

NEWS & EVENTS

Celebrate EASTER with us

EASTER EGG HUNT | SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Hop on over to Otterbein Community Park (13375 Welty Road) on Saturday, March 28 for our annual Egg Hunt! This fun-filled event is open to kids ages 2 through 5th grade, and the hunt will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to arrive early and bring a basket or bag to collect eggs—we have plenty to go around, but the fun goes fast!

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND | MARCH 28 & 29

Join us on Palm Sunday weekend for a special Easter celebration that will include our adult choir, worship team, children's dance ministry, and a message by Pastor Mike. There will be two Saturday evening services, at 4:00 & 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be available for children birth—preschool. We will have our regular schedule on Sunday morning with services at 8, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

COMMUNION SERVICE | THURSDAY, APRIL 2

On Thursday, April 2, we will have two communion services (6:00 & 7:30 p.m.) in the Worship Center. Childcare will be available for children birth—preschool at 6:00 p.m. Both services are identical and will last approximately 60 minutes. The service will include an intimate time of worship and reflection as we focus on Jesus' death and share communion.

EASTER WEEKEND | APRIL 4 & 5

We will have a Saturday evening service on Easter weekend at 6:30 p.m. to make room for additional guests who will join us as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Childcare will be available on Saturday evening for children from birth—preschool. We will have our regular schedule on Easter Sunday at 8, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

EASTER CANDY DONATIONS—LAST DAY

Today is the LAST DAY for donating bag(s) of individually wrapped candy for our egg hunt (no Smarties or lollipops, please, as they do not fit inside the eggs). Bags of candy can be dropped off in marked boxes in the church lobby.

OC SERVE

As we prepare for the Easter season, we have additional service times to accommodate newcomers and guests to Otterbein Church. More services give YOU more opportunities to offer the gift of service. If you love Jesus and children, we could use your help with **CHILD CARE**. We are also looking for friendly faces to serve as **GREETERS** during the Saturday service times.

- > **Saturday, March 28: 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.**
- > **Thursday, April 2: 6:00 p.m.**
- > **Saturday, April 4: 6:30 p.m.**

Learn more on the OC App, online at ocregister.org or stop by Connection Point on Sunday morning.

EASTER meal & Breakfast

We are providing Easter meals to people in our community who are struggling financially. People can choose a bag of food that includes ham, potatoes, dinner rolls, corn, green beans, macaroni and cheese, fruit, butter, and cookies OR they can request individually packaged meals that can be heated up in a microwave. Here are ways that you can be involved in helping our church serve our community in Jesus' name:

- 1) Give \$35 for an Easter Meal bag which will feed an entire family, \$12 for the purchase of a single serve meal, or give a gift in *any amount* for the breakfast and/or other expenses related to the Easter Meal Outreach.
- 2) Bake and donate cookies to be included in the bags. Chocolate chip and sugar cookies only, packed in bags by the dozen. Please, no nuts or peanut butter.

UPDATE: We were blown away by the incredible response from those eager to serve! Our volunteer roster is now full—thank you for your support! If you would like to give towards this outreach or bake cookies, sign up on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Point.

TIMELESS TREASURES—REGISTER TODAY

Timeless Treasures, has scheduled a bus trip on Wednesday, September 30 to Sight & Sound in Lancaster to see the new production, "Joshua." The cost for the trip is \$175.00 per person. This price includes your admission to the show, bus transportation, and a meal afterward at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. **Sign-up with payment will be available at Connection Point TODAY—March 15 and March 22.**

OTTERBEIN MOTORCYCLE GROUP | RIDE TODAY

Join a group from Otterbein for a group ride **TODAY—Sunday, March 15**. The group will leave from the church parking lot at 1:00 p.m. **EVERYONE WHO RIDES IS WELCOME**. If you are interested in going on the ride — sign up on the OC App, ocregister.org, or at 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 (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. We have added an [audio link on the OC App](#) to LISTEN to the daily reading. Join us!

BE PREPARED TO GIVE ANSWERS AND DEFEND YOUR FAITH

MARCH 15, 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 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.



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



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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

CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE?

March 15, 2026
Mike Newman, Senior Pastor

IN THE "ANSWERS" SERIES:

- March 8: *Does God Exist?*
- March 15: *Can We Trust the Bible?*
- March 22: *Why Does God Allow Suffering?*
- March 29: *Why Did Jesus Have to Die?*
- April 5: *What Does the Resurrection Prove?*
- April 12: *Effective Ways to Give Answers and Defend Your Faith*

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH HAS SOLID AND THOUGHTFUL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PEOPLE ARE ASKING.

1 Peter 3:15b–16a (NLT) (15)...If someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. (16) But do this in a gentle and respectful way....

TODAY'S BIG QUESTION: CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE?

FIVE REASONS WE CAN AND SHOULD TRUST THE BIBLE:

1) The _____ throughout the Bible is _____ even though it was written over 1500 years by 40 different authors.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NLT) (16) All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. (17) God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 Peter 1:20–21 (NLT) (20) Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, (21) or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

2) No book in human history has _____ what the Bible has survived.

Document	Manuscripts	Earliest Copy	Time Gap
Julius Caesar's Gallic Wars	~10 copies	~900 A.D.	~1,000 years
Homer's Iliad	~650 copies	~400 B.C.	~400 years
New Testament	5,800+ Greek copies	Fragments: ~100 A.D.	Within decades

THE NEW TESTAMENT HAS MORE MANUSCRIPT EVIDENCE, AND BETTER MANUSCRIPT EVIDENCE, THAN ANY OTHER DOCUMENT FROM THE ANCIENT WORLD—AND IT ISN'T EVEN CLOSE.

3) Archeological discoveries _____ of the Bible.

NO ARCHEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY HAS EVER CONTRADICTED OR DISPROVED THE BIBLE.

4) The _____ found in the Bible demonstrate God's direction of the human authors.

TOPIC	O.T. Prophecy	N.T. Fulfillment	Written Before
Jesus' Place of Birth	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1	~700 B.C.
Jesus' Virgin Birth	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18	~700 B.C.
Triumphal Entry	Zechariah 9:9	John 12:13–14	~520 B.C.
Jesus' Betrayal	Psalms 41:9	Mark 14:10	~1000 B.C.
Jesus' Rejection	Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11	~700 B.C.
Jesus' Crucifixion	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38	~700 B.C.
Resurrection	Psalms 16:10	Acts 3:15	~1000 B.C.
Ascension	Psalms 68:18	Acts 1:9	~1000 B.C.

5) Jesus _____ of the Bible and often quoted it in His teachings.

Matthew 5:17–18 (NLT) (17) "Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. (18) I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved.

JESUS—THE SON OF GOD, THE ONE WHO CONQUERED DEATH—TRUSTED THE SCRIPTURES.

CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE? YES! CHOOSE TO LIVE BY IT. IF YOU WILL, IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE BOTH ON THIS EARTH AND FOR ALL ETERNITY!

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, 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