



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – February 26th, 2023
Children's Ministry (*birth – 6th grade*) available

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor John
Baptism	Arianna Ellwood
Worship in Singing	Worship Team
<i>* 5th-6th graders leave for class (last room on left in Education Wing)</i>	
Bible Teaching	Pastor Kevin
Worship in Singing	Worship Team

Special Upcoming Opportunities

OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN THE WORD: See back of program!

2ND ANNUAL KINGDOM BUILDERS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:
Sat, April 1st 8:30-1:30PM @ Open Arms (lunch incl). For those serving in the church or looking to serve. Meet others from local churches w/same interests. Each breakout session led by 2 hands on leaders. Ample time for Q&A. All costs picked up by HBA.
Enroll in foyer today!

BUILDING 12' x 20' x 18" platform for ENGAGE CHURCH in Albany
Do you have general carpentry skills? Contact P. John to know more.

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

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Be a Barnabas, Not an Ananias

God at Work – Acts 4:32–5:11 (ESV)

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. ³⁶ Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, ³⁷ sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

¹ But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, ² and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. ³ But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? ⁴ While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? **You have not lied to man but to God.**" ⁵ When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and breathed his last. And great fear came upon all who heard of it. ⁶ The young men rose and wrapped him up and carried him out and buried him.

⁷ After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸ And Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." ⁹ But Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." ¹⁰ Immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. When the young men came in they found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹ And great fear came upon the whole church and upon all who heard of these things.

1. Barnabas: A call to generous unity.

2. Ananias & Sapphira: A warning against deceitful hypocrisy.

Opportunities to Grow in the Word

OAC Institute Class (men & women): 'Grasping God's Word'

9-week course designed to reinforce & practice the principles taught at the Men's Advance & upcoming regional workshops. Learn how to better understand & apply the Bible!

dates: **Through April 26**
when: Wednesday nights @ 6:30pm
where: OAC building
sign up: in the foyer today!

JUST FOR MEN

Regional Workshop: 'Equipping Men in the Word'

Learn tested principles & practice those skills in small groups with other men (from various churches) using passages from the book of James. *Builds upon the 'Grasping God's Word' Institute class.*

date: **Apr 29**
when: Sat 8:30am – 4pm
where: Durkeetown Baptist, Fort Edward
cost: \$25 (includes materials & lunch)
sign up: online registration coming soon!

JUST FOR WOMEN

Regional Workshop: 'Equipping Women in the Word'

Learn tested principles & practice those skills in small groups with other women (from various churches) using passages from the book of James. *Builds upon the 'Grasping God's Word' Institute class.*

date: **Mar 11**
when: Sat 8:30am – 4pm
where: OAC building
cost: \$25 (includes materials & lunch)
sign up (& pay online):
gospeladvancenyc.org/equipping-women

OAC Ladies' Retreat: 'Suffering Well: A Study of the Book of Ruth'

Large group Bible teaching, breakout groups, activities, & strengthening of existing & new friendships!

dates: **May 5-6**
when: Fri evening & Saturday
where: OAC building (sleep @ home)
sign up: registration coming soon! **

** All ladies interested in being part of the planning process are invited to attend a meeting **today** (after service) in the Kids Church room!