



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – December 3rd, 2023

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

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor John
Baptism	Ariana Knapp
Worship in Song	Worship Team
Bible Teaching	Pastor John
Worship in Song	Worship Team

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.

Special Upcoming Opportunities

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING: All invited following service today – interactive discussion, members vote by private ballot Dec. 17th.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Men & Women 5th grade+ invited to **sing on Dec 24th 10am**. Rehearsal Dec 17th following service. Sign up in foyer and pick up rehearsal lyric sheet today.

EXTENDING KINDNESS TO SOJOURNERS AT SUPER 8: Join with the City Mission toy store on Dec 14th. To serve or donate, see Pastor Josh.

INVITE FRIENDS TO OUR COMBINED CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Christmas Worship Night (candlelight) – **Saturday Dec 23rd 6:00PM**
Christmas Eve Service – **Sunday Dec 24th 10:00AM** (w/Kids Church!)

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER MARRIAGE CONFERENCE: Dec 15-17th Saratoga Hilton. See flyer - Kevin Ellwood ellwoodkt@gmail.com

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Be on lookout - New Groups forming in January.

INDOOR SPORTS/REC:

Mon: Men’s Basketball 7-9:30pm. Tim Stuitje: tim.stuitje@gmail.com

Tues: Kid’s Playdate - 10-noon Tiffani Stuitje: tnt.stuitje@gmail.com

Tues: Coed Volleyball - 6:30-8:30pm. Kevin Ellwood: 315-269-6433

Wed: Coed Pickleball - 6:30-9:00pm. Tim & Tiffani Stuitje.

Everyday Life at OAC

BAPTISM: Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor to tell of your interest.

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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Helping One Another Not to Shrink Back from...

Acts 20:17-38 ESV

¹⁷Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serv- ing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews,

²⁰how I did not **shrink** from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprison- ment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, **to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.** ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, ²⁷for I did not **shrink** from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

²⁸**Pay careful attention** to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' ³⁶And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. ³⁷And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they accompanied him to the ship.

1) Transparent living that points to Christlikeness. v17-19

2) Teaching what’s profitable – publicly & privately. v20-21

3) Trials that afflict deeply but serve God’s purpose. v22-27

4) Testing motives: self-serving or selfless serving. v28-38