



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – February 11th, 2024

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

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor Brian
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

MEN'S ADVANCE – IT'S NOT ABOUT US! March 8-9th. All men (13+) join us for a Fri-Sat experience of encouragement, connection & fun. \$25 covers 3 meals beginning w/dinner 6:00pm Friday and ends w/lunch 2:00pm. Sign up in foyer today & pick up information flyer.

3rd ANNUAL KINGDOM BUILDER'S CONFERENCE: Sat. April 13th 8:30-1:30pm. A conference for those who serve in the church. Sessions include Servant Leadership, Being a warm/hospitable church, having a missions strategy that works & more. **FREE - Sign up in foyer!**

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES: Sign up today in foyer for a group that fits your schedule and interest (see back of program)!

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

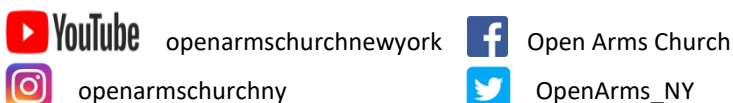
BAPTISM: Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor to tell of your interest.

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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God's Favor to You in Storms Helps Others

Acts 27:1-44

¹And when it was decided that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort named Julius. ²And embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we put to sea, accompanied by Aristarchus, a Macedonian from Thessalonica. ³The next day we put in at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him leave to go to his friends and be cared for. ⁴And putting out to sea from there we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were against us. ⁵And when we had sailed across the open sea along the coast of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra in Lycia. ⁶There the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy and put us on board. ⁷We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, and as the wind did not allow us to go farther, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone. ⁸Coasting along it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near which was the city of Lasea.

⁹Since much time had passed, and the voyage was now dangerous because even the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, ¹⁰saying: Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives. ¹¹But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said. ¹²And because the harbor was not suitable to spend the winter in, the majority decided to put out to sea from there, on the chance that somehow they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete, facing both southwest and northwest, and spend the winter there. ¹³Now when the south wind blew gently, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close to the shore. ¹⁴But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. ¹⁵And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven long. ¹⁶Running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we managed with difficulty to secure the ship's boat. ¹⁷After hoisting it up, they used supports to undergird the ship. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the Syrtis, they lowered the gear, and thus they were driven along. ¹⁸Since we were violently storm-tossed, they began the next day to jettison the cargo. ¹⁹And on the third day they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

²¹Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and incurred this injury and loss. ²²**Yet now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.** ²³**For this very night there stood before me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship,** ²⁴**and he said: Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar. And behold, God has granted you all those who sail with you.** ²⁵**So take heart, men,**

for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. ²⁶But we must run aground on some island."

²⁷When the fourteenth night had come, as we were being driven across the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors suspected that they were nearing land. ²⁸So they took a sounding and found twenty fathoms. A little farther on they took a sounding again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹And fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come. ³⁰And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, and had lowered the ship's boat into the sea under pretense of laying out anchors from the bow, ³¹Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." ³²Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the ship's boat and let it go. ³³As day was about to dawn, Paul urged them all to take some food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day that you have continued in suspense and without food, having taken nothing. ³⁴Therefore I urge you to take some food. For it will give you strength, for not a hair is to perish from the head of any of you." ³⁵And when he had said these things, he took bread, and giving thanks to God in the presence of all he broke it and began to eat. ³⁶Then they all were encouraged and ate some food themselves. ³⁷(We were in all 276 persons in the ship.) ³⁸And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea.

³⁹Now when it was day, they did not recognize the land, but they noticed a bay with a beach, on which they planned if possible to run the ship ashore. ⁴⁰So they cast off the anchors and left them in the sea, at the same time loosening the ropes that tied the rudders. Then hoisting the foresail to the wind they made for the beach. ⁴¹But striking a reef, they ran the vessel aground. The bow stuck and remained immovable, and the stern was being broken up by the surf. ⁴²The soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any should swim away and escape. ⁴³But the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, ⁴⁴and the rest on planks or on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

God shows favor in the quiet and the turbulent Seas:

- 1) The winds change daily – God doesn't, be looking. v1-8
- 2) We can't control opposing counsel - God is patient. v9-20
- 3) Share confidently in hopeless times of God's promises. v21
- 4) There are times to warn and times to encourage. v27-38
- 5) God's plan usurps mans plots for His higher purpose. v39-44

Winter Growth Groups

Opportunities for "**New friends**" to Open Arms to connect with others & grow in your faith. Sign up in Foyer!

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

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)
Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
- 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

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 beginning January 31st
- 5) **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
- 6) **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

FRIDAY

- 7) **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
Meets 1st & 3rd Fridays
- 8) **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 Feb 2nd