



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – March 5th, 2023

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

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

Special Upcoming Opportunities

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

2ND ANNUAL KINGDOM BUILDERS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:
Sat, April 1st 8:30-1:30PM @ OAC (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!

EASTER CHOIR: Men & Women 13+ invited to sing on **EASTER APRIL 9th @ 10:00AM**. Rehearsal **APRIL 2nd** following service. Sign up in foyer and pick up lyric sheet March 12th!

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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Living with the Power & Passion to Obey God

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(Scripture on Back)

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^{4:29}And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹And 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...

^{5:12}Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.” ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported: ²³We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside. ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, “Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.” ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. ²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying: We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to

give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

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