

## **OPEN DOOR OUTREACH MINISTRIES, INC. STATEMENT OF FAITH**

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Open Door Outreach Ministries, Inc. exists to evangelize and minister to the needs of the lost, sick and suffering people throughout the world IN ALL walks of life by spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through whatever means possible.

Open Door Outreach Ministries is a fellowship of believers. The various facets of ministry include, but are not limited to, local churches, mission programs, evangelistic ministries and educational outreaches. Our mission is to reach as many people as possible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to make disciples of them. This Statement of Faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself, as the inspired and only infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of doctrine, practice, policy and discipline, our Board of Directors is the organizations final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application

1. We believe there is one God who is the creator of all things.
2. We believe the Bible is the infallible God-breathed Word of God correct in all areas including: matters of faith and revelation, history and science.
3. We believe God created man for fellowship and that man's sin separated him from God.
4. We believe in a literal eternal heaven as the reward of the saved and a literal eternal hell as punishment for the damned.
5. We believe that the penalty for sin is eternal separation from God and that man has no way to redeem himself.
6. We believe God sent His son Jesus to die a substitutionary death on the Cross of Calvary to pay the penalty for sin and to provide the way to redemption for all who will receive the free gift of God.
7. We believe that receiving Jesus as savior is the only way to receive pardon from sin, and eternal life.
8. We believe in water baptism as an act of obedience to God's Word.
9. We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Ghost for all believers just as it was given and received by the followers of the Lord in Acts Chapter 2.
10. We believe it was to them and to all them that are afar off even as many as the Lord shall call. We also believe in the accompanying gifts and Fruit of the Spirit.
11. We believe in the catching away of the Church and the second coming of Jesus to this earth.
12. We believe in the great commission and support efforts to evangelize all peoples.
13. We believe that all men shall appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

## **STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE, GENDER AND SEXUALITY**

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. (Gen 1:26-27.) Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Gen 2:18-25.) We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other. (1 Cor 6:18; 7:2-5; Heb 13:4.) We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God. (Matt 15:18-20; 1 Cor 6:9-10.) We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of the organization, and to provide a biblical role model to the members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by Open Door Outreach Ministries in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality. (Matt 5:16; Phil 2:14-16; 1 Thess 5:22.) Any licensed or employed minister who expresses disagreement with this policy or behaves contrary to it will have their licenses immediately terminated. We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. (Acts 3:19-21; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 6:9-11.) We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. (Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31.) Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Open Door Outreach Ministries Inc.

## **STATEMENT ON SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Ps 139.)

## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim and teach Biblical truth, with an emphasis on the gospel of Jesus Christ, to as many people as possible. We also seek to work with other like-minded organizations. To do this we will engage in, but not be limited to the following activities and outreaches:

Establish new churches and strengthen pre-existing churches by:

- Conducting regular church services
- Sunday school programs
- Prayer meetings
- Discipleship classes
- Youth services
- Ladies Seminars
- Fellowship programs for men
- Mission Programs
- Food Bank Ministry
- Hospital and Nursing home visitation & ministry
- Prison Ministries
- Publications
- Tracks
- Newsletters
- Radio & tape ministries
- Web-site
- Bible Study Programs (on site as well as correspondence)
- Revival Crusades
- Christian Schools
- License & Ordain Ministers