



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

10:00am – outdoors (*bring chair*) OR watch livestream  
(*Inside during inclement weather*)

Children’s Ministry (*birth – 4<sup>th</sup> grade*) available inside

<b>Welcome/Prayer</b>	Pastor Josh
<b>Baptism</b>	Shirley Saccocio
<b>Songs to God</b>	Worship Team
<b>Bible Teaching</b>	Pastor John
<b>Song of Reflection</b>	Worship Team

Masks are optional indoors, but please continue to be respectful of others

**Special Upcoming Opportunities**

**MEN/WOMEN ‘RECONNECT’ BREAKFAST(S) UNDER THE PAVILION:**  
Join us as we seek to strengthen and/or start fortifying friendships! **Sign-up at Welcome Booth** (*gluten/dairy free options available*). All invited!!  
For **Women #3 Sat Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 9-11am**. For **Men #3 Sat Aug 14<sup>th</sup> 9-11am**.

**LUNCH ON THE LAWN #3 – AUG 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00am:** Invite neighbors and friends to the outdoor service and stay for an OAC-provided lunch of subs, chips, & cookies (*w/gluten free option*)! Bounce House for kids!

**Everyday Life at OAC**

**NEW GUESTS:** Please visit the **WELCOME BOOTH** on the walkway or 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 others during the summer on Sundays 9:00-9:40am for prayer in the worship center (*front right*). *website tab: RESOURCES*

**GIVING OPTIONS:** 1) Drop in offering box outside: walkway/pavilion OR by worship doors inside. 2) Check by mail. 3) Utilize e-giving *website tab: RESOURCES*

For more information & other opportunities, visit us at:

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**The Secret behind the Secret**

*Walking in the Grace of Christ - Ephesians 3:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, **Paul**, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles - <sup>2</sup>assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>how the **mystery** was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. <sup>4</sup>When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and the prophets by the Spirit.

<sup>6</sup>This **mystery** is that the **Gentiles** are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given to me by the working of His power. <sup>8</sup>To me though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the **mystery** hidden for ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup>so that through the **church** the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was according to the eternal purposes that He has revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him. <sup>13</sup>So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

1. It changed Paul (*prideful/prejudiced – now grateful/humble*)  
**v1-5, 7-8**

2. It changed the status of every Gentile for all time (*faith in Jesus makes one a full heir w/every other believer in every way*)  
**v6**

3. It created the church for a distinct purpose (*to now live and share in such a way that angels & humans are exposed to God’s wisdom and power of the gospel to change lives*) **v9-13**