



Prepared for a Purpose

Hebrews 13:18-25

MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

January 10th, 2021

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

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor Josh
Baptism (9am service)	
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

UPCOMING INSTITUTE CLASS - "WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?"
Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30pm beginning Jan 13th- Join the pastors for a discussion of current cultural issues from a biblical worldview. Topics will include role of government, sexuality, gender identity, racism, abortion & more. Class will meet every two weeks & will also be live streamed @ youtube.com/openarmschurchnewyork

DISCOVERING OPEN ARMS CHURCH LUNCHEON: January 17th 12:30-3:30pm. An interactive workshop led by our pastors and designed to help new friends learn our purpose, passion, vision, core beliefs, and how to get connected and involved. A prerequisite for membership and serving. All questions welcomed. A pizza/fruit lunch provided. **Please RSVP at Openarmschurch.com or in foyer.**

Everyday Life at OAC

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

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.

EVERYBODY SERVES: That's one of our core values. Let us help you serve the Lord as you serve others. Go to our website under the tab "[Reaching](#)" & learn about the 30+ ways you can make a difference.

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 website. 2) Checks can be mailed to 2714 Curry Rd, Sch'dy 12303. 3) Drop in offering boxes mounted by Worship Center doors.

For more information, visit our website

OpenArmsChurch.com

¹⁸Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. ¹⁹I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner. ²⁰Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹**equip you** (*mend, make ready, set in place, heal, restore, infuse ability, prepare for a purpose*) **with everything good** that you may **do His will**, working in us that which is **pleasing** in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²²I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. ²³You should know that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon. ²⁴Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who come from Italy send you greetings. ²⁵Grace be with all of you.

Led by our Great Shepherd – let's be sheep who:

- 1) Are continually praying for one another: **v18-19**
 - a) To act honorably with a clear conscience (*1 Cor. 13:7*)
 - b) So relationships may be restored (*Romans 12:16b-18*)
- 2) Are counting on the **peace** of God for our wellbeing: **v20**
 - a) Paid for by Jesus' death & resurrection (*1Pet 1:3-4; 18-19*)
 - b) Promised by our Shepherd, Jesus (*John 10:14-15; 27-28; 16:33*)
- 3) Are connecting to the **power** of God - yielded to Jesus **v21**
 - a) To do His **good will** (*Phil 2:11-12*)
 - b) To be **pleasing** Him by producing "spiritual" fruit (*John 15:4-5; 7-9*)