



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – March 19th, 2023

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

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| Welcome/Prayer | Pastor Josh |
| 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

2ND ANNUAL KINGDOM BUILDERS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE:
Hosted @ OAC Sat, April 1st 8:30–1:30pm, designed for those serving or looking to serve the church. Includes breakout sessions, lunch, & ample time for Q&A. All costs are covered by HBA. Meet others from local churches w/ similar interests! [Enroll in foyer today!](#)

EASTER CHOIR: Men & women 13+ invited to sing on Easter (4/9); rehearsal after service on 4/2. [Sign up in foyer & pick up lyric sheet!](#)

LADIES' RETREAT PLANNING MTG: 3/26, 11:30-12:30. All welcome!

MEN'S REGIONAL WORKSHOP: 'Equipping Men in the Word' Sat, April 29 8:30–4pm in Ft. Edward (carpool available). Learn principles for understanding the word with men from other churches. Builds on Men's Advance & Institute Class teaching. Register online @ gospeladvancenyc.org/equipping-men (cost: \$25)

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](#)

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God at Work in Samaria

God at Work – Acts 8:1b–25 (ESV)

¹ And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. ² Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. ³ But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ **Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ.** ⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was much joy in that city.

⁹ But there was a man named Simon, who had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. ¹⁰ They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." ¹¹ And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. ¹² But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³ Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, ¹⁵ who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, ¹⁹ saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." ²⁰ But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! ²¹ You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. ²² Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. ²³ For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity." ²⁴ And Simon answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

²⁵ Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.