



## MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

10:00am – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

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| <b>Welcome/Prayer</b>                                                                 | Pastor John  |
| <b>Baptism</b>                                                                        | Steve Knack  |
| <b>Worship in Song</b>                                                                | Worship Team |
| (5-6 <sup>th</sup> graders dismissed for class – last room on left in education wing) |              |
| <b>Bible Teaching</b>                                                                 | Pastor Kevin |
| <b>Worship in Song</b>                                                                | 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

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL KINGDOM BUILDERS REGIONAL CONFERENCE:**

**Sat, April 13<sup>th</sup> 8:30-1:30pm.** Hosted by Open Arms. Equipping by local leaders for those who serve in the church. Sign up in foyer

#### **EQUIPPING WOMEN IN THE WORD: Sat, April 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30am–4pm**

A regional workshop hosted @ OAC focused on understanding Old Testament stories. Register @ [gospeladvancenyc.org/equipping-women](http://gospeladvancenyc.org/equipping-women)

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD MEETING:** Sun, April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 11:30am  
Join us in the Kid's Church room to learn NEW ways to get involved.

**DISCOVERING OPEN ARMS LUNCHEON:** Sun, April 28<sup>th</sup> 11:30-2:30pm.  
For new friends to learn about the heartbeat, vision & beliefs of OAC. A next step for membership & serving. **Sign up in foyer!**

**CITY MISSION 118<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet:** Sun. 4/28, 3pm. or  
Mon. 4/29, 6:30pm @ Glen Sanders. Seating limited, bring a generous gift & a friend. RSVP: [BanquetRSVP@CityMission.com](mailto: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 & a friend. RSVP: [banquest@alphacare.org](mailto:banquest@alphacare.org) or (518) 689-0413.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Women's Retreat at OAC May 17-18<sup>th</sup>

#### **INDOOR SPORTS/REC:**

**Mon:** Men's Basketball 7-9:30pm. [tim.stuitje@gmail.com](mailto:tim.stuitje@gmail.com)

**Tues:** Kid's Playdate - 10-noon Tiffani Stuitje: [tnt.stuitje@gmail.com](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade invited Sunday evenings from 6-8pm for teaching/connections/snacks/games. *website: /youth*

**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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## Growth Groups

*Opportunities to connect with others & grow in your faith.*

Be a part of a group that fits your schedule/interest

Email [pastorjohn@openarmchurch.com](mailto: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  
10:00-11:30 a.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 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

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

**FiresideChurchNY.com**

# Knowing God through Suffering

Job 38:1–42:6 (ESV)

38<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

<sup>2</sup> “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup> Dress for action like a man;

**I will question you, and you make it known to me.**

<sup>4</sup> “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup> Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup> On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup> when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

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40<sup>1</sup> And the LORD said to Job:

<sup>2</sup> “Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty? He who argues with God, let him answer it.”

<sup>3</sup> Then Job answered the LORD and said:

<sup>4</sup> “Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? **I lay my hand on my mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further.”

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

<sup>7</sup> “Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

<sup>8</sup> Will you even put me in the wrong?

Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?

<sup>9</sup> Have you an arm like God,

and can you thunder with a voice like his?

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42<sup>1</sup> Then Job answered the LORD and said:

<sup>2</sup> “**I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.**

<sup>3</sup> ‘*Who 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.

<sup>4</sup> ‘*Hear, and I will speak;*

*I will question you, and you make it known to me.*’

<sup>5</sup> I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;

<sup>6</sup> therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.”

## Lessons we can learn through suffering. . .

1) **God answers when we cry out to Him.** (38:1)

2) **God doesn’t answer all of our questions.** (38:3)

3) **God is big and we are small.** (40:4)

4) **God is in control, not us.** (42:2)