



MERRY CHRISTMAS FAMILY & FRIENDS
MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

4:30pm – December 24th, 2022
Children’s Ministry (*birth – 4th grade*) available

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor John
Worship in Singing	Christmas Choir
Bible Teaching	Pastor John
Christmas Carol by Candlelight	Silent Night

Special Upcoming Opportunities

JOIN US SUNDAY - CHRISTMAS DAY @ 10:00 (YES - KIDS MINISTRY)

DISCOVER OPEN ARMS CHURCH LUNCHEON: Sunday Jan 15th 11:30-2:30pm This interactive workshop is designed to help new friends learn our vision, values, beliefs, how to get connected and more. Please sign up in foyer, pizza lunch provided (GF/DF option avail).

SAVE THE DATES: Upcoming Men’s & Women’s weekend events!
Men’s Advance on Fri/Sat, Feb 3rd & 4th @ Open Arms
Women’s Retreat on Fri/Sat May 5th & 6th @ Open Arms

MEN’S BASKETBALL: Mon nights 7:00-9:00pm

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL: Tue nights 6:30-8:30pm

Everyday Life at OAC

NEW GUESTS: Please visit the Welcome Booth in café after service to receive a gift! We also invite you to fill out the Connection Card (*seat pocket in front of you*) and drop in the box at the Booth in cafe.

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 connect/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: Join with others on **Sundays 9-9:40am** and/or the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:30pm** in the last room on the left in the Education wing.

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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YouTube

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What’s In a Name – part 2

God’s Promises Kept - Matthew 1:18-25

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: ²³“Behold, 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.

- 1) Jesus’ birth was both **divinely** orchestrated and **ordained**.
- 2) Jesus’ birth was **dependent** on/and demanded **obedience**.
- 3) Jesus’ birth/death/resurrection **delivered** us from our biggest **obstacle** to God – our sin.

“... By what power or by what **name** did you do this? ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the **name** of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This **Jesus** is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other **name** under heaven given among men by which we must be saved”. **Acts 4:7-12**