



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – December 10th, 2023

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

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor Brian
Worship in Song	Worship Team
Bible Teaching	Pastor Kevin
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 VOTE: Members to vote on budget by private ballot on Dec. 17th. Copies of budget for review available in foyer.

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 contact, Pastor Josh – pastorjosh@openarmschurch.com

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!)

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES: Be on the lookout for 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*

For more information & other opportunities, visit us at:

OpenArmsChurch.com

 **YouTube** [openarmschurchnewyork](https://www.youtube.com/openarmschurchnewyork)

 **Open Arms Church**  **Open Arms Church App**

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JOIN US AS WE COMMISSION FIRESIDE CHURCH ON NEW YEARS EVE

For the latest happenings with the new church plant, visit:

FiresideChurchNY.com

Following Jesus Even When It's Hard

God at Work - Acts 21:1-17 (ESV)

¹ And when we had parted from them and set sail, we came by a straight course to Cos, and the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. ² And having found a ship crossing to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. ³ When we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left we sailed to Syria and landed at Tyre, for there the ship was to unload its cargo. ⁴ And having sought out the disciples, we stayed there for seven days. And through the Spirit they were telling Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. ⁵ When our days there were ended, we departed and went on our journey, and they all, with wives and children, accompanied us until we were outside the city. And kneeling down on the beach, we prayed ⁶ and said farewell to one another. Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home.

⁷ When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and we greeted the brothers and stayed with them for one day. ⁸ On the next day we departed and came to Caesarea, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. ⁹ He had four unmarried daughters, who prophesied. ¹⁰ While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles." ¹² When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³ Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." ¹⁴ **And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done."**

¹⁵ After these days we got ready and went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁶ And some of the disciples from Caesarea went with us, bringing us to the house of Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we should lodge.

¹⁷ When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly.

1) Follow Jesus even when it's hard.

2) Let others follow Jesus even when it's hard.