

#### MAKING JESUS KNOWN - TOGETHER.

10:00am – March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Children's Ministry (birth –  $6^{th}$  grade) available

Welcome/Prayer Pastor Josh
Worship in Singing Worship Team

\* 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders leave for class (last room on left in Education Wing)

Bible TeachingPastor KevinWorship in SingingWorship Team

### **Special Upcoming Opportunities**

**2**ND ANNUAL KINGDOM BUILDERS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: Hosted @ OAC **Sat, April 1**st **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 @ gospeladvanceny.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 <u>Welcome Booth</u> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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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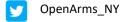
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## **God at Work in Samaria**

God at Work – Acts 8:1b–25 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Devout men buried Stephen and made great lamentation over him. <sup>3</sup> But Saul was ravaging the church, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

<sup>4</sup> Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. <sup>5</sup> **Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ.** <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> So there was much joy in that city.

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great." <sup>11</sup> And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

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

<sup>25</sup> 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.