

Missions Update

The Door—Dave & Gela Taylor

The Door is designed to reach local at-risk youth through three essential needs:

Be Fed, Be Part of a Family, Find Faith.

Bellwood Teen Center, Bellwood, PA



April, 2025

Three years ago she dressed like a boy had a boyish hair cut and insisted she was a trans person. We welcomed her, loved her and looked forward to seeing her regularly. About a year later she was living as a girl but had a girl friend and insisted she was an atheist and a lesbian. We welcomed her, loved her and looked forward to seeing her when she would come. She came to girls breakfast club bible study led by Kami and began to think about God, because we loved her. She started attending weekly youth groups and when she arrives each day I offered to make her favorite iced coffee drink from our machine. She is now happy! She still wears black gothic clothing but she smiles now. Just the other day she wanted to show us all the dress she is wearing to the spring social and she's going with a boy. She exclaimed, "I have not worn a dress in 6 years". She wanted to show her "Door Dad's" her dress, and we told her she was beautiful. God is very fond of her and is loving her to Himself.

Each child we meet is on a journey through their life. They are influenced by the world and the homes they come from. The Door is a pretty radical shift from a once a week youth meeting to the daily influence of a loving home. How do you spell LOVE? T-I-M-E. It is the daily love that leads to lasting change and faith in Christ. We don't just want them "in the right body" or just expressing their "Birth gender". We want them to know they are loved by their Creator right now in their messy lives. God loves them. We get to love these kids because of your prayers and support. I can't wait till she's part of the Family of God. She's already family to us.

We also have had God put households in need in our path. For several years I have taken a carload of food to a little home 25 miles from here. The man helped the Door one day, and the next day had a stroke that disabled him permanently. His live-in girlfriend and her adult son are not employable and the whole home has to survive on his \$1200 social security check. With no-one capable of navigating the system, they have gotten to extreme levels of poverty. The electric company put them on reduced load for non-payment and they have had no hot water, no stove or microwave and minimal heat since mid-winter. In February I took them food during a very cold evening. They were using a car in the driveway

as a freezer. Their pets froze to death that night from the extreme cold. I learned they had been dumpster diving at Dollar General for food and anything they could find to survive. Eating garbage and freezing and not able to even bathe for months.

I spent an entire day getting them health care, help with utilities and I took them out to eat a meal. Even as we were behind financially at The Door, God was showing me real poverty and the hopelessness so many live in in secret in America. During our last food giveaway over 400 senior citizens and disabled came and received food. I never expected this would grow or there could be such need. I am seeking second forklift for the other church we do food giveaways with. Pray God would provide. We gave out \$56,000 in meat 3 weeks ago, even as our staff waited two extra weeks for enough support to arrive to pay them. Everyone shows up and loves like Jesus everyday and I am grateful for this team of dedicated servants who look to Jesus to help us as we serve others.

That little home, now has heat and electric and running water, at least for 30 days. I can't tell you the joy on that man's face to have the dignity of getting a bath. I want to take him out to the barber next. He struggled with humility when I picked him up because his hands do not work from the stroke and he couldn't button his shirt or cut his food at the restaurant. He once ran a large business and employed others and was respected. Now he struggles for basic things. He told me he had contemplated suicide for weeks during the cold. He had no hope. Now he is starting to hope again and believe that there is a God who sees the poor and sends people to love them.

This is our life at The Door. To love all who cross our path in the name of Jesus. To share all that we have without hoarding or judging the people in need. To love the elderly, the disabled, the poor, the rejected, the dirty, the sexually confused, the addicted and broken. We love them until through the fog of a sinful world they can see the face of Jesus and receive His love. It puts us in some very crazy situations, but we go there by faith and with your prayers and support. The world seems economically afraid right now and giving has taken a huge loss in March. I am not afraid. For the God who fed the 5,000 and feeds the sparrows will take care of us all. Help us continue to love well with your best gifts and your deepest prayers.

Loving Them All Freely, Dave Taylor; Executive Director

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Welcome

May 11, 2025



South Apalachin Baptist Church

KNOW CHRIST | PROCLAIM CHRIST | SERVE CHRIST

Praise & Worship Service

May 11, 2025

Happy Mother's Day

Welcome - We are Glad you are Here!

Prelude..... Carolyn Titus

Announcements

Praise & Worship.....Praise Team

Songs: **God is For Us**

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Psalm 90 (Satisfy Us With Your Love)

Children grades K-4 are dismissed to the Fellowship Hall.

Scripture & Prayer: **Galatians 6:1-5**Jim Hall

Message: **The Things We Carried**.....Pastor Cory

Closing Song: **The Old Rugged Cross** Hymn #327

Closing Prayer.....Pastor Cory

Spring Conference

SUFFERING & SOVEREIGNTY

Mark Sims • June 6-8 • SABC

Session 1 Friday 6:00 - 7:30 pm:

If God is Sovereign, Why Do We Suffer?

Session 2 Saturday 9:30 - 10:30 am:

What are the Causes of Suffering?

Session 3 Saturday 10:45 - 11:45 am:

What are the Purposes of Suffering?

Session 4 Sunday 9:45 - 10:45 am:

How Should We Face Suffering?

Session 5 Sunday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm:

Suffering With the End in View



Schedule of Events

Today - Mother's Day

May 11, 2025

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship Service

12:15 pm Family Fellowship Dinner

No Loft and No Evening Service

This Week

May 12-17, 2025

Tue 6:00 pm Sneaker Night Gym

7:00 pm Holden Small Group Double Classroom

Wed 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting Auditorium

Thu 8:00 am Retired Men's Breakfast Blue Dolphin

6:30 pm Kids Klub in the Park Volunteer Mtg. Fireside Rm

Fri 5:30 pm Men's Basketball Gym

Next Sunday

May 18, 2025

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship Service

5:45 pm The Loft

6:00 pm Spring Concert with Carolyn Titus

Looking Ahead

Save the Date

Sun, Jun 1 Missionary Speaker, Ryan Corbett - Combined Sunday School and Morning Worship Service

Fri-Sun Spring Conference with Mark Sims on Jun 6-8 "Suffering and Sovereignty" at SABC

Fri, Jun 13 Ladies' Night Out at 7:00 pm

Jun 13-15 The Loft Campout at Rock Mountain

Sun, Jun 15 Father's Day - No Loft, No Evening Service

Sat, Jun 21 Memorial Service for Roy Darpino at 2:00 pm



Summer & Fall Events

Summer Events:

Jul 6-Aug 31 Worship Service - 10 am (No Sunday School)

Jul 6,20,27 Summer Sizzlers - Bring your meat to grill, table service, and a dish to share for lunch after worship service.
Aug 17,24,31

Jul 13 & Outreach Sundays:

Aug 10 Outside Worship Services - Fellowship Dinners

Jul 21 Quarterly Business Meeting

Jul 21-25 Kids Klub in the Park

Aug 1-3 Church Campout at Rock Mountain To Sign Up - See Mo Sickler

Sat, Aug 23 Community Give-Away

Fall Events:

Sep TBD Kids Klub Kickoff

Sep 19-21 Mission Conference

Oct 25 Harvest Festival

Nov 7-9 Ladies' Fall Retreat



If you are interested in serving at Kids Klub in the Park this year, please attend this meeting and/or let Hannah Smith know of your interest! We are looking for many willing volunteers of all skill sets and abilities.

Ladies' Night Out

Ladies, Come out on Friday, June 13th to glaze your project from the Spring Retreat or just come out to fellowship downstairs in the fellowship hall. Light snacks provided.