

A DEVOTIONAL FROM IFCA

An Open Door

Without a doubt, these last couple of years have not gone the way we wished. None of us could have imagined the twists and turns in life that have disrupted the plans we had for our personal lives, in the lives of churches and ministries, and in our country and world. Only God knows what this year holds for us. Sadly, I see many negative results in people's lives as a result of the uncertainty, disruptions, and events going on all around us. Fear and depression abound, suicide rates are up, and alcohol, drug, and domestic abuse are on the increase. Yet in all of this, I see great opportunities for those who know Jesus Christ as Savior.

In 1 Corinthians 16, Paul shares with the believers in Corinth his travel plans and desires. Part of that plan was to stay where he currently was in Ephesus. He explains why in verse nine: "For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries." God had swung open a huge door of opportunity for him to share the Gospel, and he was seeing powerful results in people's lives as he stepped through that door. Still, there were those who opposed his ministry and tried to stop him.

While our circumstances might be slightly different than Paul's, many people are hurting and looking for help and answers. Answers that are found only in the Scripture. For Christians, a great and effective door has opened to share the gospel and minister to people like never before. Are you willing to step through that door and do the work of the ministry God has opened for you?

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THE LORD'S DAY September 24, 2023 – 11:00 AM

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Scripture & Prayer

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13, *Pastor Scott Bashoor*

Worship through Song

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" #3

Congregational Greeting

Announcements

Missions Focus: Brian Opre, Serving the Lord in Italy with ABWE

Presented by Peter Ellis

Worship through Song

"Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated" #597

(Children ages 5-12 are now dismissed for Children's Church.)

Worship through the Preached Word

"A Selfish Facade and Sacrificial Faith"

Luke 20:41 - 21:4

Pastor Ed Caballero

Worship through Song

"We are an Offering" #678

Postlude

"Leaning on the Everlasting"

(Parents, please pick up your children promptly from Children's Church.)

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- 9:45 AM** – Bible Classes for Adults, Teens, and Children
11:00 AM – Morning Worship Service
12:30 PM – Ministry Fair on the Courtyard
6:00 PM – Evening Worship Service. Pastor Scott will be preaching from Psalm 119:97-104, "Sweeter than Honey"
– Youth Music Rehearsal in Vipond Hall
7:30 PM – Adult Choir Rehearsal

THIS NEXT WEEK

Wednesday

- Ladies' Discovery Bible Study, 10:00 AM in Vipond Hall
- Midweek Prayer (Bilingual), 6:30 PM
- Midweek Bible Study, 7:00 PM

Thursday

- Ladies' Evening Bible Study, 7:00 PM in Vipond Hall

Sunday

- Bible Classes for Adults, Teens, and Children, 9:45 AM
- Morning Worship Service, 11:00 AM
- Monthly Potluck Fellowship after the AM service
- No Evening Service or Rehearsals

UPCOMING

- **Youth Movie & Pizza Night**, Sept 30 (Sat) at the Guzman's home
- **Men's Prayer Breakfast**, Oct 7 (Sat), 9:00 AM
- **Kid's Fun Fair**, Oct 28 (Sat), 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

GIVING

You can give to the Lord's work by:

- ▶ **The Collection Boxes** in the back of the Chapel & Fellowship Hall
- ▶ **PayPal** on our church's website, www.Community-Bible.com
- ▶ **Mail** to Community Bible Church, 2930 W. Ball Rd, Anaheim, CA 92804



CAMPUS NEEDS

If you see something around campus that needs repair or attention, please email Deacons@Community-Bible.com or see one of our deacons: Bob Huber or Paul Taylor.

MISSIONS FOCUS

Brian Opre, (Serving the Lord in Italy with ABWE)



Brian continues to have opportunities to share the gospel with people that have become a part of his life in Italy. The Italians frequently use the phrase, "Dio vede e provvede" (God sees and provides), and his barber applied it to a trial he's currently going through. Brian talked with him about trusting God even in the midst of trials. Please continue to pray for his salvation.

The Lord has also granted him the opportunity to talk about the gospel with a couple of new contacts he's made in the last month.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for continued opportunities to talk about Christ with the Italians.
- Pray that God would open their hearts and minds to the gospel.
- Pray for continued perseverance in ministry for all the missionaries in Italy.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT OPPORTUNITIES

There are still some slots open for the presentation of solos, duets, and instrumental offerings in the December Christmas concert. Please enter in details on the Interest Sheet in the lobby, or see Bob Huber for details.

MINISTRY FAIR

Visit the tables on the courtyard after the AM service to learn about different opportunities at CBC. Tables include: Children's Ministry (including the new Adventure Club), Youth Ministry, Ladies' Ministry, Hospitality, Campus Care and Upkeep, Partners 1-on-1 (discipleship), the new Jail Ministry, Music Ministry, Audio/Visual Ministry, Security, Ushers, Church Membership, the new Welcoming Ministry, and the Idea Box.