

# NEWS & EVENTS



## CELEBRATING PASTOR DAVE | TODAY

After 40 years of faithful service to Otterbein Church, Pastor Dave Besecker has announced his retirement. Throughout his decades of ministry, Pastor Dave has led the choir and most recently the worship team, offered compassionate care to those who are hurting, and played a key role in the leadership of our church. He's now looking forward to a new chapter—worshipping *alongside* his wife, Darlanna, and spending more time with his family. To honor Pastor Dave and thank him for his dedication, **we're hosting a special reception at Otterbein Park TODAY, from 12:30-3:00 p.m.** This is a chance for our church family to express our appreciation, share memories, and celebrate the impact he has made on so many lives. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate Dave and all he's given to the Otterbein Church community. **If you can't join us at the park, there is a basket located at Connection Point for cards.**

## ALL-CHURCH POOL PARTY | TODAY

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

## TIMELESS TREASURES | AUGUST 9

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 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Otterbein Community Center. Cost is \$10 per person. **Sign up TODAY at Connection Point**, online at [ocregister.org](https://ocregister.org), or on the OC App. If you need lactose-free ice cream, just let us know when you sign up—we're happy to accommodate. We'd love to have you join us!

## NEW COUPLES' SMALL GROUP | AUGUST 10 & 17

Small groups are a great way to connect with others and grow in your relationship with Jesus! John & Lorie Lehman are beginning a new group in the fall. They are hosting a group on Sunday, August 10 & 17 (location TBD) from 11 a.m.-noon to find those who would be interested in participating. These meetings will provide time to get to know one another and identify a permanent meeting time. Register on the OC App, online at [ocregister.org](https://ocregister.org), or stop by Connection Point.

## SAVE THE DATE!

... August 24 | All-Church Picnic and Baptism Service at Otterbein Church Park

## GRIEFSHARE STARTING THIS FALL

GriefShare is a Christ-centered small group that helps people apply biblical principles as they deal with the emotions and life stresses following the death of a loved one. The group includes video teaching followed by discussion. We will begin a new 13-week session on September 10. More details coming soon!

## THE BIBLE JOURNEY

*The Bible Journey* is our new 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](https://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 Reading Plan/Devotions," 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](https://otterbeinchurch.org/the-bible-journey).

*Bible Journey* journals with your first resource are available for \$5 at Connection Point. **We begin Monday, August 4, by reading through the book of Matthew.** Join us on the journey!



We need drivers to take the upcoming Honduras mission teams to and from the airport on the following dates: **August 2 & 9** and Sept. 20 & 27. To learn more, check out the form on the OC App, online at [ocregister.org](https://ocregister.org), or stop by Connection Point.

## SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

### YOUTH MINISTRY AT OTTERBEIN (Grades 6-12)

There's a lot happening this fall in OC Youth — and we want YOU to be part of it! Whether you're a student looking to get connected or an adult ready to make a difference, now's the time to jump in.

- ... **Wednesday Nights (6-8:30 p.m.)**  
Fun, friends, faith, and high-energy programming
- ... **Sunday Mornings (9:30 a.m.)**  
Discipleship and deeper Bible study
- ... **Serve Opportunities**  
Kitchen crew, Homework tutors, and more

For more information check out the form on the OC App or online at [ocregister.org](https://ocregister.org) to see how you can get involved!

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

Serving God and others as a volunteer at Otterbein is a great way to connect with others, grow spiritually, and make a difference. As we look toward the start of our fall ministries at Otterbein, our greatest needs in Children's Ministry are:

- ... Preschool: 11:00 a.m.
- ... Elementary: 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

For more information check out the form on the OC App or online at [ocregister.org](https://ocregister.org).



# 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](https://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

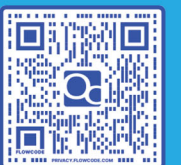
We encourage you to complete a Welcome Card which can be found in the seat backs in the Worship Center. A digital Welcome Card is also available (Use the QR Code).

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.



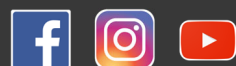
## OTTERBEIN CHURCH APP

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.**

FIND US ON



**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

WHY WE WORSHIP

July 27, 2025  
Dave Besecker, Pastor of Pastoral Care

SPECIAL THANKS TO DAVE FOR HIS 40 YEARS  
OF MINISTRY TO OTTERBEIN CHURCH

THREE REASONS WHY WE WORSHIP GOD (JESUS)

1) His \_\_\_\_\_—We must worship God for who He is.

**Colossians 1:15–18 (NLT)** (15) Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, (16) for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. (17) He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. (18) Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.

2) His \_\_\_\_\_—God takes care of His creation and provides us with an abundance of blessings.

**Matthew 5:45 (NLT)** (45) In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.

**James 1:17 (NLT)** (17) Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.

**Matthew 6:33 (NLT)** (33) Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

**Psalms 23 (NLT)** A psalm of David. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. (2) He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. (3) He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. (4) Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. (5) You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. (6) Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

3) His \_\_\_\_\_—God chooses to bless us rather than curse us as our sin deserves.

**Romans 5:8 (NLT)** (8) But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

WE WORSHIP HIM FOR HIS GREATNESS....GOODNESS...GRACE

The \_\_\_\_\_—It represents what we did with our time on earth.

**Mark 12:30–31 (NLT)** (30) And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ (31) The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

**Ephesians 5:15–17 (NLT)** (15) So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. (16) Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. (17) Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

Every Second I can Serve  
Every Minute I can Minister  
Every Hour I can Help  
Every Day I can Develop  
Every Week I can Witness  
Every Month I can Memorize  
Every Year I can Yield

**Philippians 1:3–6 (NIV)** (3) I thank my God every time I remember you. (4) In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy (5) because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, (6) being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

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 our website at [www.otterbeinchurch.org](http://www.otterbeinchurch.org).