

# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



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# The Lord's Day

## August 6, 2023



The Lord will descend from heaven  
with a loud command  
with the archangel's voice  
with the trumpet call of God  
and the dead in Christ will rise!  
(1 Thess. 4:16)



PRELUDE  
WORSHIP MUSIC  
PRAYER  
KIDS KORNER  
READING #667  
HYMN 543  
BIBLE MESSAGE  
HYMN #554  
BENEDICTION

In the stillness of the night and the fullness of the day,  
in the clamor of the crowd and the joyfulness of play... GOD  
surrounds our lives. He sustains us. And protects us. And  
empowers us. Today, we HONOR his presence, protection,  
and wisdom. We're glad you have joined our gathering!  
WELCOME!

### SCHEDULE

- Worship and Preaching (8:30 AND 10:45)
- Sunday School classes (9:50)
- BibleStudy/Prayer (WEDNESDAY -6:30)

A ministry group from OUB will leave for North Carolina on Tuesday to serve with Ron/Jackie Pegram. This ministry will involve VBS and construction. They would greatly appreciate your prayers.

Thanks to each person who contributed baked goods or help or bought chicken last week at the Ralph's Recipe BBQ. A total of \$1760.00 was raised for the Mission of Harmony.

**SUNDAY SERMONS...** "You Asked..."

August 6 - Cremation/New Bodies

August 13- Contentment

August 20 – Psalm 139

August 27 – God's FORGIVENESS

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|                               | <i><b>This Week</b></i>  | <i><b>Next Week</b></i>                                    |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Nursery</b> |  | Deb Michalsky &<br>Amy Fleming                             |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Nursery</b> | Kristin Marconi &<br>Cindy Rawley                              |  |
| <b>Acolyte</b>                | Shelby Rife 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Loretta Wagaman 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Dane Ruelas 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Shelby Rife 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| <b>Prelude</b>                | Leta Sipes   | Grace Akers  |
| <b>Greeters</b>               |  | Bob & Carol<br>Schwalm                                     |

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| <b>Last Week...</b>  | 7/30/23     |
| <b>Attendance</b>    | 252         |
| <b>General</b>       | \$ 6,853.00 |
| <b>Missions</b>      | \$ 2,052.50 |
| <b>Building Fund</b> | \$ 687.50   |
| <b>Sunday School</b> | \$ 91.00    |





The Altar Flowers  
are to celebrate.  
Bob & Fran Stoner's Anniversary

Join OUB at the Regal Valley Mall Cinema, 17301 Valley Mall Rd., Hagerstown, MD on Sept. 18 or 19 at 7:00 pm for *Route 60 the Biblical Highway*. You can buy your ticket(s) by contacting Fran Stoner at (717) 597-0189 by August 27. Let her know which night you will be attending. Tickets are \$15 payable to OUB.



Carving through the heart of the Promised Land is the Biblical spine of Israel, sometimes referred to as the “Path of the Patriarchs” and officially designated as “Route 60.” A highway of deep historical significance while often the scene of unrest and violence, this 146-mile road of asphalt and concrete begins in Nazareth, Israel’s largest Arab city, and ends in Beersheba, one of Israel’s hi-tech centers.

Running North to South, Route 60 connects ancient Israel with modern Israel, Jews and Christians with Muslims, and Israelis with Palestinians. This trek is far more than a two-lane highway; It is a historic, sacred link to the roots of Judaism and Christianity and the stories of the Old and New Testaments

## THIS IS MY BODY

### Cremation?

The Bible gives no specified directions to Christians regarding the disposal of a dead body. While there are positive and negative aspects to both cremation and burial, neither practice has spiritual significance. The Jews of Palestine had burial “customs” (Jn. 19:40) yet also practiced cremation as evidenced by many urns containing ashes discovered by archeology. The state of one’s remains is relatively unimportant and this issue does not need to be a great focus or worry (*Lk. 9:59-60*)

**OT Purification Ritual** An innocent animal, slaughtered and burned, had its ashes (representing its innocence) substituted for and applied to the unclean person (*Num. 19, Ps. 51:7, Heb. 9:13-14*). This was not a pagan ceremony but one prescribed and directed by the Lord.

Fire is a scriptural symbol of judgment (*Josh. 7:15, Ps. 78:21*), and pagan people have burned their dead bodies. However, fire is also a Scriptural image of holiness (*11 ki. 2:11, 6:17*), power (*Acts 2:1-4*), and purity (*1 Cor. 3:12-15*). And God-fearing folks have cremated bodies as an expression of honor and respect (*1 Sam. 31:8-13*).

Every dead body will disintegrate (Gen. 3:19). Cremation merely accelerates the process. Each person/family must determine the manner of arrangement that expresses their respect and does not damage their own conscience or faith (*Rom. 14:22-23*). **\*God is able to restore any body, no matter what manner of death or decay, giving every believer a renewed and perfected body at the resurrection (*1 Cor. 15:52*).**

Natural vs. Spiritual (BODY) (1 Cor. 15:35-44)

Illustration = SEED/PLANT (36) \_\_\_\_\_ - death and decay  
(37) \_\_\_\_\_ - emergence of new  
(different) form  
(38) \_\_\_\_\_ - the same identity

**CONTRAST?**

- \_\_\_\_\_... perishable vs. imperishable (42) (*Rev. 21:4, 22-5*)
- \_\_\_\_\_... dishonor v. glory (43) (*Rom. 8:18-21*)
- \_\_\_\_\_... weakness vs. power (43) (*Mt. 26:41*)
- \_\_\_\_\_... natural vs. spiritual (44) (*1 COR. 15:49*)

\*Both Adam's created body and Christ's resurrected body are prototypes of the natural/spiritual body that we do/will possess! (49)

\*While some paradigms of thought (Hindu, Buddhist) teach a future existence of spirit only or other forms, Jewish/Christian teaching has always been a future where the SOUL inhabits a BODY. (It is in this sense that the body's death is referred to as "sleep"). (*Is. 26:19, Dan. 12:2-3, Jn. 5:28-29, Rom. 8:18-24*).