



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 24th, 2021

Sundays 10:00am – inside OR watch livestream
Children’s Ministry (*birth – 6th grade*) available

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor Josh
Songs to God	Worship Team
Bible Teaching	Pastor John
Christmas Carol by Candlelight	Worship Team

Please wear masks at all times unless seated—respect the space of others.

Special Upcoming Opportunities

2022 BUDGET & OFFICERS VOTE: 99% affirmed—Thank you.

WOMEN’S RETREAT SAVE THE DATE: January 29-30th @ Open Arms.

DISCOVERING OPEN ARMS LUNCHEON: February 27 - 11:30-2:30pm
Discover our heartbeat, values, history, & core beliefs. Learn how to connect with others & grow in your walk with God. A pre-requisite for membership & serving. Lunch provided. Enroll in foyer or online.

FALL/WINTER REC SPORTS: A great time to connect and compete:
Men’s Basketball – Mondays 7:00–9:00pm - See Mark Obleman
Coed Volleyball – Tuesdays 6:30–8:30pm - See Kevin Ellwood
Children’s Playdate – Tuesdays 10:00-12:00am - See Tiffanie Stuitje

Everyday Life at OAC

NEW GUESTS: Please visit the WELCOME BOOTH in cafe after the service today to receive a gift just for you! Be our guest again soon!

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/connect 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 on **Sundays 9:00-9:40am** and the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:30pm** in the last room on the left in the Edu wing. *website tab: RESOURCES*

GIVING OPTIONS: 1) Drop in offering boxes by worship center doors
2) Check by mail. 3) Utilize e-giving link. *website tab: RESOURCES*

For more information & other opportunities, visit us at:

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Nothing is Impossible with God

Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, **resolved** to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he **considered** these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying: Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (*which means, God with us*). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, **he did** as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And **he called** His name Jesus.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said: Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you! ²⁹But she was **greatly troubled** at the saying, and **tried to discern** what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her: **Do not be afraid**, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, ³³and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

³⁴And Mary said to the angel: **How** will this be, since I am a virgin? ³⁵And the angel answered her: The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For **nothing will be impossible with God**. ³⁸And Mary said: Behold, I am the **servant of the Lord**; let it be to me according to your word. And the angel departed from her.

Lessons from Joseph & Mary in the midst of the impossible:

1. Resolve - then consider (*let the Lord affirm or adjust*) v18-21
2. Reflect - then obey right away (*join God in His plan*) v22-25
3. Inner faith conflicts are expected (*keep listening...*) v26-33
4. Inquiring is fine (*then remember whose/what you are*) v34-38