

# NEWS & EVENTS

## BAPTISM WORKSHOP

The next Baptism Workshop will be held **TODAY—February 1 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. Learn more on the OC App or visit [otterbeinchurch.org/next-steps/baptism](http://otterbeinchurch.org/next-steps/baptism). You may attend the workshop even if you didn't sign up in advance.

## Welcome TO OTTERBEIN CLASS

Are you new to Otterbein? Join Pastor Mike on **Sunday, March 1** for our Welcome to Otterbein Class. In the class, you will learn more about who we are at Otterbein Church and how to take your next step. The class will be offered at 9:30 a.m. in the OC 45 building (beside the white tent building). Register at Connection Point, on the OC App, or at [ocregister.org](http://ocregister.org).



## 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.

## INTERESTED IN SERVING IN HONDURAS IN 2026?

Pastor Adam will be hosting an **informational meeting TODAY—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.

**For all Local2Global opportunities, learn more on the OC App, online at [ocregister.org](http://ocregister.org) or stop by Connection Point.**

## THE BIBLE JOURNEY

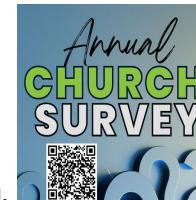
*The Bible Journey* is our churchwide Bible reading plan—one chapter a day, with helpful podcasts, resources, and a place to ask questions along the way. It's a great way to grow closer to God by spending time in His Word.

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!

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

## ANNUAL CHURCH SURVEY

If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to complete the Annual Church Survey. Use the QR code => or you can access the survey from the Sunday tab on both the OC App and at [otterbeinchurch.org](http://otterbeinchurch.org).



## FIRST TUESDAY PRAYER | FEBRUARY 3

We will have our First Tuesday Prayer Gathering at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3. We will be meeting in Room 402. Park on the south side of the building and use the Groups Entrance. Everyone is invited to join in this time of prayer for our church, community, and world.

## ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

The 2025 giving statements were emailed to you. You can access your statement by clicking the link provided in the email or through the church app. For individuals without an email address on file, statements will be sent via mail. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Duesler at the church office at 717-762-7147 or [rick.duesler@otterbeinchurch.org](mailto:rick.duesler@otterbeinchurch.org).

## LOCAL2GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### TIMELESS TREASURES | FEBRUARY 14

Timeless Treasures (50 & older) is celebrating Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 14, at the Otterbein Community Center. Whether you're single, widowed or married, God's love is for everyone! Join us for a buffet luncheon at noon, the doors will open at 11:30 a.m. After lunch, we will enjoy music by "Sweet Life," a husband-and-wife duo, who sing of God's love. Sign up with payment of \$20 per person **at Connection Point TODAY**.

### JOIN OUR EASTER CELEBRATION CHOIR

We will have an Easter Celebration Weekend on March 28 & 29 (Palm Sunday Weekend), including a special choir. Rachel Weaver, Director of Worship Ministries, invites anyone (Middle School through adult) to participate, regardless of previous choir experience or ability to read music. Music will be given out in February with rehearsals beginning March 12. If you want to join the choir, complete the form on the OC App, online at [ocregister.org](http://ocregister.org), or stop by Connection Point.

## LOCAL2GLOBAL SMALL GROUPS

Otterbein has many different small group environments where people connect with others and learn biblical principles for life. These two groups start **THIS WEEK!** **There are MORE groups listed online**—learn more or sign up on the OC App or online at [ocregister.org](http://ocregister.org).

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

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

# GROWING FORWARD

BECOMING THE PERSON GOD CREATED YOU TO BECOME

FEBRUARY 1, 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 FOCUSED—PART 1

February 1, 2026  
Mike Newman, Senior Pastor

## IN THE “GROWING FORWARD” SERIES:

January 4: *Becoming Confident*      January 11: *Becoming Like Christ*  
January 18: *Becoming Free*      February 1: *Becoming Focused—Part 1*  
February 8: *Becoming Focused—Part 2*      February 15: *Becoming Content*

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

**Philippians 3:12–21 (NLT)** (12) I don’t mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. (13) No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, (14) I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. (15) Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. (16) But we must hold on to the progress we have already made. (17) Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example. (18) For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. (19) They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth. (20) But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. (21) He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

### 1) It is important for us to remember the path to becoming like Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_.

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## THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR POSITION BEFORE GOD AND YOUR PRACTICE IN DAILY LIFE.

**Romans 5:1 (NLT)** (1) Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

**Philippians 1:6 (NLT)** (6) And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

### 2) We need to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 3:13 (NLT)** (13) No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,

**1 John 1:9 (NLT)** (9) But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

**Psalm 103:8–12 (NLT)** (8) The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. (9) He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever. (10) He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. (11) For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. (12) He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

**Hebrews 8:12 (NLT)** (12) And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins.”

## ARE YOU LETTING YOUR PAST FAILURES DEFINE YOU AND PARALYZE YOU FROM BECOMING THE PERSON GOD WANTS YOU TO BECOME?

### 3) Moving forward \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 3:13b–14 (NLT)** (13) .... I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and **looking forward to what lies ahead**, (14) **I press on to reach the end of the race** and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

## YOU WILL NOT BECOME LIKE JESUS AND BECOME THE PERSON GOD WANTS YOU TO BECOME WITHOUT EFFORT ON YOUR PART.

**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.

### 4) Keep your eye on the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 3:14 (NLT)** (14) I press on to reach the end of the race and **receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us**.

**Philippians 3:21 (NLT)** (21) He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

## THE DAY JESUS TAKES OUR WEAK MORTAL BODIES AND CHANGES THEM INTO GLORIOUS BODIES LIKE HIS OWN WILL BE THE BEST DAY EVER!!

**Romans 8:18 (NLT)** (18) Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later.

## BECOMING LIKE JESUS AND BECOMING THE PERSON GOD CREATED YOU TO BECOME IS WORTH THE EFFORT!

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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