

the MESSENGER

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COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Dr. Deron Boyer

*"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."
1 Cor. 15:58*

From the Pastor's Desk...

"I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me-the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace." Acts 20:24

Dear Church Family,

I write this final message with a contemplative heart as I prayerfully ponder all that the last 4+ years has brought to surface at CCC. It is at this moment that we all try to diminish the negative memories while lifting up the positives. But both have their own sort of redemption. My family leaves Port Byron with a list of mixed emotions. In the past years we have celebrated the lives of 40+ new believers into the body of Christ! That is so amazing! May we never forget the lives that have been changed, the souls that have been won, and the joyful tears that we have collectively shared. May we remember with sadness those who have passed on before us... and those whom God chose to displace to other parts of the country. And let's not forget the amazing amounts of money that we have raised for our missionaries!! God is so very good!

I want to say thank you to all of you for loving my family and me. Your gifts, encouragements, and prayers have been very much appreciated and enjoyed. Thank you for being patient with me when I did things or said things that you didn't agree with. And, I thank you for the way you supported our youth group mission trips each year. Our youth needed you and you all stepped up huge for them! I thank you greatly for your shared commitment to them. And last, I thank you for being open to the work of the Holy Spirit- for HE is the source of our strength, our hope, our peace, and our power in ministry. May you never quit relying on God to see you through.

My final prayer for you is this: Continue to seek God with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Love each other. Never quit loving each other. They need your love and you need the practice! And please... pray for us often. What we are doing in Dallas is much bigger than our ability, our faith, and our resources. So we will be trusting God every step of the way. Yes, your prayers will be very important to us. Our prayers will be with you too, because that's what friends do.

Until we meet again, keep preaching the Gospel!
Dr D and family

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT

YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO DENVER

On July 6, 2019, ten individuals (Noah Christensen, Hannah Herrman, Abigail Boyer, Jordan Boyer, Nathan Johnson, Jacob Johnson, Christopher Gillman, Deron Boyer, Paige Boyer, and Jan Rathburn) traveled to Denver, Colorado for a week to work with Open Door Ministries in their many programs to homeless and low income families. Please check out all their pictures on our website!



We are Riverbeds

I think of the love of God as a great river, pouring through us even as the waters pour through our ravine at flood time. Nothing can keep this love from pouring through us, except of course our own blocking of the river.

Do you sometimes feel that you have got to the end of your love for someone who refuses and repulses you? Such a thought is folly, for one cannot come to the end of what one has not got. We have no store of love at all. We are not jugs; we are riverbeds.

—Amy Carmichael



“He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Luke 10:2

FREE*
NO ENTRY FEE

CHARITY CRUISE-IN TO BENEFIT

Free Food*
(Walking Tacos
& Nachos)

International Disaster Emergency Service

Kid Games!

8th Annual Cruise-In

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

3817 - 230th Street N.

Port Byron, IL

SEPTEMBER 28, 2019

11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.



Dash Plaque to first 50 cars!

Shine 'em up and Show them off!

WEBER AUTO GROUP IS DONATING A VEHICLE!

A LIVE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 1:00 P.M.

100% OF PROCEEDS WILL GO TO

INTERNATIONAL DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICE!

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THE LIVE AUCTION, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: countrysidecc.org

Music provided by DJ Slick Willy



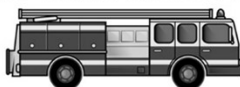
*Prizes will be awarded to the
Oldest Vehicle and Oldest Participant*



***Donations Accepted For
International Disaster Emergency Service**

***100% of Proceeds go to
International Disaster Emergency Service***

**Bring the kids! The Hillsdale Fire
Department will be there with one of
their fire trucks. Fire hats and coloring
books for all the kids!**



**For information contact
the church at 309-523-2384
countrysidecc.org**

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT

MEET OUR TEACHERS!!

Countryside Christian offers Sunday School classes for all ages! See details below to become part of one of our exciting classes! Each one meets at 9:30am on Sunday mornings.

ADULT CLASSES:



Wayne Lotz leads one of our Adult Sunday School Classes. Currently studying the book, *Unshakeable Hope*, by Max Lucado



Don Vickroy leads another of our Adult Sunday School Classes. Currently studying the book of 1 Corinthians.

JR/SR HIGH CLASSES:



Scott Green leads our Junior and Senior High Sunday School class.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES:



Connie Curry teaches the Children's Sunday School Class. (Ages 4 years – 5th grade)

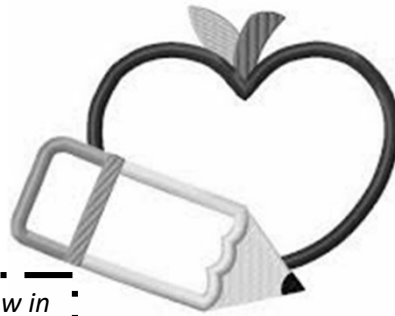
"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



Back to School

Prayer

“And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” Luke 2:52



In Wisdom

God, we pray for all of our students that they will grow in wisdom over the course of this year. We pray that they will grow academically, learning all that is required of them. We pray that they will work hard, and be successful in their studies. More importantly, we pray that they continue to grow in the wisdom that comes from You. We pray that they become more capable lights to those around them and learn and follow Your heart for them as they make decisions. Give us as parents the wisdom to assist our children as they walk through this life and help us to discern how best to help them

In Stature

God we thank You for the lives of our children. We pray that You protect them from harm and give them health throughout this year. We are thankful for Your loving hand, even in the midst of difficulties. We pray that our children will know that they are made in Your image and that they are valuable because they are known by You. We pray that children everywhere will be comforted by You and know that they are valuable – no matter how they look and no matter what others may say. We pray You protect our children from the cruelties of this world.

In Favor with God and People

We pray that our children will continue to grow in faith and obedience to You. We pray that they have integrity in their choices, whether those choices are seen by others or not. We pray that they act in love and kindness towards others, especially those whom the world pushes to the margins. We pray You give them strength to stand up for the outcast. We pray that they may have strength to stand up for what is right. We pray for their obedience to You and other authority figures in their lives. We pray that they image Jesus in all their actions, words, and interactions with others. We pray that they are a light to those around them. We pray that they surround themselves with people who will help them grow closer to You.

~Phil Travis, 2014



For children who come from families struggling with extreme poverty, receiving new school supplies can make all the difference in the world to their future success. Grades, classroom behavior, and engagement improve. Self-esteem increases. Attitudes toward school and learning strengthen.

The Mission's department is asking for your help in providing school supplies for students in the Riverdale School district. Registration is early August and supplies will be distributed at that time.

Donate School Supplies

Items In Need:

- Book bags
- Glue sticks
- Wide lined notebooks
- Narrow lined notebooks
- Wide lined loose-leaf paper
- Narrow lined loose-leaf paper
- Index cards
- Folders
- Kleenex
- Paper towels
- Highlighters
- Dry erase markers
- Crayola colored pencils
- Crayola crayons
- Water paints
- Fiskar scissors
- No. 2 pencils
- Erasers



RIVERDALE SCHOOL

9624 256TH St., N
Port Byron, IL

Thank You!

Thank you so much
For the school supplies.



Donation Drop Off

**Please drop donations
in the box in the foyer
for the school
supplies. Thank you
for your support!**



MISSION HIGHLIGHT

LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

“Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

Matthew 25:37-40

“*S*cripture is clear about the need to help those less fortunate. Instead of just having an abstract faith, it’s important to put it into practice in tangible ways, such as feeding and taking care of those who are hungry and cannot do it themselves: homeless, widows, orphans, etc. Anybody in need deserves our compassion, if for no other reason than the Lord being compassionate to us.”

~Michael Krauzer



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please consider donating these items:

- Canned goods
- Boxes of food (non-perishable)
- Cleaning items (dish soap, laundry soap, bar soap)
- Paper products (paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissue)
- Personal hygiene products (tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products)
- Baby items including diapers and baby food.

The Upper Rock Island County Food Pantry is located at Messiah Lutheran Church in Port Byron.

Countryside supports this pantry with monthly donations. Things which are needed by the pantry include non-perishable food items as well as cleaning items (dish soap, laundry soap, bar soap), paper products (paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissue), personal hygiene products (tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products), and baby items including diapers and baby food. These lists are not inclusive.

The food pantry is for residents of the Riverdale School District and is open 12(noon)-2:00 pm and 5:00-6:30pm (NEW EVENING HOURS) each Wednesday. The food pantry can be reached at 309-523-2421 if there are questions.

*Countryside items are delivered to the pantry the last week of each month. Food pantry items remain in great need all year round. **Please leave the donations in the marked boxes in the foyer.***



“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.”

Proverbs 19:17

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Worship is how we express our love, adoration, admiration, and wonder at God's presence. The Christian breathes in God's goodness and exhales worship.

For a lot of the church, worship has become synonymous with singing—but that's just one way that worship expresses itself. True worship happens when our entire life becomes a declaration of trust in God's incredible mercy. Paul says it this way: "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." (Rom. 12:1)



Do you prepare for worship? What paths do you take to lead you up the mountain? The question may seem foreign, but my hunch is, many of us simply wake up and show up. We're sadly casual when it comes to meeting God.

Suppose you were granted a Sunday morning breakfast at the White House? How would you spend Saturday night? Would you get ready? Would you collect your thoughts? Would you think about your questions and requests? Of course you would. Should we prepare any less for an encounter with the Holy God?

Let me urge you to come to worship prepared to worship. Pray before you come...Come hungry. Come willing. Come expecting God to speak....Then you'll discover the purpose of worship—to change the face of the worshiper. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 3:18, "Our faces, then, are not covered. We all show the Lord's glory, and we are being changed to be like him." God wipes away our tears, softens our furrowed brows and touches our cheeks. He changes our faces as we worship.

~Max Lucado (Just Like Jesus)

WE NEED YOUR HELP

There are several areas you can get involved to help this month in Worship:

- Scripture Readers**
- Greeters**
- Communion Preparers**
- Communion Mediation/Prayer**
- Offering Prayer**
- Donut Dandies**

Please contact the church office if you can help in any of these areas. Thanks for your willingness!

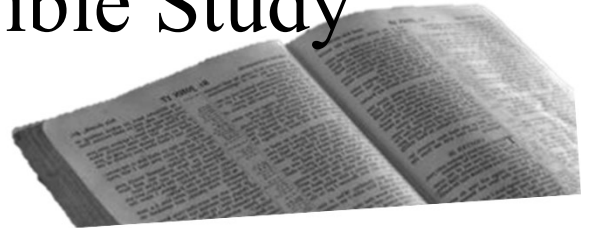
The closer you get to the truth, the clearer becomes the beauty, and the more you will find worship welling up within you. That's why theology and worship belong together. The one isn't just a headtrip; the other isn't just emotion."—N.T. Wright

GROWING DEEPER IN FAITH

We have had quite a bit of interest from women in the church who want to see a weekly Bible Study started. Please fill out this sheet and give to Laura today with your preference of time so that we can plan to start in the next couple of weeks. Thanks!



WOMEN'S Bible Study



Name: _____

Yes, I'm interested in being part of a women's weekly small group!!

My preference for time would be (Circle one):

Morning

Evening

Are there any days that would not work for you?

(We will make every effort to accommodate the majority of those interested.)



The soul must long for God in order to be set aflame by God's love.
—Meister Eckhart

Charm IS DECEPTIVE
AND *Beauty* IS FLEETING
BUT A WOMAN WHO
fears the LORD
IS TO BE PRAISED.
PROVERBS 31:30



"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." James 1:5

FINANCE HIGHLIGHT

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

It is important to remember that tithing is an attitude of giving. The amount you give or how it compares to the gifts of others doesn't really matter. What matters is that when you give, you give of yourself, all your loving concern, your affirmation of devotion to God, your good will to humankind, and your service to Christ. When you give with this spirit, then you are giving the fullest capacity of your spiritual, physical and mental resources. A true gift is a portion of yourself. When you give in this manner, you become an instrument of God. It is the gift of love.



YTD Offering Income

Budget: \$112,500

Actual: \$108,597

YTD Faith Promises

\$10,161

MY FAITH PROMISE TO WORLD MISSIONS

After a period of much prayer and discernment, I/WE promise to support the worldwide missionary program of the Countryside Christian Church over the next year. In total dependence upon God for HIS provision, it is our promise that "As God Gives, So Shall We Give." By faith, I/We promise the following amount of money:

\$ _____ **Annual Total**

Note: This is a faith promise, a covenant between myself and God. It is my voluntary offering for the evangelization of the world.

**TITHING
IS A
GIFT OF
LOVE**



"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Upcoming Events

8/1

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

Evangelism/Missions (6:30pm)
All Departments (7pm)



8/4

Pastor Deron's Last Sunday

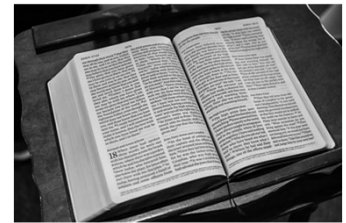
Join us in saying goodbye to Pastor Deron and Paige and their family as they embark on their next calling: evangelism in Texas.



8/18

ELDER/DEACON BIBLE STUDY

Monthly Bible Study at the church at 8am



8/25

FAMILY SUNDAY/POTLUCK FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Immediately following the Service



9/28

ANNUAL CRUISE-IN

Our annual Cruise-In is coming up on September 28! We are looking forward to the car show, car auction, food, and games. Mark your calendar!



"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

August BIRTHDAYS



- 4 – Laura Schmidt
- 12 – Jan Rathburn
- 15 – Samantha Short
- 16 – Randy Denekas
- 21 – Sarah Denekas
- 29 – Alissa Wheeler-older child

Children's Church:

- 4th – Jane Noyd & Gail Horst
- 11th – Jane Noyd & Cathy Lotz
- 18th – Jane Noyd & Jan Rathburn

Building Cleaners

- Curt Knapp
- Wayne & Cathy Lotz
- Randy & Sara Denekas

August

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 – Gail & Jamie Horst
- 11 – Ryan & Laura Schmidt
- 24 – Tiffany & Josh Wheeler

Communion Prep –
Scripture Reader –
Greeter –
Donut Dandy -

Can you help??

Sign-Up Sheet in the
Church Foyer

Sunday School Nursery Workers:

- 4th – Cathy Lotz
- 11th – Jane Noyd
- 18th – Nancy Dufur
- 25th – Kathy Kohrt

Worship Nursery Workers:

- 4th – Kati Jo Chasek
- 11th – Jaydn Collis
- 18th – Dottie Seitz
- 25th – Lisa Jones



Worship Servers:

August 4th

- Wayne Lotz (Meditation)
- Jim Kaecker (Communion Prayer)
- Roger Curry (Offering Prayer)

August 11th

- Roger Curry (Meditation)
- Doug Hoffman (Communion Prayer)
- Teresa Garcia (Offering Prayer)

August 18th

- Don Vickroy (Meditation)
- Teresa Garcia (Communion Prayer)
- Wayne Lotz (Offering Prayer)

August 25th

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KIDS CORNER

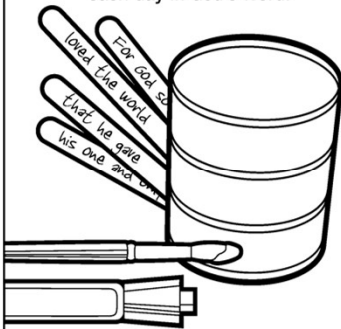


JUST FOR KIDS

“Study to show yourself approved by God, a workman who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15

WAKE-UP WORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.



What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

What you do:

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.



GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

Brush these daily

Do this to your shoes

This rises in the east

Cold breakfast food

Hot breakfast food

Talk to God

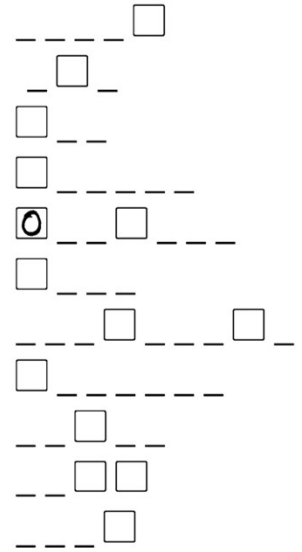
Morning meal

Extend your limbs

Fruit drink

Waffle machine

Eat these scrambled or fried



Because of the LORD's great love ...
 never fail. They are
new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36

2019

August



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	01 Praise Team Practice @7:30pm	02	03
04 Pastor's Last Sunday	05 Evangelism/Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm	06 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Mtg 6:30pm	07 Small Group	08 Praise Team Practice @7:30pm	09	10
11	12	13 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Mtg 6:30pm	14 Small Group	15 Cruise-In Meeting 6:30pm Praise Team Practice @7:30pm	16	17
18 Elder/Deacon Study 8am	19	20 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Mtg 6:30pm	21 Small Group	22 Praise Team Practice @7:30pm	23	24
25 Family Sunday - Potluck Lunch Food Pantry Collection	26	27 Men's Study 9am Pastor Search Mtg 6:30pm	28 Small Group	29 Praise Team Practice @7:30pm	30	31
01	02	Notes:				

