



## MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Children's Ministry (*birth – 6<sup>th</sup> grade*) available

**Welcome/Prayer**

Pastor John

**Worship in Song**

Worship Team

(5-6<sup>th</sup> graders dismissed for class – last room on left in education wing)

**Bible Teaching**

Pastor Kevin

**Lord's Supper**

**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

**LORD'S SUPPER/COMMUNION:** All believers in Christ invited to participate this morning in this time of reflection/remembrance of Jesus' body & shed blood given for our sin (see 1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

**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 8-9<sup>th</sup>.** 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**. Info flyer in foyer.

**3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL KINGDOM BUILDER'S CONFERENCE: Sat. April 13<sup>th</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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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## The Problem of Suffering

Job 1:1–2:10 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job, and that man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. <sup>2</sup> There were born to him seven sons and three daughters. <sup>3</sup> He possessed 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 female donkeys, and very many servants, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east. <sup>4</sup> His sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one on his day, and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. <sup>5</sup> And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

<sup>6</sup> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. <sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil?" <sup>9</sup> Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for no reason? <sup>10</sup> Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. <sup>11</sup> But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face." <sup>12</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand." So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, <sup>14</sup> and there came a messenger to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them, <sup>15</sup> and the Sabeans fell upon them and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>16</sup> While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>17</sup> While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The Chaldeans formed three groups and made a raid on the camels and took them and struck down the servants with the edge of the sword, and I alone have escaped to tell you." <sup>18</sup> While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house, <sup>19</sup> and behold, a great wind came across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young people, and they are dead, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

<sup>20</sup> Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. <sup>21</sup> And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. **The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.**"

<sup>22</sup> **In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrong.**

<sup>1</sup> Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. <sup>2</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "From where have you come?" Satan answered the LORD and said, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." <sup>3</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, who fears God and turns away from evil? He still holds fast his integrity, although you incited me against him to destroy him without reason." <sup>4</sup> Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. <sup>5</sup> But stretch out your hand and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." <sup>6</sup> And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life."

<sup>7</sup> So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with loathsome sores from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. <sup>8</sup> And he took a piece of broken pottery with which to scrape himself while he sat in the ashes.

<sup>9</sup> Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die." <sup>10</sup> But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. **Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.**

## Why Do We Trust God?

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>

### 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  
10:00-11:30 a.m. at church building in the Cafe  
Meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup>