



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Children’s Ministry (*birth – 6<sup>th</sup> grade*) available

- Welcome** Pastor John
- 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 Teaching** Pastor Kevin
- Worship in Singing** Worship Team

**Special Upcoming Opportunities**

**DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING: May 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

**MEN’S RETREAT @ CAMP OF THE WOODS: Sept 30<sup>th</sup>–Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** (3 Days 2 Nights). **Main speaker: Frank Turek** (apologist & author). **SEE FLYER & ENROLL IN FOYER.** \$200 covers lodging, meals & activities. Sign up w/2 other men (min 3 to a room). If you need roommates or partial scholarship, see Mark Obleman or Pastor John

**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 **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: /giving*

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**Expect God to Work in Surprising Ways**

*God at Work – Acts 12:1-24 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. <sup>2</sup> He killed James the brother of John with the sword, <sup>3</sup> and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup> And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. <sup>5</sup> So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

<sup>6</sup> Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. <sup>7</sup> And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, “Get up quickly.” And the chains fell off his hands. <sup>8</sup> And the angel said to him, “Dress yourself and put on your sandals.” And he did so. And he said to him, “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.” <sup>9</sup> And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. <sup>11</sup> When Peter came to himself, he said, “Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.”

<sup>12</sup> When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. <sup>13</sup> And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. <sup>14</sup> Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. <sup>15</sup> They said to her, “You are out of your mind.” But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, “It is his angel!” <sup>16</sup> But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. <sup>17</sup> But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, “Tell these things to James and to the brothers.” Then he departed and went to another place. <sup>18</sup> Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. <sup>19</sup> And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there.

<sup>20</sup> Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. <sup>21</sup> On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. <sup>22</sup> And the people were shouting, “The voice of a god, and not of a man!” <sup>23</sup> Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

<sup>24</sup> **But the word of God increased and multiplied.**