



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

- Welcome/Prayer Pastor Kevin
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 John
Worship in Singing Worship Team

Special Upcoming Opportunities

NEW GUEST BRUNCH: If you have been visiting the last 18 months (since 1/1/22), we invite you to be part of our 1<sup>st</sup> meet & greet with the pastors – Next Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> after service under the Pavilion.

LUNCH ON THE LAWN COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Invite friends to our outdoor Worship Services on 7/9; 8/13; 9/10 on the lawn. Sub sandwiches, with GF/DF option. Bring Lawn Chair! Ponies on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

CHILDREN/BABY DEDICATIONS: Parents are invited to participate in a special ceremony dedicating their children to the Lord on Aug 27<sup>th</sup>. Contact pastor John to know more: John@openarmschurch.com

UPCOMING LADIES’ EVENTS:

- Brunch @ Donna Shappy’s home, Sat 7/15 10:30-12:00noon
-RETREAT @ Camp of the Woods: Sep 15-17. Main speaker: Jennie Allen, ‘Building Community.’ \$270 covers lodging, meals, activities. See flyer in foyer for more details & to sign up w/ 2 other ladies!

MEN’S RETREAT @ CAMP OF THE WOODS Sept/29 – Oct/1 SEE FLYER & ENROLL IN FOYER. \$200 covers lodging/meals, all activities & \$60 discount. Sign up in foyer w/2 other men (min 3 to a room).

KID’S PLAYDATE: Tues mornings 10-12pm (outdoors – bring trikes)

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: /egiving

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The Challenge with Nearsightedness

Psalms 73 (ESV)

- 1Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.
2But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped.
3For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek.
5They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.
6Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment.
7Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies.
8They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression.
9They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth.
10Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them.
11And they say, ‘How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?’
12Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.
13All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.
14For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning.
15If I had said, ‘I will speak thus,’ I would have betrayed the generation of your children.
16But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task,
17until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.
18Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.
19How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!
20Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.
21When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,
22I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.
23Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.
24You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.
25Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
26My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
27For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.
28But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.

Focusing on others’ lives instead of God’s life for/in us:

- 1) Can lead to a disturbing problem. vs1-3
2) Can lead to a distorted perspective. vs4-12
3) Can lead to a debilitating pity (self). vs13-16
4) But can also lead to a discerning perception. vs17-22
5) But can also lead to a deeper dependency on God. vs23-28