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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE begins at 4:30. You are invited to celebrate the Gift of God's Son with us. Bring your family and a friend.

THE NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE begins at 10:00 AM. Start the New Year with fellow Christians worshipping the Lord.

THE ONE YEAR NEW TESTAMENT CHALLENGE begins January 1st. Everyone is invited to read through the New Testament in 2023 using the same reading plan. Daily readings will be posted in the Weekly News Update. The same schedule of readings is available at BibleGateway.com. Click on Read the Bible, Reading Plans, and New Testament in a Year. You can listen to the readings by going to oneyearbibleonline.com. Scroll down to New Testament Daily Readings. Select your desired translation. Press Start. We will take a few minutes each Sunday to review and reflect on the previous week's New Testament's readings.

DAILY NEW TESTAMENT READINGS January 1 – 8

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| 1 st | Matthew Chapter 1 | 5 th | Matthew 5:1-26 |
| 2 nd | Matthew Chapter 2 | 6 th | Matthew 5:27-48 |
| 3 rd | Matthew Chapter 3 | 7 th | Matthew 6:1-18 |
| 4 th | Matthew Chapter 4 | 8 th | Matthew 6:19-7:11 |

A QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24th, 4:30 PM
- New Year's Day Service, 10:00 AM
- 252 Resumes January 4th
- Board Member Installation January 8th
- Confirmation Classes Resume January 8th
- MEALTIME Chili Cookoff, January 25th

LOOK FOR PASTOR LARRY'S Podcasts on the Open Arms website and YouTube page. This week he talks about "Being Home for Christmas." The Christmas Podcast will think about "The Night Before Christmas."

YEAR END DONATIONS to Open Arms will help us finish the year in better financial shape. Open Arms has been able to make some upgrades and improvements this year thanks to grant funding that are not expected in the New Year. Your ongoing support helps Open Arms reach out to and serve the community, the Day Care families and the church Members.

THE 2023 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room on

Jan. 24th Feb. 21st March 21st April 18th

Jan 31st Feb. 28th March 28th April 25th

Sessions will begin with the New Testament letters from John, John 1, 2 & 3. Men of Open Arms, make one of your New Year's resolutions to attend one or more of these Bible Study opportunities and invite a friend. If you have any questions, please contact David Ferber (ferber_david@yahoo.com).

THE CHRISTIAN "GPS" or GOSPEL POSITIONING SYSTEM series begins January 8th. The Gospel helps us navigate through life as followers of Jesus Christ. What we do as Christians flows from who we are in Christ. During the GPS series we will look at the Gospel readings to see how God directs our lives to Do what He wants us to do and to Be who He wants us to be.

MEAL-TIME CHILI COOKOFF is January 25th. This is a time for Day Care and Church families to enjoy a free meal together, relax and get to talk with each other. We are looking for people who would like to be part of the Chili Cookoff challenge. Who has the best Chili in the Open Arms family? Find out on the 25th. We serve from 5:00 to 6:00.

NO WEEKLY NEWS UPDATE between Christmas and New Year's Day while Pastor Larry is catching up with his family and recharging his "batteries" after Christmas.

PLEASE SCAN if you want to contact the church, update your information, or leave a message for Pastor Larry. Thanks

