

NEWS & EVENTS



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 September 18 in the OC 45 Building. **Register TODAY** on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by 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. Learn more & register on the OC App, ocregister.org or stop by Connection Point.

- ... **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 began September 8 in the OC45 Building— but there's still room!
- ... **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.



FRIENDSHIP COMPANY (GRADES 2-7)

Children in grades 2-7 are invited to participate in Friendship Company: a group that wants to share their God-given talents in singing and acting. The group will meet in the K5 room on Sunday evenings starting October 5 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Friendship Company members will minister to the church during the Christmas Celebration, on Palm Sunday weekend, and they're planning a musical in early spring. Sign up on the OC App, online at ocregister.org or stop by Connection Point on a Sunday morning. For more information, contact Jennifer Bream at 717-331-7089 or jhbream8202@gmail.com.

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 TODAY** on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Point. Games begin on September 18.

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.

COMING SOON... ALL-CHURCH SERVE DAY!

Save the date for Saturday, October 18. More details to come!



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 on the OC App 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!



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.



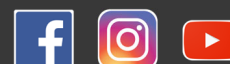
OTTERBEIN CHURCH APP

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](https://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

EMBRACING THE GRACE OF GOD

September 14, 2025

Mark Green, Pastor of Adult Ministries

IN THE “JONAH” SERIES:

September 7: *Fleeing the Grace of God*

September 14: *Embracing the Grace of God*

September 21: *Angry About the Grace of God*

JONAH 1 | GRACE LESSONS

- ... Grace Lesson 1: God’s grace leaves no room for a Me versus You attitude.
- ... Grace Lesson 2: God will allow you to run, but He will not allow you to run away.
- ... Grace Lesson 3: Running from God is ridiculous. Repentance is grace.
- ... Grace Lesson 4: God’s grace is demonstrated through His patience.

Jonah 2:1–10 (ESV) (1) Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, (2) saying, “I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. (3) For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. (4) Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’ (5) The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head (6) at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God. (7) When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. (8) Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. (9) But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!” (10) And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

Summary of Jonah’s Prayer: God, since You are not going to let me out of going to Ninevah, I will relent and go. Thanks for rescuing me.

Grace Lesson 5: The _____ is His patient grace giving you the opportunity to stop blaming others, own your choices, repent and submit to God.

“We can ignore even pleasure. But pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world....No doubt pain as God's megaphone is a terrible instrument; it may lead to final and unrepented rebellion. But it gives the only opportunity the bad man can have for amendment. It removes the veil; it plants the flag of truth within the fortress of the rebel soul.”
C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain

Jonah 3:1–5 (ESV) (1) Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, (2) “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” (3) So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. (4) Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” (5) And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

Grace Lesson 6: The God of grace offers _____, for the benefit of helping others get a _____.

God Lesson: God does extraordinary things through _____ obedience.

Jonah 3:6–9 (ESV) (6) The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. (7) And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, (8) but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. (9) Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

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.