



**MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER**

10:00am – December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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

<b>Welcome/Prayer</b>	Pastor Brian
<b>Songs of Worship</b>	Worship Team
<i>(5-6<sup>th</sup> grade leave for class in Edu Wing, last room on left)</i>	
<b>Message</b>	Pastor Kevin
<b>Song of Worship</b>	Worship Team

**NEW GUESTS: Visit our Welcome Booth for more information and gift**

**Special Upcoming Opportunities**

**2025 PROPOSED BUDGET VOTE:** Copies of the proposed budget for next year are available in the foyer. Members will vote by private ballot on Sunday, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Sat., Dec 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. Join us for a night of Christmas worship with regional Christian artist Dave Pettigrew. Invite friends & family! Free admission (love offering received)

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:** Tues., Dec 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Invite your family and friends as we worship with Christmas songs and look at the story of the birth of Jesus.

**INDOOR SPORTS/REC:**

- Mon:** Men’s Basketball –7-9pm Andrew Knapp: knappsterx@gmail.com
- Tues:** Kid’s Playdate – 10am-12pm Tiffanie Stuitje: tnt.stuitje@gmail.com
- Tues:** Coed Volleyball – 6:30-8:30 Kevin Ellwood: 315.269.6433

**Everyday Life at OAC**

**BAPTISM:** Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith & obedience to Christ. Contact a pastor for next steps.

**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.

**YOUTH GROUP:** Teens in 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade invited Sunday evenings from 6-8pm for teaching/connection/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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**How to Serve Christ**

2 Corinthians: God’s Power in Our Weakness  
10:1–15 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!— <sup>2</sup> I beg of you that when I am present I may not have to show boldness with such confidence as I count on showing against some who suspect us of walking according to the flesh. <sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, <sup>6</sup> being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

<sup>7</sup> Look at what is before your eyes. If anyone is confident that he is Christ’s, let him remind himself that just as he is Christ’s, so also are we. <sup>8</sup> For even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for destroying you, I will not be ashamed. <sup>9</sup> I do not want to appear to be frightening you with my letters. <sup>10</sup> For they say, “His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account.” <sup>11</sup> Let such a person understand that what we say by letter when absent, we do when present. <sup>12</sup> Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

<sup>13</sup> But we will not boast beyond limits, but will boast only with regard to the area of influence God assigned to us, to reach even to you. <sup>14</sup> For we are not overextending ourselves, as though we did not reach you. For we were the first to come all the way to you with the gospel of Christ. <sup>15</sup> We do not boast beyond limit in the labors of others. But our hope is that as your faith increases, our area of influence among you may be greatly enlarged, <sup>16</sup> so that we may preach the gospel in lands beyond you, without boasting of work already done in another’s area of influence. <sup>17</sup> “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.” (*Jer 9:23-24*) <sup>18</sup> For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends.

- 1) Keep the gospel at the center. (1-6)
- 2) Use authority to build others up. (7-11)
- 3) Boast in the Lord, not yourself. (12-18)

(Next week’s passage: 2 Corinthians 11:1-15)

# Fall Growth Groups

*New opportunities to connect with others & grow in your faith*

## TUESDAY

- 1) In View of God's Mercies:** (Women's group)  
The gift of the gospel in the book of Romans. Discover how the gospel changes our eternal future and our present reality.  
Facilitated by Kirsten Baker & Lisa Bailey  
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (prayer room)  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays through Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

## WEDNESDAY

- 2) Sermon Discussion Group:** (Men & Women)  
Connect with others and discuss Sunday sermon/passage.  
Facilitated by Gordon Tucker  
10:00-11:30 a.m. at the church building (Kid's Church)  
Meets weekly through Dec 18th

## THURSDAY

- 3) We Are Men:** (Men's group)  
A biblical perspective on godly manhood.  
Facilitated by Mark Dahl & Michael Micheli  
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the church building (Kid's Church)  
Meets every other week

## FRIDAY

- 4) Sermon Discussion Group:** (Men)  
Interactive discussion of the Sunday sermon/passage.  
Facilitated by Bob Baker & Bob Lemay  
6:30-8pm at 2862 Pattersonville Rynex Rd, Pattersonville  
Meets every other week through May 2025
- 5) Sermon Discussion Group:** (Men & Women)  
Interactive discussion of the Sunday sermon/passage.  
Facilitated by Kevin & Becca Ellwood  
6:30-8:00 p.m. at 3634 Guilderland Ave, Rotterdam  
Meets weekly through Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

Contact Pastor Brian to assist in joining a group – [brian@openarmschurch.com](mailto:brian@openarmschurch.com)