



WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

JANUARY 4, 2026



MISSION TRIPS IN 2026 - INTEREST MEETINGS

DR Summer Family/Sponsor Trip
Sunday, January 4 • 12:30PM at Lorain Campus
RSVP by email to jason@opendoor.tv

Burundi Trip
Monday, January 19 (online) • 5:30-6:30PM
For meeting info, email mark@opendoor.tv

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - WOMENS STEP STUDY • JAN. 8

When: Special introductory for women starts Thursday, January 8 at 5:30PM
Where: Elyria Campus Student Center (Formerly 800 Building)
Just show up, no registration needed!

Celebrate Recovery (CR) is not just for people wanting help with a drug or alcohol addiction, it is for anyone dealing with a hurt, a habit or a hang-up. No one who has ever completed our program's Christian 12 Steps has regretted it. CR helps people have a personal relationship with the only real higher power - Jesus Christ. CR meets weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 at the Elyria Campus in the Student Center.



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



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THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP



SERMON NOTES

JANUARY 4
WEEK 1

Core Essentials of Discipleship Luke 14:25-26

Jesus used the phrase "cannot be my _____" to clarify 3 core of discipleship:

1. Discipleship is about a _____ relationship with Jesus.

- You can _____ about Jesus in a crowd but _____ like Jesus requires a more intimate setting.
- You can be as close to Jesus as you _____ to be.
- Jesus is using the word "_____ " to refer to _____ , not _____ .

2. Discipleship is about _____ , choosing Jesus _____ .

- Jesus is not calling for _____ towards family but _____ over family.
- The choices we make _____ the life we live.

3. Discipleship is about _____ , specifically, loving _____ .

- Loving family _____ means loving Christ _____ .
- It's easier to say "no" when there's a stronger "_____ " deep within.

Core CHRISTlike Characteristic:

Connected to God through the Word and Prayer/Loving God

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