

NEWS & EVENTS

INTERESTED IN BAPTISM?

Baptism Workshop will be held TODAY—July 19, 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 baptisms is planned for August 23, 2026. **You are welcome to join the workshop even if you didn't register.** Learn more on the OC App or at ocregister.org or stop by Connection Point.



As we continue to expand our digital ministry opportunities, we're exploring the launch of online small groups! These groups would offer greater flexibility with meeting times, eliminate travel time, require no childcare, and be intentionally sized at just 6 to 8 people. We're also exploring the possibility of starting an online support group for those experiencing infertility. If you're interested in facilitating or participating in an online group, sign up through the OC App or at ocregister.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL-CHURCH POOL PARTY | JULY 26

Make a splash at the All-Church Pool Party on Sunday evening, July 26, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Northside Pool (138 Brown Street) in Waynesboro. Admission is free. Free hot dogs, chips, and water will be provided.

WELCOME TO OTTERBEIN CLASS | AUGUST 2

Are you new to Otterbein? **Join Pastor Mike on Sunday, August 2** 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.

TIMELESS TREASURES | SAVE THE DATE!

Timeless Treasures (50 and older) is planning an afternoon of sweet treats and classic fun! They're hosting an Ice Cream Social and Bingo on Saturday, August 22 at the Otterbein Community Center. Sign up will be held August 9 & 16. Save the date, we'd love to have you join us!

WORSHIP AT THE PARK & PICNIC | AUGUST 23

We will gather for an outdoor worship service and our church picnic on Sunday, August 23, at the Otterbein Church Park on Welty Road. The worship service will begin at 10:15 a.m. with a picnic to follow the church service. Children and youth will join adults for the worship service. Food, drinks, and table service will be provided.



Becoming a member of our OC Kids Serve Team is a great way to connect with others, grow spiritually, and make an eternal difference in the lives of our OC Kids and their families while serving God. As we look toward the start of a new year in ministry, we'd love you to join our team! We currently have several serve opportunities available in Nursery, Preschool, and Elementary. For more information, check out of the form on the OC App, online at ocregister.org. **You can also stop by the ministry table in the lobby TODAY** to learn more or ask questions.



YOUTH MINISTRY AT OTTERBEIN (Grades 6-12)

There's a lot happening this fall in our youth ministry. It's a great way for your student to grow in their faith and meet other believers their age. We offer programming:

- **Wednesday Nights 7-8:30 p.m. | Open Gym & Food at 6 Starting September 9th**, we will meet at the Otterbein Church Community Center for a meal, games, and Bible study. It's a great way to get plugged in!
- **Sunday Mornings 9:30 a.m.** | During this time, we prioritize helping Jesus become real to your students through worship, teaching, and regular small groups.
- **Serve Opportunities** | If you'd like to help students know, grow, and live out their faith, we have positions open on our Sunday morning team & Wednesday night team.

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We're quickly approaching the end of our journey through the New Testament! Whether you've been reading since the beginning or are just discovering The Bible Journey, there's still time to join us. Since August 2025, we've been reading one chapter a day through the New Testament, with twice-weekly podcasts to help bring God's Word to life. All of the readings and podcasts are still available through The Bible Journey link on the OC App, OC 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. **Now is a great time to start reading the Bible!**

GOD'S SURPRISING CHOICE

JULY 19, 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

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July 19, 2026
Mike Newman, Senior Pastor

Joshua 2:1–24 (NLT) (1) Then Joshua secretly sent out two spies from the Israelite camp at Acacia Grove. He instructed them, “Scout out the land on the other side of the Jordan River, especially around Jericho.” So the two men set out and came to the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there that night. (2) But someone told the king of Jericho, “Some Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.” (3) So the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab: “Bring out the men who have come into your house, for they have come here to spy out the whole land.” (4) Rahab had hidden the two men, but she replied, “Yes, the men were here earlier, but I didn’t know where they were from. (5) They left the town at dusk, as the gates were about to close. I don’t know where they went. If you hurry, you can probably catch up with them.” (6) (Actually, she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them beneath bundles of flax she had laid out.) (7) So the king’s men went looking for the spies along the road leading to the shallow crossings of the Jordan River. And as soon as the king’s men had left, the gate of Jericho was shut. (8) Before the spies went to sleep that night, Rahab went up on the roof to talk with them. (9) “I know the LORD has given you this land,” she told them. “We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror. (10) For we have heard how the LORD made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed. (11) No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the LORD your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below. (12) “Now swear to me by the LORD that you will be kind to me and my family since I have helped you. Give me some guarantee that (13) when Jericho is conquered, you will let me live, along with my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all their families.” (14) “We offer our own lives as a guarantee for your safety,” the men agreed. “If you don’t betray us, we will keep our promise and be kind to you when the LORD gives us the land.” (15) Then, since Rahab’s house was built into the town wall, she let them down by a rope through the window. (16) “Escape to the hill country,” she told them. “Hide there for three days from the men searching for you. Then, when they have returned, you can go on your way.” (17) Before they left, the men told her, “We will be bound by the oath we have taken only if you follow these instructions. (18) When we come into the land, you must leave this scarlet rope hanging from the window through which you let us down. And all your family members—your father, mother, brothers, and all your relatives—must be here inside the house. (19) If they go out into the street and are killed, it will not be our fault. But if anyone lays a hand on people inside this house, we will accept the responsibility for their death. (20) If you betray us, however, we are not bound by this oath in any way.” (21) “I accept your terms,” she replied. And she sent them on their way, leaving the scarlet rope hanging from the window. (22) The spies went up into the hill country and stayed there three days. The men who were chasing them searched everywhere along the road, but they finally returned without success. (23) Then the two spies came down from the hill country, crossed the Jordan River, and reported to Joshua all that had happened to them. (24) “The LORD has given us the whole land,” they said, “for all the people in the land are terrified of us.”

Joshua 6:22–25 (NLT) (22) Meanwhile, Joshua said to the two spies, “Keep your promise. Go to the prostitute’s house and bring her out, along with all her family.” (23) The men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, mother, brothers, and all the other relatives who were with her. They moved her whole family to a safe place near the camp of Israel. (24) Then the Israelites burned the town and everything in it. Only the things made from silver, gold, bronze, or iron were kept for the treasury of the LORD’s house. (25) So Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute and her relatives who were with her in the house, because she had hidden the spies Joshua sent to Jericho. And she lives among the Israelites to this day.

1) We should _____ about how another person will respond to God and spiritual things.

1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT) (7) But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

PEOPLE ARE OFTEN MORE OPEN TO SPIRITUAL THINGS THAN WE THINK.

2) God has a plan for our life _____ and it is never too late to turn things around.

Leviticus 19:29 (NLT) (29) “Do not defile your daughter by making her a prostitute, or the land will be filled with prostitution and wickedness.

Joshua 2:9–11 (NLT) (9) “I know the LORD has given you this land,” she told them. “We are all afraid of you. Everyone in the land is living in terror. (10) For we have heard how the LORD made a dry path for you through the Red Sea when you left Egypt. And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River, whose people you completely destroyed. (11) No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the LORD your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below.

GOD IS A GOD OF SECOND CHANCES.

DON’T BELIEVE THE LIE OF THE DEVIL THAT WHAT YOU DID IN YOUR PAST IS SO BAD THAT YOU CAN’T BE FORGIVEN OR EVER DO ANYTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR GOD.

3) God is looking for people whose _____ their daily lives.

Hebrews 11:31 (NLT) (31) It was by faith that Rahab the prostitute was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

James 2:21–26 (NLT) (21) Don’t you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? (22) You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. (23) And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: “Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.” He was even called the friend of God. (24) So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone. (25) Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. (26) Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

WHAT DO YOUR ACTIONS SAY ABOUT THE KIND OF FAITH YOU HAVE IN GOD?

4) God will _____ whenever we choose to turn our life around and live for God.

Joshua 2:12–13 (NLT) (12) “Now swear to me by the LORD that you will be kind to me and my family since I have helped you. Give me some guarantee that (13) when Jericho is conquered, you will let me live, along with my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all their families.”

Matthew 1:5 (NLT) (5) Salmon was the father of Boaz (whose mother was Rahab). Boaz was the father of Obed (whose mother was Ruth). Obed was the father of Jesse.

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 our website at www.otterbeinchurch.org.