



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – March 24th, 2024

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

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor Brian
Worship in Song	Worship Team
<small>(5-6th graders dismissed for class – last room on left in education wing)</small>	
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

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP NIGHT: March 29th 6:30pm @ Open Arms
Join us for a night of singing together to the Jesus who died for us!

SPIRITUAL GROWTH/CONNECTION OPPORTUNITIES: Be a part of a group that fits your schedule/interest (*see list of groups to the right*).

3rd ANNUAL KINGDOM BUILDERS CONFERENCE: Sat. April 13th 8:30-1:30pm. Equipping for those who serve in the church. Sessions include: servant leadership, being a hospitable church, embracing mental health and more. **FREE - Sign up in foyer (lunch included)!**

CITY MISSION ANNUAL 118th Anniversary Banquet: Sun. 4/28, 3pm. or Mon. 4/29, 6:30pm @ Glen Sanders. Seating limited, bring a generous gift & friend. **RSVP email:** BanquetRSVP@CityMission.com

ALPHA PREGNANCY CARE CTR Annual Banquet: Sun. 4/28, 2pm. Or Mon 4/29, 5:30pm @ Marriot Albany - Wolf Rd. Bring a generous gift & friend. **RSVP email:** banquest@alphacare.org or (518) 689-0413

INDOOR SPORTS/REC:

Mon: Men’s Basketball 7-9:30pm. 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

YOUTH GROUP: Teens in 7th-12th grade invited Sunday evenings from 6-8pm for teaching/connections/snacks/games. *website: /youth*

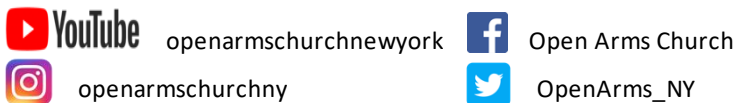
BAPTISM: Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor to tell of your interest.

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:

OpenArmsChurch.com



For the latest happenings with the new church plant, visit:

FiresideChurchNY.com

Growth Groups

Opportunities to connect with others & grow in your faith.

Email pastorjohn@openarmchurch.com for more info!

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)
Meets every other week

THURSDAY

- 4) 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

- 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

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 1st & 3rd 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

Righteous Suffering Can Reveal Wrong Attitudes

Job 32-37 (ESV)

1) Elihu's Compulsion to speak to Job and his friends:

^{32:1-12} "So these three men ceased to answer Job, because **he was righteous in his own eyes**. ²Then Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, burned with anger. He burned with anger at Job because he justified himself rather than God. ³He burned with anger also at Job's three friends because they had found no answer, although they had declared Job to be in the wrong. ⁴Now Elihu had waited to speak to Job because they were older than he. ⁵And when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, he burned with anger. ⁶And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said:

"I am young in years, and you are aged; therefore I was timid and afraid to declare my opinion to you. ⁷I said, 'Let days speak, and many years teach wisdom.' ⁸But it is the spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand. ⁹It is not the old who are wise, nor the aged who understand what is right. ¹⁰Therefore I say, 'Listen to me; let me also declare my opinion.' ¹¹Behold, I waited for your words, I listened for your wise sayings, while you searched out what to say. ¹²I gave you my attention, and, behold, **there was none among you who refuted Job or who answered his words...** ^{32:20-22} I must speak, that I may find relief; I must open my lips and answer. ²¹I will not show partiality to any man or use flattery toward any person. ²²For I do not know how to flatter, else my Maker would soon take me away."

2) Elihu Counters Job's overestimation of himself.

^{33:8-13} ⁸ "Surely you have spoken in my ears, and I have heard the sound of your words. ⁹You say, 'I am pure, without transgression; I am clean, and there is no iniquity in me. ¹⁰Behold, He finds occasions against me, He counts me as His enemy, ¹¹He puts my feet in the stocks and watches all my paths. ¹²**Behold, in this you are not right.** I will answer you, for God is greater than man. ¹³Why do you contend against Him, saying, 'He will answer none of man's words?'"

3) Elihu's Correction to Job's claim of God's silence.

a) ^{33:14-18} For God speaks in one way, and in two, though man does not perceive it. ¹⁵**In a dream, in a vision of the night**, when deep sleep falls on men, while they slumber on their beds, ¹⁶then He opens the ears of men and terrifies them with warnings, ¹⁷that He may turn man aside from his deed and conceal pride from a man; ¹⁸He keeps back his soul from the pit, his life from perishing by the sword.

b) ^{33:19-22} **Man is also rebuked with pain on his bed and with continual strife in his bones**, ²⁰so that his life loathes bread, and his appetite the choicest food. ²¹His flesh is so wasted away that it cannot be seen, and his bones that were not seen stick out. ²²His soul draws near the pit, and his life to those who bring death.

c) ^{33:23-26} If there be for him an angel, a mediator, one of the thousand, to declare to man what is right for him, ²⁴and He is merciful to him, and says, 'Deliver him from going down into the pit; I have found a ransom; ²⁵let his flesh become fresh with youth; let him return to the days of his youthful vigor';

²⁶then man prays to God, and He accepts him; he sees his face with a shout of joy, and He restores to man his righteousness.

4) Elihu Concludes how "righteous sinners" are restored.

^{36:7-15} "**He does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous**, but with kings on the throne He sets them forever, and they are exalted. ⁸And if they are bound in chains and caught in the cords of affliction, ⁹then **He declares to them their work and their transgressions, that they are behaving arrogantly**. ¹⁰He opens their ears to instruction and commands that they return from iniquity. ¹¹If they listen and serve Him, they complete their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasantness. ¹²But if they do not listen, they perish by the sword and die without knowledge. ¹³The godless in heart cherish anger; they do not cry for help when He binds them. ¹⁴They die in youth, and their life ends among the cult prostitutes. ¹⁵**He delivers the afflicted by their affliction and opens their ear by adversity**."

^{42:2-6} "*(Job speaking to God)* I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted. ³Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. ⁴Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.' ⁵I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; ⁶therefore I despise myself, and **repent** in dust and ashes."

Christ's answer to a "righteous sufferer" today:

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son..."

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by Him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." ⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ... ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."

Hebrews 1:1-2a, 12:1-7, 10-11