



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

February 21st, 2021

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. Thank you!

Special Upcoming Opportunities

WINTER INSTITUTE CLASS - “WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?”

Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30pm – next class is Feb 24th

Join the pastors for a discussion of current cultural issues from a biblical worldview. Meets in person every 2 weeks & will be live streamed and available @ youtube.com/openarmschurchnewyork

SUPPORT THE ALPHA PREGNANCY CENTER: The Alpha Center’s 4 Capital Region branches provide counsel, support, medical needs, baby clothes, parenting classes and the gospel to moms and dads in crisis pregnancies. **Please return bottles to Ann Ando by Feb. 21st**

COATS FOR THE CITY MISSION: 830 coats have been donated this winter; more are needed! If you have a coat to give, please **drop off** at the Distribution Ctr located at **11 Cheltingham Ave., Schen.** Mon-Fri. 9am-3pm or the Admin Bldg, **425 Hamilton Street,** Mon-Fri 8am-4pm.

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.

Check out what’s happening and contact us at:
www.Openarmschurch.com

Guard Your Heart

Wisdom to Live By – Proverbs 4:1-27

¹Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, ²for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching. ³When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, ⁴he taught me and said to me, “Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live. ⁵Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. ⁶Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you. ⁷The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. ⁸Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her. ⁹She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown”. ¹⁰Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. ¹¹I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. ¹²When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. ¹³Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; guard her, for she is your life. ¹⁴Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. ¹⁵Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. ¹⁶For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. ¹⁸But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. ¹⁹The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble. ²⁰My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. ²²For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.

²³**Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.** ²⁴Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you. ²⁵Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. ²⁶Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. ²⁷Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.

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| 1) Be intentional to <u>pass</u> on wisdom gained | vs 1-22 |
| a) It’s got to be <u>personal</u> ... | v1-6 |
| b) It’s got to be <u>prized</u> ... | v7-11 |
| c) It’s got to be <u>practiced</u> ... | v12-22 |
| 2) Be intentional to <u>protect</u> your heart | vs 23-27 |
| a) <u>What</u> is the “heart” (biblically) ... | v23a |
| b) <u>Why</u> should I guard it vigilantly ... | v23b |
| c) <u>How</u> do I guard it well ... | v24-27 |