

NEWS & EVENTS



GRIEFSHARE 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 in the OC45 Building. Learn more and register on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Point.



BETTER MAN BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18

What does it mean to be a man? This 10-week small group is designed to answer that question biblically and practically. Upfront, it takes commitment to attend all ten sessions. The format is large group video teaching followed by small group discussion. Not only will you discover what it means to be a man, but you will make some friends along the journey. Limit: 21 participants. The group meets Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 18 in the OC 45 Building.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER FOR GROUPS & CLASSES

on the OC App | ocregister.org | Connection Point



MORE 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 (Monday 9:30-11:00 AM)**
Study | *The Fitting Room: Putting on the Character of Christ* by Kelly Minter. Purchase the book online. Group begins September 8 in the OC45 Building.
- ... **Women of the Word (Tuesday 9:30-11:00 AM)**
Study | *The Son of David-Seeing Jesus in the Historical Books*. Purchase the book online. Group begins September 16 in the OC45 Building.
- ... **Men's Base Camp (Wednesday 7:00-8:30 PM)**
Video study | *Simplifying Revelation: How to read the book of Revelation*. Begins September 17 in the OC45 Building.
- ... **Men's Group (Thursday 9:30-10:30 AM)**
Ongoing, gathers in the Meeting Room next to the Café.

SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

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

FELLOWSHIP

COMPETITIVE VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Do you want to play some competitive volleyball? Come join the fun on the Thursday Night Volleyball Power League. This league is for experienced volleyball players who have a solid knowledge of the game and rules. Skill levels range from Intermediate to Experienced Players. We strive to play fast solid volleyball! The league will run mid-September through mid-March on Thursday evenings at the Otterbein Church Community Center (13375 Welty Road). The cost is \$30. Register by September 12 on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Point. Games begin on September 18.



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 (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. **New! Beginning with the book of Mark, we are offering an [audio link](#) to LISTEN to the daily reading.**

Bible Journey journals with your 1st resource are available for \$5 at Connection Point. **In addition, we have free copies of the new resource "The Character of God" available.**

Another new resource! Pastor Mark has compiled some **great questions and the answers** from the first ten chapters of Matthew. Remember to check the Resource page on otterbeinchurch.org or the OC App, often. We will continue to add resources as they are developed. Join us on the journey!

JONAH

BIG FISH... BIGGER GRACE

SEPTEMBER 7, 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 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.

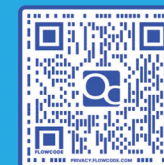
WELCOME CARD

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

FLEEING THE GRACE OF GOD

September 7, 2025

Mark Green, Pastor of Adult Ministries

IN THE “JONAH” SERIES:

September 7: *Fleeing the Grace of God*

September 14: *Embracing God's Grace*

September 21: *Angry About God's Grace*

Jonah 1:1–2 (ESV) (1) Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, (2) “Arise, go to Ni-neveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.”

Like Jonah, are you willing to be _____ about your relationship to God?

Jonah 1:3 (ESV) (3) But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

If God vocalized the _____ of your heart, how would you respond?

Grace Lesson 1) God’s grace does not have room for a _____ attitude.

Jonah 1:4–6 (ESV) (4) But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. (5) Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. (6) So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

Grace Lesson 2) God will allow you to run, but He will not allow you to _____.

Jonah 1:7–10 (ESV) (7) And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. (8) Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” (9) And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” (10) Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

Grace Lesson 3) Running from God is ridiculous. _____ is grace.

Jonah 1:11–16 (ESV) (11) Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. (12) He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.” (13) Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. (14) Therefore they called out to the Lord, “O Lord, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you.” (15) So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. (16) Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows.

Jonah 1:17 (ESV) (17) And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Grace Lesson 4) God’s grace is demonstrated through His _____.

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.