



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – January 21st, 2024
Children’s Ministry (*birth – 6th grade*) available

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor Brian
Baptism	Anna Bailey
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

SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION WORKSHOP: TODAY Jan 21st 11:45am.
Pizza served @11:30 in Kids Church Room. All parents, grandparents, and children’s ministry volunteers encouraged to attend – Parental Discretion Advised, Childcare for birth - 6th gr in nursery & worship ctr

DISCOVERING OPEN ARMS CHURCH LUNCHEON: Sunday Feb. 4th 11:30-2:30pm. For new friends to learn the heartbeat, vision, values, and beliefs of OAC. Learn how to connect w/others in a group. This is the NEXT STEP to learn about membership & serving. **Sign up in foyer!**

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES: Sign up today in worship ctr for a group launching in the next 2/3 weeks (*see program for details*)

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

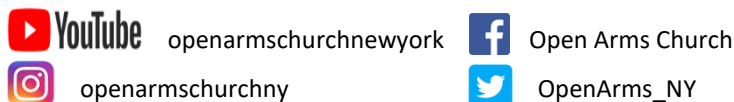
BAPTISM: Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor to tell of your interest.

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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OpenArmsChurch.com



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FiresideChurchNY.com

The Plots of Men versus the Plans of God

Acts 23:11-35

¹¹The following night the Lord stood by him and said: **“Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about Me in Jerusalem, so you must testify also in Rome”.**

¹²When it was day, the Jews made a **plot** and bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. ¹³There were more than forty who made this conspiracy. ¹⁴They went to the chief priests and elders and said: “We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food till we have killed Paul. ¹⁵Now therefore you, along with the council, give notice to the tribune to bring him down to you, as though you were going to determine his case more exactly. And we are ready to kill him before he comes near”.

¹⁶Now the son of Paul's sister heard of their ambush, so he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. ¹⁷Paul called one of the centurions and said, “Take this young man to the tribune, for he has something to tell him”.

¹⁸So he took him and brought him to the tribune and said: Paul the prisoner called me and asked me to bring this young man to you, as he has something to say to you.

¹⁹The tribune took him by the hand, and going aside asked him privately: What is it that you have to tell me?

²⁰And he said: The Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire somewhat more closely about him. ²¹But do not be persuaded by them, for more than forty of their men are lying in ambush for him, who have bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they have killed him. And now they are ready, waiting for your consent. ²²So the tribune dismissed the young man, charging him: Tell no one that you have informed me of these things.

²³Then he called two of the centurions and said: Get ready two hundred soldiers, with seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen to go as far as Caesarea at the third hour of the night. ²⁴Also provide mounts for Paul to ride and bring him safely to Felix the governor. ²⁵And he wrote a letter to this effect: ²⁶Claudius Lysias, to his Excellency the governor Felix, greetings. ²⁷This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them when I came upon them with the soldiers and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman citizen. ²⁸And desiring to know the charge for which they were accusing him, I brought him down to their council. ²⁹I found that he was being accused about questions of their law, but charged with nothing deserving death or imprisonment. ³⁰And when it was disclosed to me that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to you at once, ordering his accusers also to state before you what they have against him.

³¹So the soldiers, according to their instructions, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris. ³²And on the next day they returned to the barracks, letting the horsemen go on with him. ³³When they had come to Caesarea and delivered the letter to the governor, they presented Paul also before him. ³⁴On reading the letter, he asked what province he was from. And when he learned that he was from Cilicia, ³⁵he said, "I will give you a hearing when your accusers arrive." And he commanded him to be guarded in Herod's praetorium.

What God declares - will happen no matter what:

- 1) Zeal 'for' God is often blindly ignorant of truth. vs11-15

- 2) God's at work behind the scenes for our good & His glory. vs16-22

- 3) God sways unbelievers to accomplish His will. vs23-30

- 4) God's protection comes in unexpected ways. vs31-35

Winter Growth Groups

New opportunities for "New friends" to Open Arms to connect with others & grow in your faith. Sign up in Worship center!

MONDAY

- 1) **Sermon Discussion Group:** (Men's group)
Interactive discussion of the Sunday sermon/passage
Facilitated by Jeff Monte & Dave St. John
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (Kids Church)
Meets weekly beginning January 29th

TUESDAY

- 2) **Seek First the Kingdom** (Women's group)
God's invitation to life and joy in the book of Matthew
Facilitated by Kirsten Baker & Lisa Bailey
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (Prayer Room)
1st & 3rd Tuesdays beginning February 6th

TUESDAY - continued

- 3) **Balancing Love & Truth:** (Men & Women)
An interactive study of 1, 2, 3 John.
Facilitated by Pastor John
6:00-7:30pm at the church building (Kids Church)
Meets weekly beginning January 30th

WEDNESDAY

- 4) **Sermon Discussion & Fellowship Group:** (Men & Women)
Connect with others and discuss Sunday sermon/passage.
Facilitated by Jeff & Nancy Nuding
6:30-8:00 p.m. at the church building (Kids Church)
Every other week from January 31st to Memorial Day

THURSDAY

- 5) **Ageing Well:** (Men & Women)
Discover God's plan for us as we grow older.
Facilitated by Pastor Kevin
10:00-11:30 a.m. at the church building (Kids Church)
Meets weekly beginning February 1st

- 6) **Wholehearted Living for Jesus:** (Men's group)
An interactive Bible study for men of all ages.
Facilitated by Mark Dahl & Mike Micheli
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (Kids Church)
Meets every other week beginning January 25th

- 7) **Thriving in Joy, not just Surviving:** (Men & Women)
An interactive study on the book of Philippians
Facilitated by Jacob and Jen Dutcher
6:30-8:00 p.m. at 153 Steadwell Rd., Amsterdam
Meets weekly beginning February 8th

FRIDAY

- 8) **When Memory Issues Hit Home:** (Women's group)
A biblical support group for women walking with family or friends experiencing signs of dementia or Alzheimer's.
Facilitated by Ann Ando
10:00-11:30 a.m. at church building in the Cafe
1st & 3rd Fridays beginning February 2nd

- 9) **Sermon Discussion Group:** (Men's group)
Interactive discussion of the Sunday teaching text.
Facilitated by Bob Baker & Bob Lemay
6:30-8:00pm at the church building (Kids Church)
Meets every other week beginning January 26th

- 10) **Timeless Truths for Couples:** (Men & Women)
Preparing for or strengthening your marriage - God's way
(for couples who are married, engaged, or dating).
Facilitated by John & Danielle Mulligan
6:30-8:00 p.m. at 221 Harborside Dr. #236, Sch'dy
Meets weekly beginning January 26th