



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

9:00am in person (RSVP) OR watch livestream  
11:00am in person (RSVP); children's ministries avail

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor Josh
Songs to God	Worship Team
Bible Teaching	Pastor John
Song of Reflection	Worship Team

*As a courtesy to others, please keep your mask on before & after the service. You are welcome to take it off while at your seat. Thanks!*

### Special Upcoming Opportunities

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Please return filled shoeboxes by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Shoeboxes can be picked up from 8:30am-12:30pm today from outside walkway – no interaction needed.

**Open Arms is also a regional Drop-Off center.** Volunteers help receive boxes & pack in shipping cartons (*social distancing with masks/gloves*) week of November 15-23. Sign up at OCC table. Contact Gail Ostrander to know more: [gailo571922@gmail.com](mailto:gailo571922@gmail.com)

**ANNUAL BUDGET/BUSINESS MEETING – SUNDAY DEC 6th 12:20pm**  
All invited to participate in the interactive discussion relevant to the 2021 budget submitted by our Finance Team. A review of 2020's financial picture also discussed. All questions welcomed in this transparent process. Proposed Budget available in foyer **Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Public meeting on **Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** – Private ballot vote on **Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Save the date! Join us for a candlelight service at either **4:30 or 6:00pm**. Invite family/friends. Children's ministry!

### Everyday Life at OAC

**NEW GUESTS: PLEASE VISIT THE WELCOME BOOTH IN THE CAFÉ TO RECEIVE A GIFT FOR YOU/FAMILY AFTER THE SERVICE TODAY!**

**GROWTH / CONNECTIONS:** Desiring to grow in your faith? Want to connect with others around the application of God's Word? Let us know how we can serve you! Visit the "Growing" tab to learn more.

**BAPTISM:** Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor to tell of your interest.

**MISSIONS:** To learn more about the missions that we engage in and how to get involved, visit the "Missions" tab on our website.

**PRAYER:** Express a prayer need at any time via our website (under the "Resources" tab). Join with others on Sundays 10-10:40am for prayer in the last room on the left in the Education wing.

**GIVING OPTIONS:** 1) Online giving available via link on "Resources" tab on our website. 2) Checks can be mailed to 2714 Curry Rd, Schdy 12303. 3) Drop in offering boxes mounted by Worship Center doors.

For more information, visit our website:

[OpenArmsChurch.com](http://OpenArmsChurch.com)

## The Commendable Life of Faith

(Hebrews 11:1-7 ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their **commendation**. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was **commended** as righteous, God **commending** him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

<sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was **commended** as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

<sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

**Faith is a present & continuing reality for a biblical God follower – a way of life as one trusts in & relies on Him:**

1. It is accompanied by certain: vs 1-3, 6

a) Assurances

b) Convictions

c) Commendations

d) Rewards

### Examples to learn from:

1) Like Abel–Let's offer ourselves to God w/o holding back. (*even when less seems "good enough" & is more than others give*)

2) Like Enoch–Let's depend on God as we influence family.

3) Like Noah–Let's obey God no matter how crazy or the cost.