



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – April 2nd, 2023

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

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor John
Worship in Singing	Worship Team
Bible Teaching	Pastor Kevin
Worship in Singing	Worship Team

Special Upcoming Opportunities

EASTER CHOIR: Men & women 13+ Rehearsal today following service

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP NIGHT: April 7th 6:30pm @ Open Arms
Join us for a night of singing together to the Jesus who died for us!

CORNHOLE TOURNEY TO BENEFIT CITY MISSION: April 22nd 10-1pm
Register your team in foyer by 4/16. \$10 fee. Outdoor/weather perm.

'DISCOVERING OPEN ARMS' LUNCHEON: Sun, April 23 11:30-2:30pm
Led by our pastors, this interactive workshop is designed to help new friends learn about our vision, values, & beliefs – & how to get more connected! (*pizza lunch; GF/DF options*). **Sign up in foyer.**

LADIES' RETREAT: Fri night & Sat May 5-6 @ Open Arms Church
'Suffering Well: A Study of the Book of Ruth." Bible teaching, breakout groups, activities, & more. **Pickup Information flyer & Sign up in foyer.**

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING: May 13th 8:30-4:00pm @ Open Arms
Be trained, equipped and nationally certified to respond to regional & national disasters. Fee: \$40 (includes lunch). **Pick up Registration Form in foyer for more info & mail by May 6th.**

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*

OpenArmsChurch.com

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

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No One's Too Far Gone

God at Work – Acts 9:1–31 (ESV)

1) Believe that Jesus can change anyone.

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1 Timothy 1:15-16

2) Be ready for Jesus to change anyone.

a) Be ready for Jesus to use you in the process.

b) Be ready to welcome those Jesus has changed.

(Scripture on Back)

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¹ But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵ And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

²³ When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, ²⁴ but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, ²⁵ but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

²⁶ And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷ But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

²⁸ So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. ²⁹ And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him.

³⁰ And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

³¹ So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

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