WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

December 14, 2025

ISRAEL & GREECE TRIPS INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

The Bible comes alive in the countries where the accounts that build our faith in the Lord happened. We have two journeys coming up this year—one to Israel and one to Greece. If you are interested in either, you are invited to attend an informational meeting covering trip details and questions you may have.

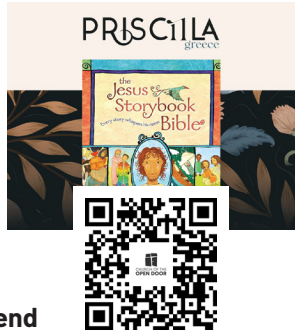
- **ISRAEL TRIP MEETING: Sunday, Dec. 14 @ 5PM – Room 200, Elyria Campus**
- **GREECE TRIP MEETING: Sunday, Dec. 14 @ 6PM – Room 200, Elyria Campus**

YEAR END GIVING PROJECT

This year, we are privileged to be partnering with **Priscilla Greece, a ministry working to provide gospel-centered books in the Greek language in order to better disciple Christians, especially for children.** Their current goal is to translate, design, print, publish and distribute 1,000 copies of *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by next Christmas.

Our aim is to completely fund this project and help bring Christ-centered discipleship to children and families in Greece. Any gifts beyond this need will go towards closing the deficit in Open Door's general fund. All donations are tax-deductible.

Ways to give: Text "YEAREND" to 440.323.4644 • Scan the QR code to the right • Visit opendoor.tv/yearend



NIGHT TO SHINE • FEBRUARY 13, 2026

We are proud to be an official host church for the 2026 Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom-night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older.

The night features a red carpet, dinner and dessert, music, karaoke, dancing, limo rides, photo opportunities, a crowning ceremony, and more. Join us for an unforgettable evening!

We need volunteers who will play a key role in making this night special: text '**SHINE**' to 440.323.4644 to discover how you can help

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

3 & 5 PM

Childcare for 4 and under

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SERMON NOTES

Room For Joseph in Jesus' Story
Matthew 1:18-25

1. **The story of Christmas upended Joseph's _____ :**
   Joseph expected...
   - **To have a conventional _____ . But instead...**
     ...his marriage was a _____ .
     ...his _____ was called into question.
     ...he did not _____ the marriage until after Jesus was born.
   - **To have a "_____" life. But instead...**
     ...he raised his family as a _____ on the run in a foreign land.
     ...he likely _____ young, even by the standards of his day.
   - **To be the _____ in his story. But instead...**
     ...his story is _____, and he is scarcely mentioned.

2. **Joseph's _____ made room for Jesus:**
   Joseph _____ God because he knew...
   - God is _____ to His promises.
   - God is _____ in our lives.
   - God is _____ in the mess.

Rather than insisting on his own way, Joseph made room for Jesus by _____ His expectations in order to participate in God's grand _____ of redemption.

Take Home Truth: *Only when we surrender our expectations to God can we make room for Him to write _____ in our lives.*