



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – February 25th, 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

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

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. Make check out to Open Arms memo: Men’s Advance: due TODAY Feb 25th. Info flyer in foyer.

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 Hospitable church, Embracing Healthy Mental Health and more. **FREE - Sign up in foyer (lunch incl)!**

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

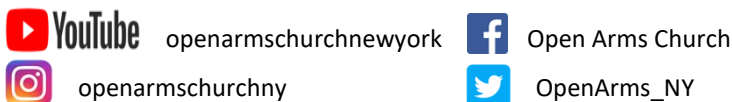
BAPTISM: Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor to tell of your interest.

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

Convinced About Jesus, Look to Convince Others

Acts 28:11-31 - ESV

¹¹After three months we set sail in a ship that had wintered in the island, a ship of Alexandria, with the twin gods as a figurehead (*the Greek gods Castor and Pollux*). ¹²Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed there for three days. ¹³And from there we made a circuit and arrived at Rhegium. And after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli. ¹⁴There we found brothers and were invited to stay with them for seven days. And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵And the brothers there, when they heard about us, came as far as the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns to meet us. On seeing them, Paul thanked God and took courage. ¹⁶And when we **came into Rome**, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who guarded him.

¹⁷After three days he called together the local leaders of the Jews, and when they had gathered, he said to them: “Brothers, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. ¹⁸When they had examined me, they wished to set me at liberty, because there was no reason for the death penalty in my case. ¹⁹But because the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar—though I had no charge to bring against my nation. ²⁰For this reason, therefore, I have asked to see you and speak with you, since it is because of the hope of Israel that I am wearing this chain. ²¹And they said to him, “We have received no letters from Judea about you, and none of the brothers coming here has reported or spoken any evil about you.

²²But we desire to hear from you what your views are, for with regard to this sect we know that everywhere it is spoken against.”

²³When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and **trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets**. ²⁴And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved. ²⁵And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet (*Isaiah 6:9-10*):

²⁶*‘Go to this people, and say, you will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive. ²⁷For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’*

²⁸Therefore let it be known to you that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen. ^{*29}And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, having

much dispute among themselves. ³⁰He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and **welcomed all who came to him, ³¹proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ** with all boldness and without hindrance. (**not all translations include vs 29*)

Welcome and share with those whom God sends our way:

1) God's always at work, drawing believers & unbelievers.
v11-16

2) Personal testimony often opens doors for more. v17-21

3) Biblical Christianity is misunderstood & spoken against.
v22

4) Biblical explanations convince some, hardens others.
v23-31

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) 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

- 3) 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

THURSDAY

- 4) 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

- 5) 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

- 6) 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

11:30 a.m. at church building in the Cafe

Meets 1st & 3rd Fridays

10:00-

7) 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