



**THANK YOU** to everyone in the Open Arms family for the generous gift and support given to me last Sunday. Your generous gift was not expected and greatly appreciated. Both Joan and I are thankful for the opportunity to serve with you at Open Arms as partners in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are also thankful for all the blessings God has given to Open Arms. Pastor Larry and Joan Courson

**OPEN ARMS CALL UPDATE:** The Call Committee and Board members have begun reviewing the information about the Pastors on the Call list to identify which Pastors should be interviewed after the first of the year.

**PARKING LOT REPAIRS** to prevent the drains from collapsing were completed last week. Please be sure to drive around the coned off areas through November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**HANGING THE GREENS** and putting up the Christmas Tree will be after the service on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to stay and help decorate Open Arms for the Christmas Season.

**OPEN ARMS SECRET SANTA** gift exchange will be December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please completed and turned in your information form by November 26<sup>th</sup>. Distribution of questionnaires to your secret Santas will take place on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Exchanging of the gifts will take place on December 17<sup>th</sup> after church. The information form and more information is available at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3XBRhD7qweozXpe0CRAc2UNqbliVbEumuLm\\_RQveTDEFvIw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3XBRhD7qweozXpe0CRAc2UNqbliVbEumuLm_RQveTDEFvIw/viewform) Any questions may be directed to Will Cantrell at 248-842-9937 or [gwcantrell93@gmail.com](mailto:gwcantrell93@gmail.com)

**ANGEL TREE INFORMATION** will be available this Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. We expect to have ten families with one to three children in each. Please pick your family and children this Sunday. Contact Jen Ratermann, [phi\\_nu\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:phi_nu_1@yahoo.com) for more information.

**THE THANKSGIVING MEAL TIME** is set for Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 – 6:00 PM. This free meal is for Open Arms Members and Day Care families. Financial Donations to help cover the cost for this special meal and desserts would be appreciated.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> IS THE ONE EVENING ADVENT SERVICE** this year starting at 6:30 PM. The theme is “Countdown to Joy!” Everyone is invited.

**THE BELLEVILLE LIGHT PARADE** is Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. People are needed to help build and decorate the Open Arms float. Jesus said “We are the light of the world. Our float theme is “City on a Hill.” We need people to walk with our float during the parade and hand out Open Arms flashlights. Contact Bayo Adebajo (734-560-2835) or Ted Bower (734-516-4708) to help or for more information.

**THE MENS BIBLE STUDY** will continue the Series “Stuff They Didn’t Teach Me in Sunday School” on Tuesdays, November 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30, in the Upper Room.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated gift cards for the Veterans Hospital “Take Out Tuesday” program. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

### **VOLUNTEER / SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

- Lead Children’s Church once a month. Contact Pastor Larry
- Coordinate and schedule MEAL times. Contact one of the Elders

**REFLECTION ON DAILY READINGS:** Email your thoughts or questions about the readings to Dave Ferber for Sunday services. Dave’s email is [ferber\\_david@yahoo.com](mailto:ferber_david@yahoo.com)

### **DAILY NEW TESTAMENT READINGS** November 16<sup>th</sup> – November 25<sup>th</sup>

Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup> Hebrews 13:1-25	Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup> James 5
Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup> James 1:1-25	Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1 Peter 1:1-20
Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup> James 1:26-2:18	Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1 Peter 1:21-2:17
Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup> James 2:19-3:18	Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup> 1 Peter 2:18-3:12
Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup> James 4	Nov. 25 <sup>th</sup> 1 Peter 3:13-4:11

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### **UPCOMING NOVEMBER SERVICES. “Jesus Helps Us Get It Right!”**

November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Matt. 25:14-30	Parable of the Talents
Theme:	The Right Risk: Action (not Fear)	
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Matt. 25:31-46	Parable of the Sheep and Goats
Theme:	The Right Choice: Service	

### **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS AT OPEN ARMS**

- Daycare Christmas Program, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>
- 252 / Meal Time Cookie Making & Christmas Movie, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM

**“THE STORY”** is the Bible as one continuous story of God and His people using selections from the Bible put together in chronological order. Each of the 31 chapters reveals the God of grace, the God who speaks, the God who acts, the God who listens, the God whose love for His people culminated in His sacrifice of Jesus, His only Son, to atone for the sins of humanity. The Story is available in print, as an eBook or audio book. Will you read “The Story” in 2024? We plan to start reading chapter 1, Creation: “The Beginning of Life as We Know It” on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

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