who needed to go there anyway?

Here were people who had the vision to see three thousand miles across an ocean and overcome great hardships to get there. But, in just a few years, they were not able to see even five miles out of town. They had lost their pioneering vision. With a clear vision of what we can become in Christ, no ocean of difficulty is too great. Without it, we rarely move beyond our current boundaries. May it never be said of The Open Door Church we lost our vision!

MIRACLE OFFERING RECEIVED: \$195,000.00