# Open the Door to Jesus

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Most days, my schedule is so packed that although I love my friends, I resist interruptions. Because of the pressure of time, without meaning to be rude, when someone rings the doorbell, I sometimes go to the door, stand inside the house with the screen door still fastened, and talk to the person on the other side. If it is a neighbor, we can share common experiences in raising a family or discuss the weather or neighborhood news. I may not invite the neighbor in because I know if I do, our visit will involve much more time than I have to give. Many people seem to have a "screen door" relationship with Jesus. They talk to Him in prayer, and He talks to them through His Word; they can enjoy His presence, but they never invite Him to come into their lives as Savior and Lord. He's on the outside, looking in. So the apostle John gave you and me motivation to open the door and invite Him to come in: "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." So,,,open the door to Jesus.

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#### Word of the Month-JOY

great pleasure or happiness, delight, satisfaction

Psalm 43:4 "Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy and on the harp, I will praise You,

O God, my God."

Is He your exceeding joy?

## **Fun Facts About April**

April 1—Known as April Fool's Day—Be Nice Today

April 15—Good Friday

April 17—Easter Sunday

April is a great month for meteor showers.

April 11, 1970 - Apollo 13 launched and had difficulties which is where we get the famous line, "Houston, we've had a problem here" which is today usually misquoted.

Birds migrate north and settle down for the summer.

April 30, 1789 George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States

"April Showers Bring May Flowers"

**April Flower-Sweet Peas** 

Birthstone-Diamond





### From Janet's Kitchen

**Apricot Chicken** 

8 boneless, skinless Chicken thighs 4-tablespoons margarine pepper Garlic salt Mrs. Dash original seasoning

2 heaping tablespoons apricot jam

3 heaping tablespoons crushed pineapple with juice

You can use sugar free jam and juice.

In a large skillet melt margarine. Clean fat from thighs. Season both sides of chicken, brown in pan until golden brown, being careful not to burn the seasoning. Remove thighs and place into an oven ready serving dish. Mix apricot jam and pineapple together and put a teaspoon of the mix on top of each thigh, cover loosely and bake @ 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Make sure your chicken is thoroughly cooked.

Fried Sweet Potatoes

1 sweet potatoes=2 servings diced onion season salt Garlic powder pepper Olive oil Peel and dice potatoes and onions. Add olive oil to pan, add diced potatoes and onions. Season mixture and pan fry until browned and tender. Steamed vegetables Steam broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, zucchini and yellow squash.

**Pudding Trifle** 

1 angel food cake 2- 6 oz. packs Jello vanilla pudding

16 oz. container cool whip Sliced strawberries

Hersey dark chocolate syrup

Make pudding according to the instructions on the package. Slice cake in layers. In large trifle bowl, layer the cake, pudding, strawberries and cool whip, starting with cake and finishing with cool whip. Top it off with some Hersey dark chocolate syrup and sliced strawberries



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All invited, no child care

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Morning Bible Study--Every Monday at church (9am) Tuesday Night Study- 6:30 pm

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