



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

May 2nd, 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. Thanks!

Special Upcoming Opportunities

INSTITUTE CLASS - “WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?” - next class 5/5
Join the pastors every other Wednesday night 7:00-8:30pm for a discussion of current cultural issues from a biblical worldview.
Meets in person & livestreamed/recorded on our YouTube channel.
OUTSIDE WORK DAY – SAT. MAY 15th 9-12noon - All Invited! Drop-ping mulch, planting flowers, power washing, clean up and more!
“DISCOVERING OAC” LUNCHEON – Sun 5/23 12:30-3:30pm
This interactive workshop is designed to help new friends learn our heartbeat, vision, values, & beliefs. Learn how we’re organized and how to get connected! A prerequisite for membership & serving.
Pizza/desert provided (no childcare). Enroll in foyer or online today!
SUMMER SERVICES MOVING OUTDOORS - Beginning 5/30 @ 10am.
On Memorial Day weekend we will begin gathering together in one service on Sundays outside on the lawn. Bring a chair and join us as we worship outdoors! Children’s ministry will meet inside @ 10 also.

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 life application of God’s Word? Let us know how we can support you! website tab: GROWING
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: Let us help you serve the Lord as you serve others; 30+ ways to make a difference! website tab: REACHING
PRAYER: Express a prayer need at any time via our website. Join with others on Sundays 10-10:40am for prayer in the last room on the left in the Education wing. website tab: RESOURCES
GIVING OPTIONS: 1) Drop in offering boxes by doors in Worship Ctr. 2) Check by email. 3) Utilize e-giving link. website tab: RESOURCES

For more information & other opportunities, visit us at:

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Wise Friendships

Wisdom to Live By – a study through Proverbs

“The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.” Proverbs 12:26 NIV

There are 4 levels of relationships that most people have:

- 1) Contact relations:
2) Casual relations:
3) Close relations:
4) Committed friendships:

There are 4 actions we should take with 4 kinds of friends:

1) Flee foolish friends (diminish & discourage your walk w/Christ)

13:20 “Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion (friend) of fools suffers harm” (see 1 Cor. 15:33-34)

22:24-25 “Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.”

2) Foster faithful friends (trustworthy in love, loyalty, & truth telling)

27:6 “Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.”

17:9 “Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends... 20:6 “Many claim to have unfailing love, but a faithful person who can find?”

3) Forge fortifying friends (mutual transparency & accountability)

27:9 “Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.”

27:17 “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”

4) Fire reveals forever friends (hope & stay w/you when you blow it)

17:17 “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.” (see 1 Cor. 13:4-7)

18:24 “A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” John 10:11; 15:12:14