

Open Door Baptist Church

Welcomes you to Our Pastoral Installation Service

Honoring

Pastor John P. Cureton II

Sunday

April 26, 2026

3:00 pm



Open Door Baptist Church

1632-34 N. 26th Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19121

Guest Speaker: Pastor Darryl Scott

St. Marks Chapel Baptist Church

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Reverend John P. Cureton II

Reverend John P. Cureton II is blessed to be the husband of his loving wife, Rev. Keisha Cureton. God has blessed their union with three sons — John, Joshua, and Gabriel.

He was born in New York to his parents John Sr. and Carolyn Cureton, who migrated to Philadelphia from the Carolinas in the 1960s. While in Philadelphia, his sister Tonya was born and the family worshipped at White Rock Baptist Church during their years in West Philadelphia, and later at Zion Baptist Church after settling in the Yorktown neighborhood. The family eventually relocated to Connecticut, where Rev. Cureton was raised. He attended Fairfield College Prep High School followed by the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1995, Rev. Cureton committed to ‘actively’ and ‘purposefully’ living for Jesus Christ. He joined Taylor Tabernacle, where he has served faithfully for three decades. His ministry service has included youth Sunday School teacher, Audio/Visual & Technology Ministry lead, Prayer Ministry lead, and more than fifteen years as a Deacon. In 2015, he was ordained to preach the Gospel.

Rev. Cureton is a man of deep faith who stands firmly on the promises of God's Word. He is grateful and humbled to be called into this new season of ministry — carrying the message of the Gospel to this generation with boldness and conviction.

To God be the Glory!



Reverend Darryl Scott

Reverend Darryl Scott is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and a proud graduate of the Philadelphia Public School system. Raised in a strong Christian home, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at an early age at Gospel Light Church, where he faithfully served for over 25 years.

During his time at Gospel Light, Rev. Scott was actively involved in ministry, serving as a Deacon and working in the Music, Youth, and Evangelism ministries. Answering the call of God on his life, he began preaching in 1984 at the age of nineteen and was ordained in August 1985.

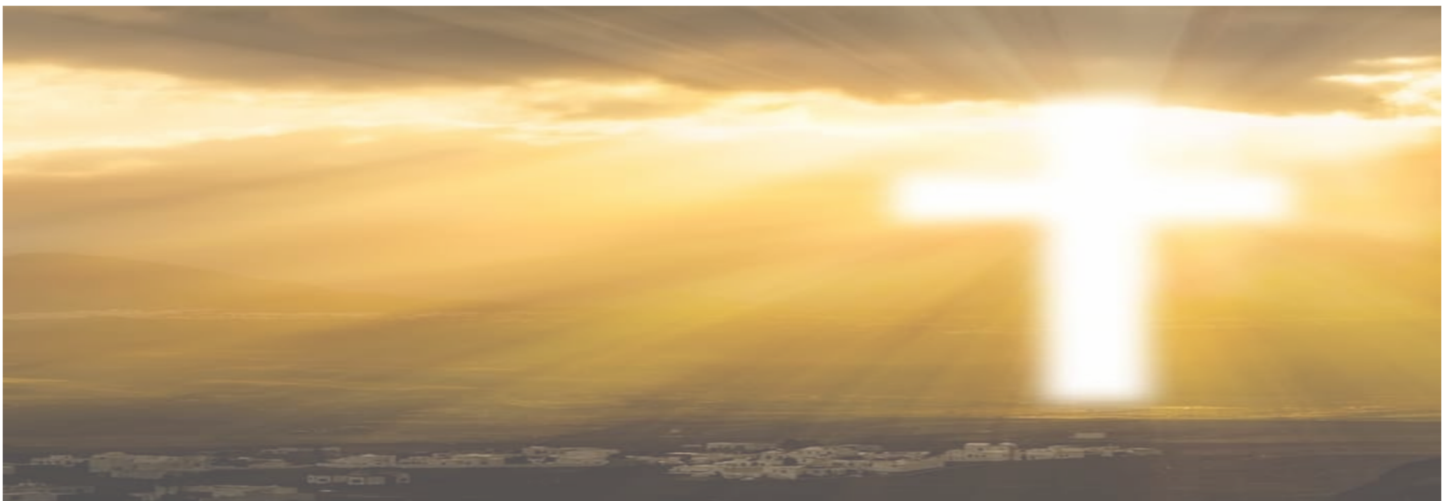
In 1994, led by the Spirit of God, Rev. Scott and his family united with Taylor Tabernacle, where he served faithfully as Associate Pastor. He also worked as Teacher and Director of Christian Education and Evangelism Training, helping to nurture spiritual growth and equip believers for service.

In January 2019, Rev. Scott accepted the call to serve as Interim Pastor of St. Mark's Chapel Baptist Church. By August of that same year, he was joyfully installed as Pastor, where he continues to lead with dedication, compassion, and a strong commitment to God's Word.

Rev. Scott has a deep passion for continued learning and spiritual development. He is currently attending United Christian Fellowship Theological Seminary, where he has earned an Associate's degree in Biblical Theology and is preparing to graduate with a Bachelor's degree in May 2026.

He is happily married to his devoted wife of thirty-five years, Rochelle, and together they are blessed with three wonderful adult children: Shanita, Cameron, and Courtney.

Known for his warm spirit, humor, and quick wit, Rev. Scott has a unique ability to bring God's Holy Word to life. He consistently offers encouragement rooted in biblical truth and demonstrates a genuine love for people. His heart's desire is to see lives transformed, souls saved, and believers discipled for the Kingdom of God.



INSTALLATION SERVICE

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Prelude

Officiant.....Deacon Aaron Abrams, III

Processional.....Chairmen, Ministers, Reverend and Mrs. Cureton

Call to Worship

Invocation.....Pastor Darryl Scott

St. Mark's Chapel Baptist Church

Statement of the Occasion.....Sister Portia Graves

President, Pastor's Aide

Scripture Reading.....Deacon Anthony Hearn

1 Peter 5:1-4

Selection.....Gospel Choir

Installation Prayer.....Pastor Lance Lawson

Kingdom Builders Deliverance Ministries of Norristown

Historical Reflection.....Deaconess Charnèe Hearn

Church Clerk

Selection.....Gospel Choir

Charges

To the Church.....Bishop Donald Bell

Bibleway Free Will Baptist Church

To the Candidate.....Pastor Jonathan Ford

Taylor Tabernacle

Introduction of Speaker

Selection

Installation Sermon.....Pastor Darryl Scott
St. Mark's Chapel Baptist Church

Laying On of Hands

Presentations

Bible..... Deacon Byron Dutton
Chairman of Deacon Board

Hymnal.....Deacon Joseph Shell
Minister of Music, Treasurer

Keys..... Deacon William Cecil
Chairman of Trustee Board

Flowers.....Reverend Marcella Travagline Abrams
Administrative Pastor

Recognition and Remarks – Ministers in Attendance

Pastor's First Act – Benediction.....PASTOR JOHN CURETON



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History of Open Door Baptist Church

Open Door Baptist Church was founded and organized by our late Pastor, Reverend Benjamin F. Johnson in 1949. The first service was held in the back room on the second floor of the Pastor's home, 2508 West Diamond Street, with only a handful of members; the Pastor's wife the late Mother Eva Johnson (who stood by the Pastors side so faithfully working diligently, never complaining, to help make his calling to Pastor this church and preach the word of God a reality) and children, the Pastor's Mother, the late Mrs. Maggie Johnson, the late Deacon Matthew Shell, and his wife the late Mrs. Willie Mae Shell and children and the late Mother Richardson.

Open Door Baptist Church was found on this scripture; I know thy works: behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Revelations 3:8

Open Door Baptist Church moved to the home of Deacon & Mrs. Shell, 2347 West Jefferson Street in 1950. Because of the increase in membership, the Pastor purchase the building at 1808 N. 12th Street, and later in 1950, the Church body moved there, where they remained for 9 years. The Church membership continued to grow abundantly. With the idea to purchase a larger building, the Pastor started the building fund. We thank the Lord for the prayers and faith of all the early members. Thanks be to God that a larger building became a reality. The Open Door Baptist Church membership moved into its present building, 1632-34 North 26th Street on the third Sunday of October 1959. We thank God for all those who prayed and sacrificed through the years. Without God and prayer all this would not have been possible. Our Founder, Pastor B. F. Johnson passed on to glory November 8, 1988.

In 1995 Reverend R. Jeremiah Norris was installed as Pastor. He was a wonderful man of God, who loved the Lord, and was always excited about what the Lord had done for him, and what the Lord was doing in Open Door Baptist Church. Pastor Norris served as Pastor of the Open Door Baptist Church until he was called home to glory in September of 2020.

In 2021 Rev. Marcella Travagline Abrams, the granddaughter of the Founders, was elected by the official board to lead as Interim Pastor. During her tenure she led the Pastoral search committee, initiated various programs, including Back 2 School Sunday and Miracle on 26th Street. She was able to begin a virtual bible study led by church Deacons along with Sunday services. During this time former members returned and

joined in the rebuild. We were able to replace our HVAC system, repair our roof, paint inside and outside along with other repairs and signature programs. We are thankful for God's guidance and grace during this time.

In January of 2024, Reverend John Cureton came to preach at Open Door for the first time. He was highly recommended by his pastor, Reverend Jonathan Ford of Taylor Tabernacle. He was dynamic in his delivery of the message, and it was evident that God was the center of his life. Over the months that followed, we asked him to return many times. In January 2025 after a congregational meeting, the officers of the church asked Rev. John if he would consider becoming our Pastor-Elect. After taking the offer to the Lord in prayer, and to his family, he affirmed that “yes”, this is where the Lord wants him to be.

He hit the ground running. Meeting and greeting each member after service. Visiting and calling the sick and shut-in members. Taking the lead in our Wednesday night bible study. Helping to redevelop our online presence with a new interactive website. Sidewalk summer outreach prayer services, and so much more.

We thank the Lord for sending Pastor John our way, and for the great leadership our new Under Sheperd provides. We look forward to what the Lord has in store for Open Door Baptist Church, and how we may continue to lift the name of Jesus and serve our community.

The Open Door Baptist Church
Sunday Worship Weekly at 11am

Upcoming Events

Men's Day (w/guest speaker, Pastor Stephan Jarrett)	6/21/26
Community Day	8/16/26
Founder's Day (w/guest speaker, Pastor Donald Bell)	9/13/26
Women's Day (w/guest speaker, Evangelist Kim Mark)	9/27/26
77th Church Anniversary	10/18/26
Miracle on 26th St.	12/12/26

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We the members of Open Door Baptist Church

On behalf of our congregation, we extend a heartfelt welcome to **Pastor John Cureton** on this joyful day of installation. Today marks the beginning of a new chapter in your ministry and a new season of faith, growth, and shared purpose for our church family.

Pastor John, we are grateful that you have answered God's call to serve among us. We look forward with excitement to your leadership, your preaching of the Word, your pastoral care, and your partnership with us as we seek to live out Christ's love in this community and beyond.

We also wish to warmly welcome **your wife, Keisha, and your three sons John, Joshua, and Gabriel**. We recognize that ministry is a calling shared by the entire family, and we are deeply thankful for your support, sacrifice, and presence. Please know that you are not simply joining a church, but becoming part of a church family that looks forward to walking alongside you with care, friendship, and love.

Pastor John, please know that you do not walk this journey alone. We commit ourselves to pray for you and your family, to encourage you, and to serve together with unity, grace, and faith. May God grant you wisdom, strength, and joy as you shepherd this congregation, and may His Spirit guide every step of your ministry here.

Welcome, Pastor John, and welcome to your family. We are truly blessed to receive you, and we thank God for bringing you to us.

