

## BECOMING FOCUSED—PART 2

February 8, 2026

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### 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*

**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.

**Psalms 96:2–3 (NLT)** (2) Sing to the LORD; praise his name. Each day proclaim the good news that he saves. (3) Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

### CELEBRATING WHAT GOD DID IN 2025:

- People who chose to begin a relationship with Jesus: 54
- Baptisms: 50
- Recommitments to Jesus Christ: 228
- Total percentage of people who grew spiritually: 81%
- Average worship attendance (in person & online) for Adults, Children, and Youth: 1543
  - Average OC Kids (birth-grade 5) at Church—207
  - Average OC Youth (grades 6-12) at Church—76
- Worship attendance on January 11, 2026: 1698
  - Worship Center—1031
  - Online (live & on demand) —333
  - Total in Worship Center & Online—1379
  - Children (birth-grade 5) at Church—225
  - Youth (grades 6-12) at Church—94
- People who started attending Otterbein last year: 168
- People in a small group: 260+
- People who are serving at Otterbein: 300+
- Total General Church giving: \$2,423,498
- Total Building Fund giving: \$372,006
- Total Local2Global giving: \$294,342
- Total (General Church, Local2Global, BF): \$2,909,846

**GOD HAS CHOSEN TO BLESS OUR CHURCH IN INCREDIBLE WAYS.  
TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!**



### **OUR TRANSFORM NEXT VISION (JUNE 2023-DECEMBER 2025):**

- Add Addition to our Church Building to Make More Room for our Growing Children and OC Groups Ministries.
- Expand and Improve our Online Church Experience and Digital Ministries.
- Construct an Outdoor Stage and Continue to Develop the Otterbein Park and Community Center for Church and Community Use.
- Lower our Mortgage by at Least One Million Dollars to Position us for Future Growth.
- Continue to Explore Ministry Opportunities and Programming Changes that will Help Us to Have A Greater Effectiveness in Reaching the Next Generation for Christ.

**TRANSFORM NEXT GIVING EXCEEDED THE FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS AND MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP TO REACH THE NEXT GENERATION FOR CHRIST.**

**GOD DOESN'T WANT US TO FEEL LIKE WE HAVE ARRIVED OR THAT OUR WORK IS YET DONE AS A CHURCH. THERE IS MORE TO BE DONE AND HE WANTS US TO LOOK FORWARD AND TO PRESS ON!**

**WITH GOD'S HELP AND IN HIS POWER, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD AND WILL PRESS ON TO REACH THE END OF THE RACE AND RECEIVE THE HEAVENLY PRICE FOR WHICH GOD, THROUGH CHRIST JESUS, IS CALLING US.**

**YOU ARE NOT HERE BY ACCIDENT.**

**Ephesians 3:20–21 (NLT)** (20) Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. (21) Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

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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*