

MAKING JESUS KNOWN - TOGETHER.

10:00am – August 13th, 2023

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

Welcome/Prayer Pastor John
Baptism Trevor Belus
Worship in Singing Worship Team

* 5th-6th graders leave for class (last room on left in Education Wing)

Bible TeachingPastor JohnWorship in SingingWorship TeamLunch instruction & BlessingPastor Josh

Special Upcoming Opportunities

SAVE-THE-DATES: New Pastor recommendations available for Q & A Mon **6:30pm Aug 14**^{th.} Private ballot voting by members **Aug 27**th (email Ann Ando for 'absentee' ballot: ann@openarmschurch.com)

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

LUNCH ON THE LAWN COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Invite friends to our last remaining outdoor worship services on **9/10**! Subs/desserts, with GF/DF option. Bounce house & face painting for kids.

FALL RETREATS @ CAMP OF THE WOODS (Payment due Aug 31st)

- <u>Ladies:</u> **9/15-17**. Lodging, meals, activities included in \$270 rate.
- <u>Men</u>: 9/29 10/1. Lodging, meals, activities included in \$200 rate. Both prices reflect \$60 discount from standard rate. Stop by foyer to see flyers with more details & to sign up with 2 'roommates'!

KIDS' PLAYDATES: Tues mornings 10-noon (outdoors – bring trikes)

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.

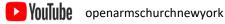
SPIRITUAL GROWTH: "Where am I now with Jesus? What would help me to move forward with Him?" Whatever your answer, we'd love to partner with you! (resources, connections, etc.) website: /reaching

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 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

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From Pit to Pedestal to Pit to ...

Psalm 40 (ESV)

¹I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry. ²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. ⁴Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! ⁵You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

⁶In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. ⁷Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: ⁸I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." (see Hebrews 10:1-18)

⁹I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. ¹⁰I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

¹¹As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! ¹²For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. ¹³Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

¹⁴Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt! ¹⁵Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!" ¹⁶But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!" ¹⁷As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

Stuck in pits are inevitable – God desires to deliver us:

- 1) Our waiting patiently allows God to do some things. 1-5
- 2) Our delight to do God's will from His Word is better. 6-8
- 3) Our sharing publicly of God's deliverance helps others. 9-10
- **4)Our <u>confidence</u>** in God's character compels more confession.

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5)Our speech ought to contain pleas & praise, not putdowns.

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