

# NEWS & EVENTS



## LOCAL2GLOBAL SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in getting more involved with **local outreach** or in responding to **disaster relief** needs through Samaritan's Purse? We are currently **updating our contact lists** for both ministry areas and would love to know if you'd like to be included. These lists help us share upcoming serving opportunities, training dates, and ways you can make a meaningful impact—both here in our community and in crisis situations across the country. To learn more or to add your name, please visit the OC App, online at [ocregister.org](http://ocregister.org), or stop by the Local2Global table in the church lobby TODAY.

## INTERESTED IN SERVING IN HONDURAS IN 2026?

We'll be hosting an **informational meeting on Sunday, February 1** at 12:30 p.m. in the OC45 Building. At this meeting, we'll share an overview of the ministry, answer questions, and walk through details for our two upcoming trips: May 16-23, 2026 and August 1-8, 2026. If you plan to attend—or would like to stay informed—please sign up through the OC App, online at [ocregister.org](http://ocregister.org) or stop by Local2Global table TODAY.

## BAPTISM WORKSHOP

The next Baptism Workshop will be held on Sunday, **January 25 at 11:00 a.m.** in the OC Groups wing, Room 402. This workshop will help you record your salvation journey and teach the meaning of baptism. It is a requirement for all high school students and adults. The next Sunday for baptism services is planned for February 22. Register on the OC App or visit [otterbeinchurch.org](http://otterbeinchurch.org) and click on the Sunday page.

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### TIMELESS TREASURES SAVE THE DATE | FEB. 14

Save the Date! Timeless Treasures (50 & older) is celebrating Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 14, at the Otterbein Community Center. More details on the OC App or [otterbeinchurch.org/oc-events](http://otterbeinchurch.org/oc-events). **Sign up with payment at Connection Point on January 18 & 25.**

### GET READY TO RIDE!

We're excited to announce the kickoff of our 2026 Riding Season in March, with monthly rides continuing through October. These rides are open to the entire community, so invite a friend or fellow rider to join us. On ride days, we'll depart from the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m. and return around 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. Our routes are relaxed and scenic—no interstates—and may take us through MD, WV, and VA. Whether you're a seasoned rider or new to power sports, you're welcome here. If you're looking to connect with other riders, build community, and enjoy the open road, this is your opportunity. Get your motorcycle ready for March 2026—and let's ride!

**\*SIGN UP, REGISTER, AND LEARN MORE ABOUT EVENTS  
AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ON THE OC APP,  
OCREGISTER.ORG, OR AT CONNECTION POINT IN THE LOBBY.**



Otterbein has many different small group environments where people connect with others and learn biblical principles for life. Check out the Small Groups launching in January! Learn more or sign up on the OC App or online at [ocregister.org](http://ocregister.org).

**Women's Group Sunday AM:** This group will meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the OC House beginning TODAY—January 11. Study based the book, *Spiritual Mentoring* by Susan Hunt.

**Women's Group Wednesday PM:** This group will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the OC House beginning January 14. Study based the book, *Spiritual Mentoring*.

**Tuesday AM Women of the Word:** This group will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the OC 45 Building beginning January 20. Study TBD.

**Men's Base Camp:** This group will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. beginning on January 21: an interactive study of Hebrews with live teaching and group discussion.

**Men's Group Thursday AM:** This group will meet weekly on Thursdays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room beginning January 22. The study will be on the book of Joshua.

**Widow Warriors Small Group:** This group will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for 8 weeks beginning February 3. Study based on the book, *Hope for my Hurting Heart*, by Linda Dillow.

**Hope & Healing Small Group:** This group will meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays beginning February 4. Study based on the book, *Holding on to Hope*, by Nancie Guthrie. This group is for men and women.

### Sunday Sermon Based Groups

1st & 3rd Sundays at 11:00 a.m. (ongoing), Tony & Kelly Cassidy  
2nd & 4th Sundays at 11:00 a.m. (ongoing), Mark Green

## THE BIBLE JOURNEY

*The Bible Journey* is our churchwide Bible reading plan—one chapter a day, with helpful podcasts, resources, and a place to ask questions along the way. It's a great way to grow closer to God by spending time in His Word.

You'll find the daily reading plan on the OC App, our website, and at [facebook.com/groups/ocdevotionals](http://facebook.com/groups/ocdevotionals) (click "join" to have it show up in your feed). If you have notifications turned on in the OC App for "Bible Journey," you'll get a reminder each morning at 7:00 a.m. with a direct link to that day's reading. You can also download a weekly copy of the plan at [otterbeinchurch.org/the-bible-journey](http://otterbeinchurch.org/the-bible-journey). **We have added an audio link on the OC App to LISTEN to the daily reading.** Join us on the journey!

# GROWING FORWARD

BECOMING THE PERSON GOD CREATED YOU TO BECOME

JANUARY 11, 2026

# WELCOME

We Are Glad You Are Here!

## CHILDREN

**IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN**, it is our goal to make this the best hour of their week and the most helpful hour of yours. We encourage you to take advantage of our age-graded ministries for your children during the worship service. This will allow your children to learn at an age-appropriate level. For assistance in locating your child's classroom, please visit GUEST CENTRAL. If you choose to keep your children with you, we ask that you be considerate of others by taking them to the lobby if they become restless or have extended periods of crying. There is a television for you to watch the service in the Cafe seating area in the lobby.

## OFFERING

**OFFERING** baskets are available in the lobby at the Worship Center doors or you can give online on the OC App and at [otterbeinchurch.org](http://otterbeinchurch.org) using a debit or credit card.

## NEW HERE?

We encourage you to visit **GUEST CENTRAL** in the lobby following the service so we can provide you with additional information about Otterbein, answer your questions, and give you a gift.

## WELCOME CARD

We encourage you to complete a Welcome Card which can be found in the seat backs in the Worship Center. A digital Welcome Card is also available (Use the QR Code). If you have a **PRAYER REQUEST** you would like our prayer team to pray for, please include it on the Welcome Card. Welcome Cards can be dropped in the baskets at the lobby doors at the conclusion of the service.



## OTTERBEIN CHURCH APP

We encourage you to download the OC APP where you can complete the Welcome Card, give online, read the announcements, share a prayer request, find message notes, register and sign up for events, watch last week's service and much more. Use the QR Code or search for Otterbein Church Waynesboro in any of the app stores.



**OTTERBEIN CHURCH**

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## SERVICE TIMES:

8:00 a.m. – Worship, Nursery & Preschool  
9:30 a.m. – Worship, Nursery, Preschool, Elementary & Youth  
11:00 a.m. – Worship, Nursery, Preschool & Elementary

# BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

January 11, 2026  
Mike Newman, Senior Pastor

## IN THE "GROWING FORWARD" SERIES:

January 4: *Becoming Confident*

January 18: *Becoming Free*

February 1: *Becoming Focused (Part 2)*

January 11: *Becoming Like Christ*

January 25: *Becoming Focused (Part 1)*

February 8: *Becoming Content*

**GOD DOESN'T WANT YOU TO BE THE SAME PERSON YOU ARE TODAY AT THE END OF 2026.**

**IF YOU WANT TO BECOME LIKE JESUS, IT REQUIRES A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING AND LIVING THAN WHAT THE WORLD TELLS US.**

**Philippians 1:27–2:13 (NLT)** (27) Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News. (28) Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. (29) For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. (30) We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it. (1) Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? (2) Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. (3) Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. (4) Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. (5) You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. (6) Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. (7) Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, (8) he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. (9) Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, (10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, (11) and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (12) Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. (13) For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

**1) Becoming like Jesus means \_\_\_\_\_ and in a manner worthy of the gospel.**

**Philippians 1:27a (NLT)** (27) Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ.

**IF YOU SAY YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS AND YOUR LIFE LOOKS NO DIFFERENT THAN SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T FOLLOW JESUS, SOMETHING IS WRONG.**

**ARE YOU LIVING AS A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN?**

**2) Becoming like Christ means we \_\_\_\_\_ and are committed to serve others.**

**Philippians 2:3–4 (NLT)** (3) Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. (4) Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

**Matthew 22:37–39 (NLT)** (37) Jesus replied, "You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." (38) This is the first and greatest commandment. (39) A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

**WE BECOME MORE LIKE JESUS AND BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE LIFE THE WAY GOD CREATED US TO EXPERIENCE IT WHEN WE GET OUR EYES OFF OURSELVES AND PUT THEM ON JESUS AND OTHERS.**

**Luke 9:23–24 (NLT)** (23) Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. (24) If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

**3) Becoming like Christ means \_\_\_\_\_ in how we live our lives on a daily basis.**

**Philippians 2:5 (NLT)** (5) You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

**Philippians 2:6–8 (NLT)** (6) Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. (7) Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, (8) he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

**Philippians 2:9–11 (NLT)** (9) Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, (10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, (11) and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**HUMILITY LEADS TO EXALTATION. SERVANTHOOD LEADS TO HONOR. OBEDIENCE LEADS TO GLORY.**

**Philippians 2:12b–13 (NLT)** ...Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. (13) For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

For more information about what it means to begin a relationship with Jesus or what to do after making a decision to follow Him, stop at Guest Central in the lobby following the service, email us at [info@otterbeinchurch.org](mailto:info@otterbeinchurch.org), or call the church office at 717.762.7147 to set up an appointment. You may also learn more about what it means to follow Jesus and/or request materials and find additional information to help you on your spiritual journey by clicking "[Next Steps > Jesus](#)" on