



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – February 19th, 2023

Children's Ministry (*birth – 6th grade*) available

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor John
Worship in Singing	Worship Team
<i>* 5th-6th graders leave for class (last room on left in Education Wing)</i>	
Bible Teaching	Pastor Josh
Lord's Supper	
Worship in Singing	Worship Team

Special Upcoming Opportunities

INSTITUTE CLASS: 'Grasping God's Word' – begins this Wed (2/22)
Be a part of this 9-week course designed to reinforce & practice the principles taught at Men's Advance & upcoming regional workshops. Meets at OAC on Wed nights @ 6:30pm. Sign up in foyer today!

MENDING THE SOUL: next group starts **Feb 27** (Mondays @ 6pm)
MTS is a group for women healing from abuse. To register, or to find out more information, email: MendingTheSoul518@gmail.com

REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN: Sat, **March 11**, 8:30am – 4pm
Learn tested principles & practice Bible study skills in small groups with other women (from various churches) using passages from the book of James. *Builds on the "Grasping God's Word" Institute Class.* \$25 / Register online @ gospeladvancenyc.org/equipping-women

MEN'S BASKETBALL: Mon nights 7-9pm

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*) & drop in the box at the Booth in cafe.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: "Where am I now with Jesus? What would help me to move forward with Him?" Whatever your answer, we'd love to partner with you! (resources, connections, etc.) *website: /reaching*

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: /ministries*


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) Use link on website / app. *website: /egiving*


For more information & other opportunities, visit us at:


OpenArmsChurch.com

 **YouTube** [openarmschurchnewyork](https://www.youtube.com/openarmschurchnewyork)

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Jesus' Gospel Can't Be Denied

God at Work – Acts 4:5-31 (ESV)

(Scripture & sermon outline on back of program)

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⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?”

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let 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. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

¹³ Now when **they saw the boldness of Peter and John**, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, **they had nothing to say in opposition.**

¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, ¹⁶ saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and **we cannot deny it.** ¹⁷ But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.”

¹⁸ So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, ²⁰ for **we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.**”

²¹ And when they had further threatened them, **they let them go, finding no way to punish them**, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened.

²² For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, ‘Why did the Gentiles rage,

and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’ – ²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and **grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness,** ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and **continued to speak the word of God with boldness.**

Jesus' gospel can't be denied; share it courageously!

1. Jesus' gospel can't be denied. (10-12)

a. No one can disprove its transforming power. (14,16,21-22)

b. No opposition can defeat a sovereign God. (24-28)

2. Share it courageously!

a. Trust in God to supply the boldness we need. (8,29-31)

b. “We can't but speak of what we've seen!” (13,18-20)