Reshaping My Relationship With The Church
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Publish his glorious deeds among the nations. Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.
- Psalm 96:3 (NLT)

Celebrating What God Has Done:

- People who chose to begin a relationship with Jesus: 41
- Baptisms: 15
- Recommitments to Jesus Christ: 216
- People who “grew a lot” spiritually in 2011: 224
- People who “grew some” spiritually in 2011: 305
- Total percentage of people who grew spiritually: 77%
- People who said they have some or many close relationships (other than family) within the church: 80%
- Average worship attendance: 822 (up 2.5% from 2010)
- Average total children and youth (high school and below): 215
- Persons participating in short-term missions trips: 62
- Missionary families and organizations supported: 23
- Total General Church giving: $1,114,526
- Total Local2Global giving: $229,809
- Total Building Fund/Welty Relocation: $140,603
- Total (General Church, Local2Global, BF): $1,484,938
- Income exceeded expenses: $21,432

Otterbein Church gave and invested more than $250,000 in the lives of people in our community and throughout the world in 2011.

- We launched our Faith@Home emphasis
- We hired Chris Pratt as our Youth Pastor
- We saw a major increase in small group participation
- We experienced our highest worship attendances ever over the Christmas holidays
- And the list goes on and on

God is at work at Otterbein Church and we are privileged to be part of something that is so much bigger than ourselves — it is something God is doing!
A complete listing of our Leadership Team at Otterbein (Staff, Elders, and Management Oversight Team) is available at the Information Center in the Church lobby or online at www.otterbeinchurch.org.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT) 20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Romans 12:4-5 (NLT) 4 Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (NLT) 12 The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. 13 Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. 14 Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. 15 If the foot says, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that does not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear says, “I am not part of the body because I am not an eye,” would that make it any less a part of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? 18 But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. 19 How strange a body would be if it had only one part! 20 Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. 21 The eye can never say to the hand, “I don’t need you.” The head can’t say to the feet, “I don’t need you.” 22 In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. 23 And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. 24 This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. 25 If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. 26 All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.

An Overview of the 2012 Church Budget:

- The total church budget for 2012: $1,506,881
- It breaks down as follows:
  - General Church: $1,225,841
  - Local2Global Ministries: $156,040
  - Building Fund/Welty Relocation: $125,000
- More information is available online at www.otterbeinchurch.org

Two Questions to Consider:

Why are you involved in a Church?

What do you hope to get out of your involvement in the Church?

Two Biblical Principles:

1) God’s design for the Church is more about ___________________________.
   ____________________________________________.
   - See Romans 12:4-5 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

   A choice to follow Jesus is a choice to become part of the Church and to be the Church.

   Have you made the Church more about you or have you made it more about others?

2) God wants us to be __________ and not just __________ in His Church.
   - See 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

   What are you “producing” in the Church?
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How are things at home?

How are things going in your marriage?
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1) God’s design for the Church is more about “we” than “me.”
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Have you made the Church more about you or have you made it more about others?
God wants us to be producers and not just consumers in His Church.
When our relationship with the Church gets out of sync, we rob ourselves and others of the best God has for us.