

MAKING JESUS KNOWN - TOGETHER.

10:00am – September 24th, 2023 Children's Ministry *(birth – 6th grade)* available

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor John
Worship in Singing	Worship Team
* 5 th -6 th graders leave for class (last room on left in	n Education Wing
Bible Teaching	Pastor Kevin
Worship in Singing	Worship Team

Special Upcoming Opportunities

UPCOMING SPECIALIZED GROUPS FOR LADIES:

- <u>Mending the Soul</u> (for women healing from abuse) **2 new groups launch in Oct**. Info & to enroll: Mendingthesoul518@gmail.com
- <u>Post-Abortion Support Group</u> (7-wk session) Saturdays 9am starting in October. Info & to enroll: Michelle.butler19@aol.com

DISCOVERING OPEN ARMS Luncheon: Sunday Oct 29th 11:30-2:30pm An opportunity to learn: our vision, beliefs, history & future direction. Hear how to connect/grow in your faith w/others. Led by the pastors. Pizza lunch included (GF option). Sign up online or in foyer today!

INDOOR SPORTS/REC:

Mon: Men's Basketball - 7:00-9:00pm. Tim Stuitje (coming in Nov) Tues/Now Kid's Playdate 10-12pm Tiffanie Stuitje: tnt.stuitje@gmail.com Tues/Now: Coed volleyball - 6:30-8:30. Kevin Ellwood: 315-269-6433 Wed: Coed pickleball - 6:30-8:30. Tim & Tiffanie Stuitje (coming in Nov)

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

For more information & other opportunities, visit us at: OpenArmsChurch.com

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How God Makes Strong Churches

God at Work - Acts 15:36-16:5 (ESV)

³⁶ And after some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." ³⁷ Now Barnabas wanted to take with them John called Mark. ³⁸ But Paul thought best not to take with them one who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work. ³⁹ And there arose <u>a sharp disagreement</u>, so that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus, ⁴⁰ but Paul chose Silas and departed, having been commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord. ⁴¹ And he went through Syria and Cilicia, **strengthening the churches**.

^{16:1} Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. ² He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. ³ Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. ⁴ As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance <u>the</u> <u>decisions that had been reached</u> by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. ⁵ **So the churches were strengthened** in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

1) God makes strong churches despite our disagreements.

2) God makes strong churches through our wise decisions.

Groups Available this Fall – Enroll on Walkway

Opportunities to connect with others & grow in your faith

Mondays:

 Men's Group 6:00-7:30PM. Begins Oct 9th. Topic: Growing as a Godly Man Facilitator: Jeff Monte & Friends Meet in Kids Church

Tuesdays:

 Women's Group 6:00-7:30PM. Begins Oct 3rd every other... Topic: "He's Where the Joy Is" - Getting to Know the Captivating God of the Trinity. *Buy: Amazon, CBD, Lifeway (\$17-20)*. Facilitators: Molly St. John & Kirsten Baker. Meet in Kids Church

 Coed 6:00-7:30PM. Begins Sept 26th every other Tuesday Topic: Book of Colossians: That in All Things Jesus has 1st Place Facilitator: Pastor John Meet in Kids Church

Wednesdays:

 4) Coed 10:00-12:00noon. Begins Sept 20th
 Topic: Digging into previous Sunday's Scripture text Facilitator: Gordon Tucker
 Meet in Kids Church

5) Coed 6:30-8:00PM. Begins Sept 27th
 Topic: Understanding the Old Testament
 Facilitator: Pastor Kevin
 Meet in Kids Church

Thursdays:

6) Men's Group 6:00-7:30PM. Begins Sept 21st every other...
 Topic: Various Bible Topics
 Facilitator: Mark Dahl
 Meet in Kids Church

 7) Women's Group 6:30-8:00PM. Begins Sept 21st every other...
 Topic: An overview study of the Minor Prophets Facilitator: Donna Shappy Meet in Café

Fridays:

8) Women's Group 10:00-11:30AM. Begins Sept 29th every other... (9:29; 10/20; 11/3; 11/17)
Topic: Book of James: Learning to Live Out What You Believe Facilitators: Nancy Nuding, Jen Dutcher & Friends Meet in Café