

# NEWS & EVENTS



Are you living the full life God wants for you—or feeling overwhelmed by life's challenges? Join us Thursday evenings this fall as we explore what the Bible says about facing real-life struggles. You'll discover practical, biblical solutions and learn how to experience the peace and joy God offers, even in difficult seasons. The class meets from 6:30–9:00 p.m. in the K5 Room, starting September 4 and running through November 25. Cost is \$30. For more info, visit the OC App, go to [ocregister.org](https://ocregister.org), or stop by Connection Point. Questions? Contact Michelle Newman at [michelle.newman@otterbeinchurch.org](mailto:michelle.newman@otterbeinchurch.org).

## WELCOME TO OTTERBEIN CLASS | SEPTEMBER 7

Are you new to Otterbein? Join Pastor Mike on Sunday, September 7 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).

## GRIEF SHARE BEGINS | SEPTEMBER 10

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.

## SMALL GROUPS FOR ADULTS

Are you looking for a place to connect with other adults and study the Bible? Check out the various Men's and Women's small groups beginning in September.

- ... Women of the Word (Tuesday AM), beginning Sept. 16
- ... Men's Base Camp (Wed. PM), beginning September 17
- ... Better Man (Thursday PM), beginning September 18
- ... Thursday AM Men, ongoing

## LEARN MORE & REGISTER FOR GROUPS & CLASSES

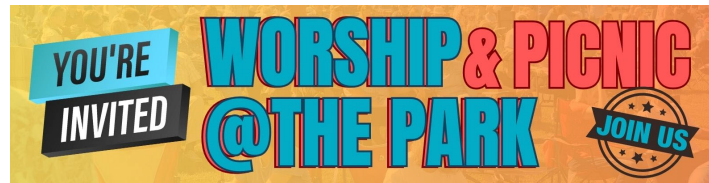
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## OTTERBEIN'S DANCE MINISTRY REGISTRATION

Seraphim, Otterbein's Dance Ministry has opened registration for all dancers ages 3-18 **now through August 24**. The cost for the year is \$40 for the first dancer and \$20 for each additional sibling. Our fall season for level 1 (preschoolers) will begin the week of September 22 and our Levels 2-5 will begin the week of September 8. Learn more on the OC App or online at [ocregister.org](https://ocregister.org). If you are unsure which level to sign your dancer up for or have any other questions, please contact Penny Jo Bach at [otterbeindanceministry@gmail.com](mailto:otterbeindanceministry@gmail.com) or 717-977-9883.

## OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT | AUGUST 30

Join us for a fun evening under the stars! We'll be showing a family-friendly movie at the Park (13375 Welty Rd) and would love for you to invite your friends. It's a great chance to relax, connect, and enjoy the last days of summer together. Make plans to attend Saturday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss it!



## WORSHIP AT THE PARK & PICNIC | AUGUST 24

You're invited to join us on Sunday, August 24 at 10:15 a.m. at Otterbein Park (13375 Welty Road) for a special outdoor worship service. Several individuals will be going public with their faith through water baptism. Children and youth will join the adults for worship that morning. After the service, stick around for the all-church picnic—food, drinks, and table service will be provided. Antietam Dairy Ice Cream will also be available for purchase. In case of rain, check [otterbeinchurch.org](https://otterbeinchurch.org) or the OC App for updated plans. Mark your calendar—we'd love to see you there!

## 📷 SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

### ALL-CHURCH PICNIC | AUGUST 24

Helpers are needed to serve lunch, clear away trash (during), clean up, and tear down after.

### WELCOME, PARKING, SAFETY & MORE

We're starting a new SERVE Team to be the first smiling faces people see when they arrive at Otterbein. Team members will greet and assist in the parking lots before each service, helping everyone feel welcomed and cared for from the moment they arrive. We're looking for friendly, approachable volunteers to join us.

### AIRPORT DRIVERS | SEPT. 20 & 27

We need drivers to take the upcoming Honduras mission team to and from the airport on the following dates: Sept. 20 & 27.

### LEARN MORE ABOUT ALL SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

on the OC App | [ocregister.org](https://ocregister.org) | Connection Point

## 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 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](https://otterbeinchurch.org/the-bible-journey).

*Bible Journey* journals w/your 1st resource are available for \$5 at Connection Point. **In addition, we have the new resource, "The Character of God" available.** Join us on the journey!

# SUMMER @ OTTERBEIN

AUGUST 17, 2025

# 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

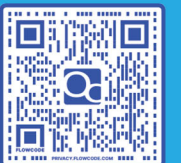
We encourage you to complete a Welcome Card which can be found in the seat backs in the Worship Center. A digital Welcome Card is also available (Use the QR Code).

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,  
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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



# THE TABLE

August 17, 2025  
Adam Sewell, Pastor of Outreach & Local2Global Ministry

**Mark 2:13–17 (NLT)** (13) Then Jesus went out to the lakeshore again and taught the crowds that were coming to him. (14) As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at his tax collector’s booth. “Follow me and be my disciple,” Jesus said to him. So Levi got up and followed him. (15) Later, Levi invited Jesus and his disciples to his home as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners. (There were many people of this kind among Jesus’ followers.) (16) But when the teachers of religious law who were Pharisees saw him eating with tax collectors and other sinners, they asked his disciples, “Why does he eat with such scum?” (17) When Jesus heard this, he told them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.”

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3) Redemptive \_\_\_\_\_.

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## WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT GOD’S LOVE?

1) God’s love is \_\_\_\_\_ by our past.

**Luke 15:11–24 (NLT)** (11) To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons. (12) The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. (13) “A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. (14) About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. (15) He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. (16) The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything. (17) “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! (18) I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, (19) and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.” ’ (20) “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. (21) His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’ (22) “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. (23) And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, (24) for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.

2) God’s love \_\_\_\_\_ our brokenness.

**John 4:28-42 (NLT)** (28) The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, (29) “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?” (30) So the people came streaming from the village to see him. (31) Meanwhile, the disciples were urging Jesus, “Rabbi, eat something.” (32) But Jesus replied, “I have a kind of food you know nothing about.” (33) “Did someone bring him food while we were gone?” the disciples asked each other. (34) Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work. (35) You know the saying, ‘Four months between planting and harvest.’ But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. (36) The harvesters are paid good wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! (37) You know the saying, ‘One plants and another harvests.’ And it’s true. (38) I sent you to harvest where you didn’t plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest.” (39) Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, “He told me everything I ever did!” (40) When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, (41) long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. (42) Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world.”

3) God’s love \_\_\_\_\_ where there was despair.

**Luke 23:39–43 (NLT)** (39) One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!” (40) But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? (41) We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” (42) Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” (43) And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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).