



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – December 17th, 2023

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

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor John
Worship in Song	Worship Team
Bible Teaching	Pastor Brian
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 today. Please fold & place in offering boxes at Worship doors.

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

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 Ministries)

OPEN ARMS APP: Our Open Arms APP is being discontinued as of the 1st of the year. We are updating our website & will provide more information on how you can stay connected online as we progress.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES: Be on the lookout for new groups forming in mid/late January – then enroll!

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:

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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

God Keeps His Promises

Luke 1:57-80 ESV

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸ And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹ And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, ⁶⁰ but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” ⁶¹ And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” ⁶² And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. ⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. ⁶⁴ And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. ⁶⁵ And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, ⁶⁶ and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has visited and redeemed his people

⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,

might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us^[a] from on high

⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

1) God keep His promises of a messenger.

2) God keeps His promises to Israel.

3) God keeps His promises to us.