



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – January 28th, 2024

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

5-6th graders leave for your class following the singing – last room on let in Edu wing

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor John
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

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/groups & others. This is the NEXT STEP to learn about membership & serving. **Sign up in foyer!**

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES: Sign up today for a growth group launching soon! (*see back of program for details*)

SAVE THE DATE: Men’s Advance - March 8–9th @ the church building

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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FiresideChurchNY.com

A Witness before Governors

God at Work – Acts 24:1–27 (ESV)

¹ And after five days the high priest Ananias came down with some elders and a spokesman, one Tertullus. **They laid before the governor their case against Paul.** ² And when he had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying:

“Since through you we enjoy much peace, and since by your foresight, most excellent Felix, reforms are being made for this nation, ³ in every way and everywhere we accept this with all gratitude. ⁴ But, to detain you no further, I beg you in your kindness to hear us briefly. ⁵ For we have found this man a plague, one who stirs up riots among all the Jews throughout the world and is a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. ⁶ He even tried to profane the temple, but we seized him. ⁸ By examining him yourself you will be able to find out from him about everything of which we accuse him.”

⁹ The Jews also joined in the charge, affirming that all these things were so.

¹⁰ And when the governor had nodded to him to speak,

Paul replied:

“Knowing that for many years you have been a judge over this nation, I cheerfully make my defense. ¹¹ You can verify that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem, ¹² and they did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in the temple or in the synagogues or in the city. ¹³ Neither can they prove to you what they now bring up against me. ¹⁴ But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, ¹⁵ having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust. ¹⁶ So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man. ¹⁷ Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings. ¹⁸ While I was doing this, they found me purified in the temple, without any crowd or tumult. But some Jews from Asia— ¹⁹ they ought to be here before you and to make an accusation, should they have anything against me. ²⁰ Or else let these men themselves say what wrongdoing they found when I stood before the council, ²¹ other than this one thing that I cried out while standing among them: ‘It is with respect to the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you this day.’”

²² **But Felix,** having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way, **put them off,** saying, “When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case.” ²³ Then he gave orders to the centurion that he should be kept in custody but have some liberty, and that none of his friends should be prevented from attending to his needs.

²⁴ After some days Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, and he sent for Paul and heard him speak about faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁵ And as he reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, “Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you.” ²⁶ At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him. ²⁷ When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison.

(See Luke 21:12–15)

Winter Growth Groups

New opportunities to connect with others & grow in your faith

MONDAY

- 1) Sermon Discussion Group:** (Men's group)
Interactive discussion of the Sunday sermon/passage.
Facilitated by Jeff Monte
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (kid's 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
- 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 (kid's 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 (kid's church)
Every other week from January 31st to Memorial Day

THURSDAY

- 5) Aging Well:** (Men & Women)
Discover God's plan for us as we grow older.
Facilitated by Pastor Kevin
10:30-12:00 p.m. at the church building (kid's church)
Meets weekly beginning February 1st

THURSDAY continued. . .

- 6) Wholehearted Living for Jesus:** (Men's group)
An interactive Bible study for men.
Facilitated by Mark Dahl & Michael Micheli
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (kid's church)
Meets every other week beginning Jan 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 friends or family 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 sermon/passage.
Facilitated by Bob Baker & Bob Lemay
6:30-8:00pm at the church building (kids' church)
Meets every other week beginning February 2nd
- 10) Timeless Truths for Marriage:** (Couples group)
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

Sign up at tables in Worship Center today!