



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – August 13th, 2023

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

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| Welcome/Prayer | Pastor John |
| Baptism | Trevor Belus |
| Worship in Singing | Worship Team |
| <i>* 5th-6th graders leave for class (last room on left in Education Wing)</i> | |
| Bible Teaching | Pastor John |
| Worship in Singing | Worship Team |
| Lunch instruction & Blessing | Pastor Josh |

Special Upcoming Opportunities

SAVE-THE-DATES: New Pastor recommendations available for Q & A Mon **6:30pm Aug 14th**. Private ballot voting by members **Aug 27th** (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)
- **Ladies: 9/15-17.** Lodging, meals, activities included in \$270 rate.
- **Men: 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 **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*

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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 confidence** in God’s character compels more confession. **11-13**
- 5) Our speech** ought to contain pleas & praise, not putdowns. **14-17**