

NEWS & EVENTS

FIRST TUESDAY PRAYER

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We will have our First Tuesday Prayer Gathering at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7. We will be meeting in Room 402. Park on the south side of the building and use the Groups Entrance. Everyone is invited to join in this time of prayer for our church, community, and world.

SERVE DAY

OC SERVE DAY | OCTOBER 18

Join us for OC Serve Day on Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. as we come together as a church family to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community! We'll have the opportunity to make a real impact by partnering with local schools, nonprofits, and neighbors—jumping into projects like painting, yard work, cleaning, organizing, and all kinds of hands-on work that will bless others in meaningful ways. This is a great chance for everyone—individuals, families, and kids—to serve side-by-side and show the love of Jesus in practical, tangible ways. Learn more on the OC App, online at ocregister.org or stop by Connection Point.

OUTSIDE DOOR GREETERS

We are looking for friendly folks to participate as Outside Door Greeters for the 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. services. Sign up on the OC App, online at ocregister.org or stop by Connection Point.

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE IN THE CAFE

We have opportunities to serve in our Café on Sunday mornings. Learn more on the OC App, online at ocregister.org, or stop by Connection Point.

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.

BAPTISM WORKSHOP

BAPTISM WORKSHOP | NOVEMBER 2

The next Baptism Workshop will be held on November 2 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 baptism services is planned for November 30. Learn more on the OC App or visit otterbeinchurch.org and click on the Sunday page.

Friendship Company

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 **TONIGHT—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.

Family FALL FEST

OC FAMILY FALL FEST AT COUNTRY CREEK FARM

You and your family are invited to join us for our OC Family Fall Fest at Country Creek Produce Farm (3794 Etter Rd, Chambersburg, PA) on Saturday, November 1 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person, ages 2 and under are free. Enjoy over 20 outdoor activities including a hayride to the pumpkin patch, corn maze, mountain slides, petting zoo, zip lines, jump pads, bounce houses, racers, and more! Pumpkins will be available for purchase and the concession stand will be open for an additional cost (cash only). For more information, contact Amanda Myers at amanda.myers@otterbeinchurch.org.

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 (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!

FAITH

BOLD LIVING IN AN *Anxious* WORLD

FEAR

OCTOBER 5, 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.



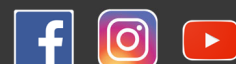
OTTERBEIN CHURCH APP

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

PERFECT LOVE

October 5, 2025
Mike Newman, Senior Pastor

IN THE “FAITH OVER FEAR” SERIES:
October 5: Perfect Love October 12: Truth and Wisdom
October 19: Courage October 26: Faithful God
November 2: Eye on Eternity

Two Biblical Truths:

1) God does not want us to be _____.

Isaiah 41:10 (NLT) (10) Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

Joshua 1:9 (NLT) (9) This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT) (7) For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

John 14:27 (NLT) (27) “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.

What is the root cause of fear & anxiety?

a) It is possible your anxiety is a _____ that needs medical attention.

b) Anxiety and fear are rooted in an _____.

1 John 4:16–18 (NLT) (16) We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. (17) And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. (18) Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.

THERE IS A SPIRITUAL ROOT TO MOST OF THE ANXIETY AND FEAR WE EXPERIENCE IN LIFE.

2) Choosing to believe in _____ and accept it helps us overcome fear and anxiety.

What makes God’s love perfect?

a) We see God’s perfect love in _____.

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.

John 3:16 (NLT) (16) “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 8:32 (NLT) (32) Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won’t he also give us everything else?

b) We see God’s perfect love in His choice to provide a way for us to _____.

Galatians 4:4–7 (NLT) (4) But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. (5) God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. (6) And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.” (7) Now you are no longer a slave but God’s own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir.

Romans 8:15–17 (NLT) (15) So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” (16) For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. (17) And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

c) We see God’s perfect love in His promise to help us address _____.

Matthew 6:25–26 (NLT) (25) “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? (26) Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are?

Matthew 6:31–33 (NLT) (31) “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ (32) These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. (33) Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

2 Corinthians 4:16–18 (NLT) (16) That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. (17) For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! (18) So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

Romans 8:28 (NLT) (28) And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

d) We see God’s perfect love in His _____ when we sin.

Luke 15:18–19, 20-24 (NLT) (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.

Romans 8:31–32, 35, 37-39 (NLT) (31) What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? (32) Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won’t he also give us everything else?.... (35) Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?... ..(37) No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. (38) And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. (39) No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.