Growth Groups



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – March 31^{st} , 2024 Children's Ministry (*birth* – 6^{th} grade) available

Welcome/Prayer	Pastor Brian
Worship in Song	Worship Team
(5-6 th graders dismissed for class – last room on left ir	education wing)
Bible Teaching	Pastor John
Baptism	Pedro Lozada
Worship in Song	Worship Team

NEW GUESTS: Please visit the <u>Welcome Booth</u> 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

EQUIPPING WOMEN IN THE WORD: Sat, April 20th 8:30am–4pm A regional workshop hosted @ Open Arms focused on how to understanding Old Testament stories/narrative. Register online @ gospeladvanceny.org/equipping-women (\$25 includes lunch) Contact Pastor Kevin with any questions kevin@openarmschurch.com

3rd **ANNUAL KINGDOM BUILDERS REGIONAL CONFERENCE:** <u>Sat.</u> <u>**April 13**th **8:30-1:30pm**</u>. Hosted by Open Arms. Equipping by local experienced leaders 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 incl)**!

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. Reserve to: <u>BanquetRSVP@CityMission.com</u>.

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. Reserve to: <u>banquest@alphacare.org</u> 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
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

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For the latest happenings with the new church plant, visit: **FiresideChurchNY.com** Opportunities to connect with others & grow in your faith. Be a part of a group that fits your schedule/interest Email pastorjohn@openarmchurch.com for more info!

MONDAY

 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

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

He Has Risen as He Said-What's Your Response?

Matthew 28 (ESV)

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed guickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings"! And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them: "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me".

¹¹While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ¹²And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers ¹³and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' ¹⁴And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

The Resurrected Jesus is met by those who are:

1) <u>Committed</u> worshippers who seek, listen & respond.

2) <u>Conspirators</u> who explain Him away via lies & deception.

3) <u>Commissioned</u> by Him to make disciples who make...

a) As you 'go' make disciples (believers/learners/followers).

b) Baptize them in the triune God (that's who they identify with).

c) Teach them and show them what Jesus commanded.