



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – April 30th, 2023

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

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

Special Upcoming Opportunities

LADIES' RETREAT: "Suffering Well: A Study of the Book of Ruth"
Fri night & Sat May 5-6 @ church building. Bible teaching, breakout groups, activities, & more! Pick up info flyer & **sign up in foyer!**

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING: May 13th 8:30-4:00pm @ church bldg.
Be trained, equipped, & nationally certified to respond to regional & national disasters. \$30 fee (includes lunch). Fill out registration form & mail to BCNY by **May 6**. See Pastor John w/ questions!

KIDS' PLAYDATES: Tues mornings 10-12pm (*outdoors or indoors*)

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL: Tues nights 6:30-8:30pm through May 23

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: /giving*

For more information & other opportunities, visit us at:


OpenArmsChurch.com

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

 **Open Arms Church**

 **Open Arms Church App**

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View other believers as 'partners-in-Christ'

God at Work – Acts 11 (ESV)

¹ Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² **So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying,** ³ **"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them."**

⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter, kill and eat.' ⁸ But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹ And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"

¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. ²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³ **When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose,** ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. ²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. **For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people.** And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

²⁷ Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). ²⁹ **So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.** ³⁰ **And they did so,** sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.