



WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

March 8, 2026



The church Governing Board is pleased to present to the congregation
LEAD PASTOR CANDIDATE: Daniel Fagbuyi

MEMBER VOTE OF AFFIRMATION — TODAY, After both 9 & 11am services



NIGHT TO SHINE VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Sunday, March 15 at 1:00PM • Elyria Campus RNC

Let us know you're coming! Text 'LUNCH' to 440.323.4644

We hope you'll join us for a special appreciation lunch as a small way to say thank you for your time, heart, and dedication. Come enjoy good food, great company, and stories of impact from the night. We also want to get your feedback that day, so we can continue to improve.

You and your family are welcome to join us! Unfortunately, we won't have childcare at the event, but kids are still welcome to hang out!

TRUEGIRL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TrueGirl Crazy Hair Tour • Friday, April 24 is a fun event for moms and daughters to grow closer to God and with each other! We are looking for volunteers who can help in areas like:

Set-up/Heavy Lifting • Merch Sales • Hospitality • Counselors ...& more!

Text 'TRUEGIRL' to 440.323.4644 to see where you could help!



Easter Weekend Service Times

GOOD FRIDAY • 6PM (all campuses)

EASTER SUNDAY

- 6:30AM Sunrise Service at Lakeview Park Beach
- 9 & 11AM at Elyria, Lorain & Vermilion
- 9AM at Avon Lake

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440.323.4644

to call, text, & register for events!

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The Grace to Grow: Understanding Christ's Desire and Design for His Church Ephesians 4:7-16

INTRODUCTION

Christ hasn't just called us to belong to a church, but He has uniquely gifted you and me to help build and grow it. We are called to move from the unity the Spirit preserves to the maturity that Christ provides.

3 Observations of Grace:

1. The _____ of Grace (vv. 7–10)
2. The _____ of Grace (vv. 11–12a)
3. The _____ of Grace (vv. 12b–16)

1. THE GIVER OF GRACE (vv. 7–10)

- Paul grounds the _____ of the grace to grow in the character of the Giver.
- Every single _____ has been divinely enabled by the victorious King for a specific and vital ministry within this body.

2. THE GIFTS OF GRACE (vv. 11–12a)

- Christ's desire for His Church is maturity, and His design for that growth includes specific leaders gifted to steady, feed, and encourage the flock.

Two Groups of Ministry Gifts:

- _____ Roles (Apostles and Prophets): Those who established the Church upon the revelatory authority of the Word.
- _____ Roles (Evangelists and Pastor-Teachers): Those who continually form the Church into the likeness of Christ through the Word.

3. THE GOAL OF GRACE (vv. 12b–16)

When the saints are equipped for the work of service, the result is the "building up" (oikodomē) of the body, leading to a three-fold manifestation of maturity:

1. The first result of our ministry to each other is: _____
 - Attaining to the full, experiential knowledge (epignosis) of the Son of God.
2. The second result of our ministry to each other is: _____
 - Remaining unshakeable and anchored against the "waves and winds" of false teaching.
3. The third result of our ministry to each other is: _____
 - Every part is working properly so that the body builds itself up in love.

THE BIG IDEA

Christ's desire and design for His Church is not passive attendance, but _____, with every member using their grace-gift so that together we grow into the full stature of Christ.

PASTORAL ENCOURAGEMENTS

As we navigate this season of transition, we anchor our hearts in these truths:

1. Trust the _____.
2. Lean into the _____.
3. Keep the _____.

