

Mercy Community Church / Streamwood



20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Hosted by Pastors Auldon/Olieth Lightbourne

— **Guest Speaker: Terry Black** —

09/08 SAT 6:00 PM - Service: 780 S. Bartlett Road

09/09 SUN 12:30 PM - Service: 780 S. Bartlett Road

09/09 SUN 6-9 PM - Banquet: Stonegate Centre

2401 W. Higgins Road

mercycommunitychurch.com

Hoffman Estates (Tickets \$60 each)

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Thanks to Rod and Phylis
for the "autumn" look
in our facility!

PRAISE TEAM REHEARSAL



Tuesday,
Sep. 04 / 7PM



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

**BOOK OF
JAMES**

A SIX-WEEK IN-DEPTH STUDY

CLASSES BEGIN ON
TUE, SEPT 11 @ 7:00 PM

GRAPPLE GROUP EVENT / MAIN EVENT

09/16/18 (following the service)

Gravity ropes, rock climbing, mini-golf, video games...

Must turn in your \$20 to Sam by 09/09/18.



NLDC
New Life Drama Company

Sketch Drama
with a Life Message
Sep. 23 @ 10:00 AM

OPEN DOORS

Gateways to Your Future



- Sep 02 » About Open Doors
- Sep 09 » The Door of Deliverance
- Sep 16 » The Door of Opportunity
- Sep 23 » New Life Drama Company
- Sep 30 » The Door of Ministry

PRAYER REQUESTS ▶ THINKING-OF-YOU PRAYER

Elizabeth S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brian H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suzie S. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Benjamin G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Noe F. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ray H. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kenny D. ▶ Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phyllis L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cheyenne W. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason G. ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert G. ▶ Neck Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle G. ▶ Spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/>		

▶ URGENT PRAYER

Toni R. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Don H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam H. ▶ Cardiac Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Z. ▶ Lung Cancer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judi G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barb G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gearen Family ▶ Drawn closer to God	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave ▶ Weak Heart	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stein Family ▶ Salvation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie L. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Danny R. ▶ ALS	<input type="checkbox"/>	Brad H. ▶ Post-op Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ruth H. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Barb S. ▶ Kidney Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jean G. ▶ Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kim W. ▶ Post-op Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria C. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paula W. ▶ General Health	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emma G. ▶ Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/>	Seth H. ▶ Wife/baby passed away	<input type="checkbox"/>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until He has hurt him deeply.” —Matt Chandler

METRICS THAT MATTER (08/26/18)

ATTENDANCE ▶ 36 GIVING ▶ \$780 GUESTS ▶ 2
VOLUNTEERS ▶ 15 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ▶ 0

OPEN DOORS

Gateways to Your Future

About Open Doors

⁷ “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. ⁸ I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

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Revelation
3:7-8

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An open door...

- Is a boundless opportunity.
- Is a chance to do something worthwhile.
- Is a grand opening into a new adventure.
- Is an unimagined chance to do something good.
- Is a way to make your life count for eternity.
- Is a possibility to being useful to God.

The ABC'S of Open Doors

- 1** — An open door — does not exist solely for our benefit.
- 2** — An open door — involves a good we do not fully know.
- 3** — An open door — does not offer a complete view of the future.
- 4** — An open door — is not a blue print or a guarantee.

Open Doors - Unmistakable Intersections of Life

Open doors are the great adventures of life. The represent the great intersections of life:

- A burning bush – Moses
- A voice – Samuel
- A wrestling angel – Jacob
- A dream – Joseph
- Handwriting on the wall – Daniel
- A talking donkey – Balaam
- A fleece – Gideon

> **To be clear,**
an open door is something

— We do not initiate.
— We never expected.
— We feel unprepared for.

Walking Through the Open Door/**Abraham**

— 1 **Open Door** People are Ready

*So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. **Genesis 12:4***

— 2 **Open Door** People are Unhindered by Uncertainty

*The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. **Genesis 12:1***

— 3 **Open Door** People are “Blessed to bless others”

*² “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” **Genesis 12:2-3***

— 4 **Open Door** People Resist and Persist

*⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. **Heb. 11:8-9***

— 5 **Open Door** People have Fewer Regrets

*Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs. **Acts 7:8***

SEP 2018 EVENTS

SUN
02

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Young Adults / Communion / "About Open Doors"

MON
03

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

TUE
04

Praise Team REHEARSAL

SAT
08

20TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY Mercy Community Church
6:00 p.m. Celebration / Guest Speaker: Terry Black

SUN
09

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / "The Door of Deliverance"

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Hoffman Estates @ 6:00 p.m. / Tickets: \$60 each

TUE
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**Tuesday
Bible Study**

BOOK OF
JAMES

SUN
16

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / Grapple Group Event / "The Door of Opportunity"

TUE
18

**Tuesday
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SUN
23

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
New Life Drama Company

TUE
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**Tuesday
Bible Study**

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SUN
30

Praise Team REHEARSAL / PRAYER
Worship / "The Door of Ministry"

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