

the MESSENGER



COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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From the Church Office...

It's time to start worshipping at our CHURCH AGAIN!!!

- On **Sunday, June 7th and June 14th**, we'll have our worship service in the church parking lot at **10:45am**. Please feel free to bring a lawn chair if you would like to sit outside your vehicle. Also, communion will not be provided so please bring your own if you would like. (*In the event of rain, we may move indoors sooner???? Stay tuned.*)
- On **Sunday, June 21st**, we will hold our service in two venues at **10:45am**. One venue will be in the sanctuary. The second venue will be in the gym. This will be a video-fed child-friendly option.

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN!

Please check out the Worship Highlight page for the rest of the details.



June 4th and 5th are our Pastor's OFFICIAL Moving Days!!

We could use all the help we could get!!! Thank you in advance!

On Thursday night we are going to load a truck at the storage facility at **5pm**.

Meet here to help load: UHaul Moving & Storage
3840 46th Ave., Rock Island, IL

On Friday, we will meet at their new house at **11am** to unload the truck and then move the rest of the items.

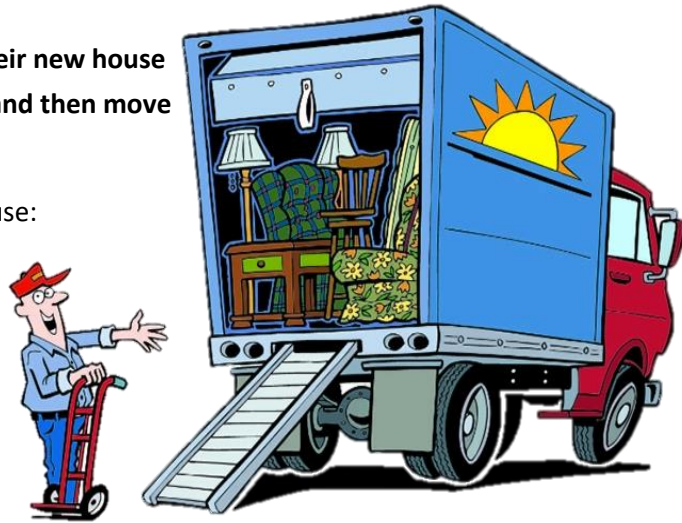
Steve & Karen Allison's new house:
1103 Wild West Dr.
LeClaire, IA 52753


If you have any questions,
Please call Steve's cell phone:
515-971-0861



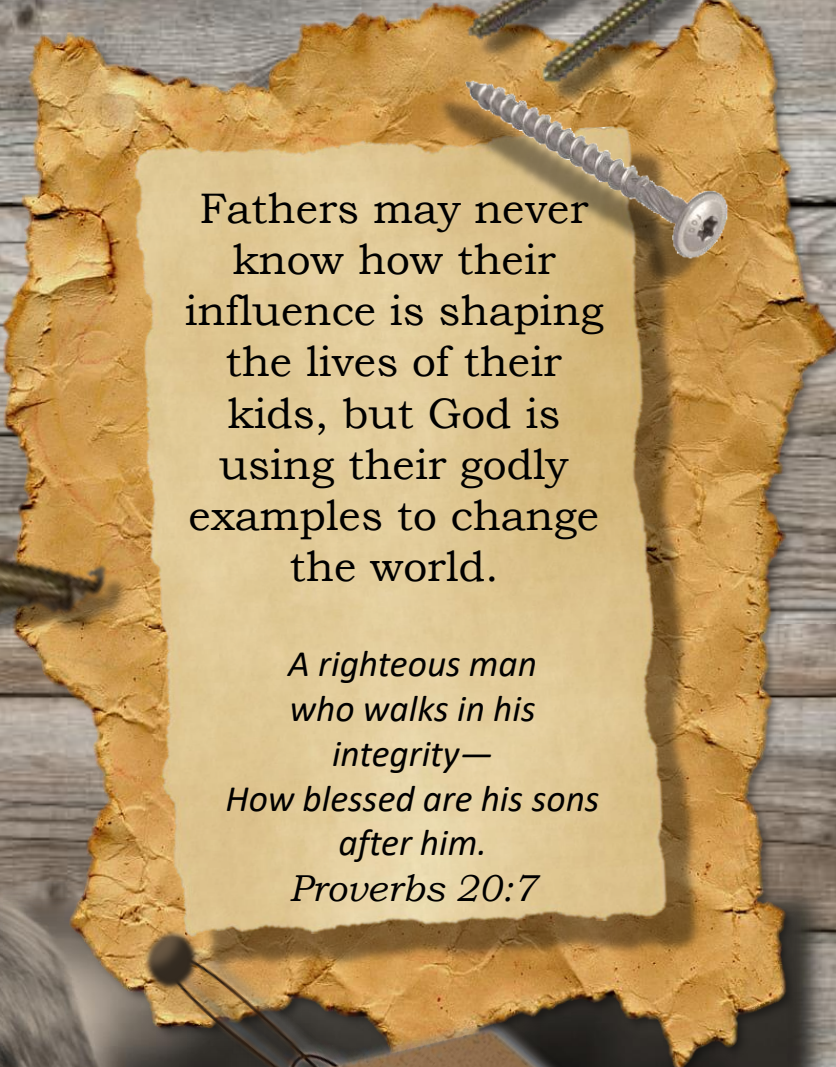
"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

1 Cor. 15:58





Happy
Father's Day



Fathers may never
know how their
influence is shaping
the lives of their
kids, but God is
using their godly
examples to change
the world.

*A righteous man
who walks in his
integrity—
How blessed are his sons
after him.
Proverbs 20:7*



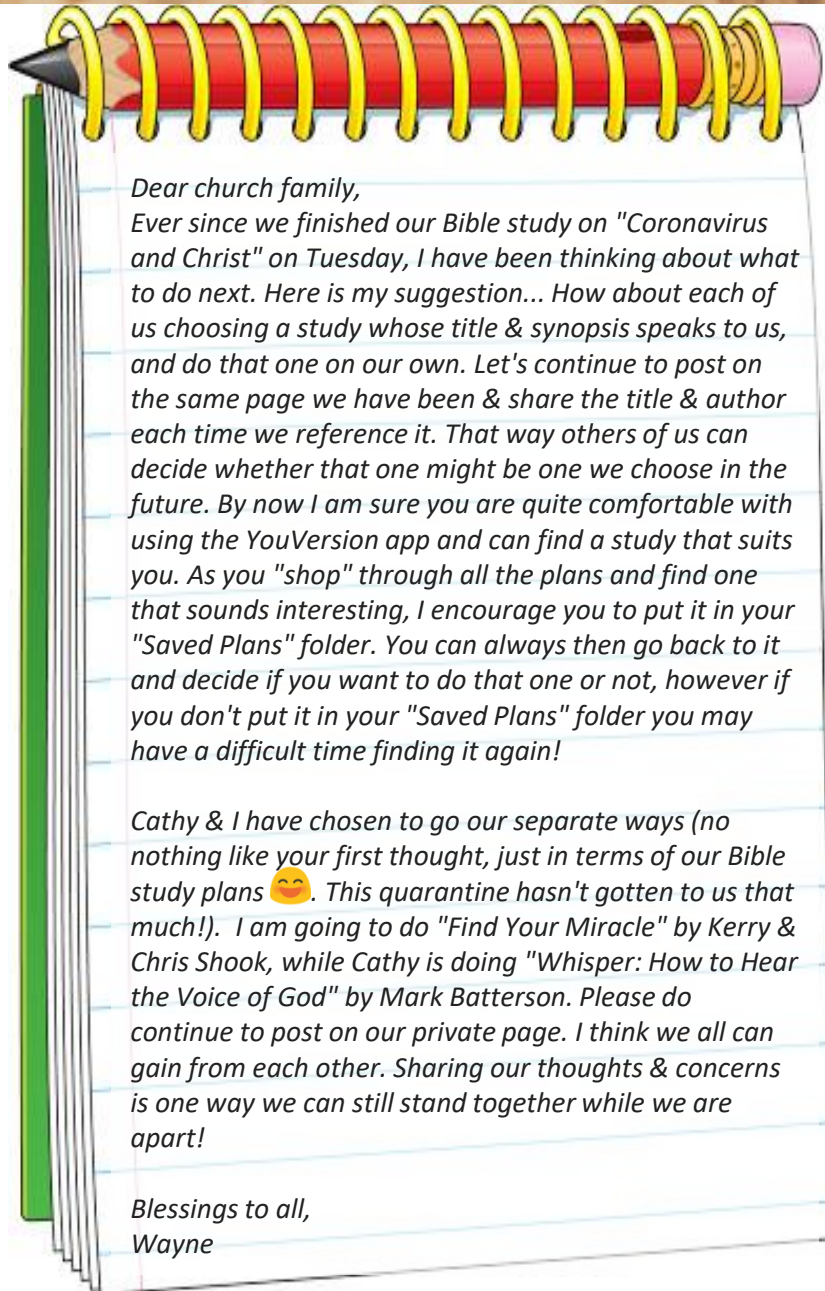
Father's
DAY
is June 21st



In the last few weeks, we have taken the opportunity to learn new ways to meet together. Wayne and Cathy Lotz took on the task of offering an on-line Bible Study. Quickly the number grew to around 23 individuals participating, including even one of our missionaries.

They started with the study by Kyle Idleman, "The End of Me". Next, they did a timely 9-lesson study entitled, "Coronavirus and Christ".

If you would like to be a part of our online Bible Study, search for "Countryside Christian Church Online Bible Study" on Facebook or contact the church office and we will gladly help you get connected. Thank you Wayne and Cathy for providing this for us!



Dear church family,
Ever since we finished our Bible study on "Coronavirus and Christ" on Tuesday, I have been thinking about what to do next. Here is my suggestion... How about each of us choosing a study whose title & synopsis speaks to us, and do that one on our own. Let's continue to post on the same page we have been & share the title & author each time we reference it. That way others of us can decide whether that one might be one we choose in the future. By now I am sure you are quite comfortable with using the YouVersion app and can find a study that suits you. As you "shop" through all the plans and find one that sounds interesting, I encourage you to put it in your "Saved Plans" folder. You can always then go back to it and decide if you want to do that one or not, however if you don't put it in your "Saved Plans" folder you may have a difficult time finding it again!

Cathy & I have chosen to go our separate ways (no nothing like your first thought, just in terms of our Bible study plans 😊). This quarantine hasn't gotten to us that much!). I am going to do "Find Your Miracle" by Kerry & Chris Shook, while Cathy is doing "Whisper: How to Hear the Voice of God" by Mark Batterson. Please do continue to post on our private page. I think we all can gain from each other. Sharing our thoughts & concerns is one way we can still stand together while we are apart!

Blessings to all,
Wayne

HAPPY MAY DAY!

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT



On May 1st, the youth group made some snacks for May Day and packaged them up for everyone in the congregation. They split up the list and then drove around delivering them that afternoon. So proud of you kids for thinking of this and giving of your time!!



"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." - Hebrews 13:8

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT



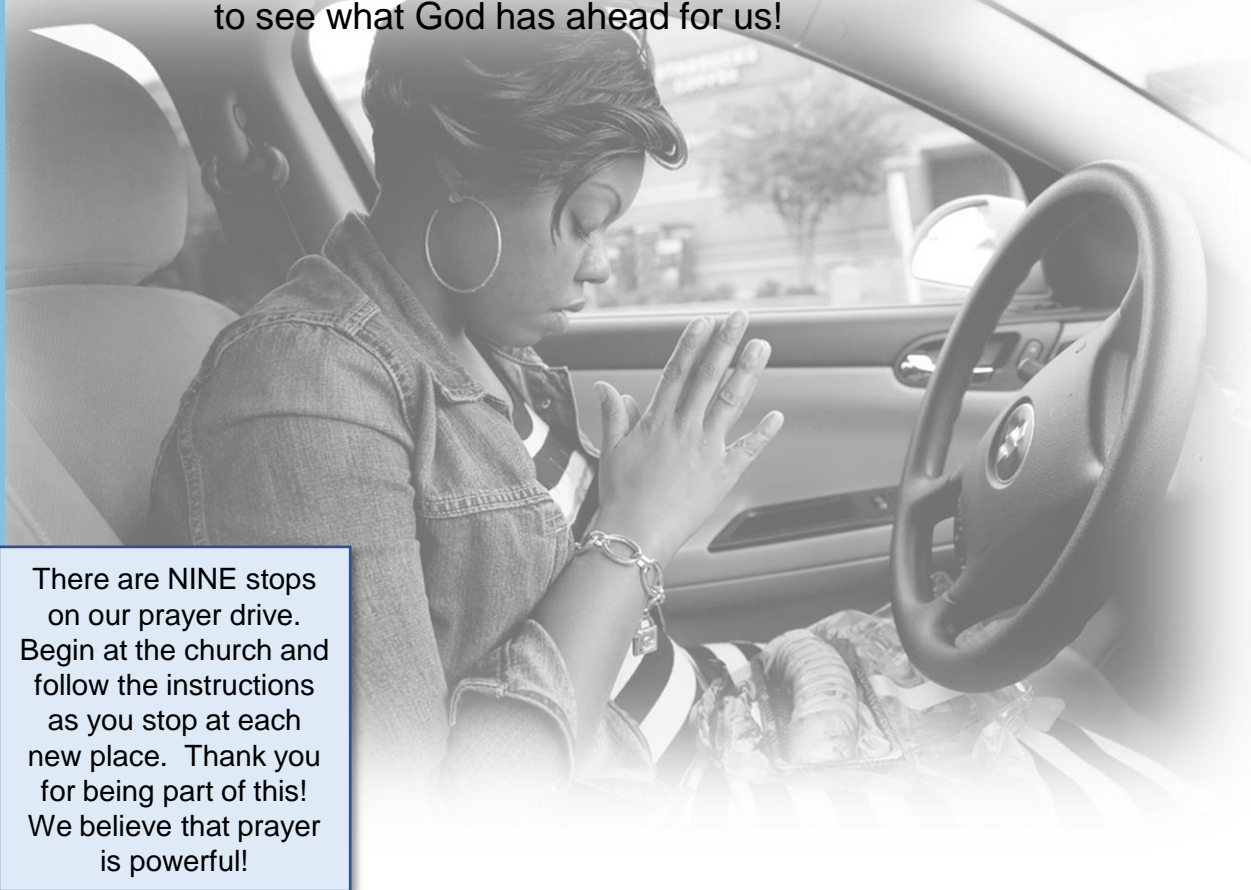
PRAYER DRIVE

Check your email for the prayer drive instructions or call the church office!

May 26 – June 14th

What is a Prayer Drive?

A Prayer Drive is the same as a Prayer Walk but driving in a vehicle due to social distancing rules. Here's your chance to get out of the house and be a part of something powerful as we look forward to meeting again as a church body! We want to be purposeful in praying for our region in specific ways as we prepare our hearts to see what God has ahead for us!



There are NINE stops on our prayer drive. Begin at the church and follow the instructions as you stop at each new place. Thank you for being part of this! We believe that prayer is powerful!

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Christ to China Ministry (C2C)

Wing Wong has worked for many years in China presenting the message of Christ to the people and also to the Chinese in New Hampshire. The work in New Hampshire is under the partnership of Restoration House Ministries.

In April of this year, Wing Wong celebrated 50 years of serving the Lord. "On April 11, 1970 at around 11:30 p.m. in Hong Kong at the Kai Tak Airport Restaurant, the Lord called me to come to the U.S.A. for Bible and ministry training. This training, in which I would need to return to Hong Kong and make disciples for Him among the Chinese through Paul Palmer, who was a Bible college student in Scottsbluff, NE.



Taping the Gospel Radio Program to broadcast in China

That night, I was tossing sleeplessly giving God all kind of excuses to talk myself out of the calling. Finally, God asked, "Do you trust me?" Right at that moment, I realized then I didn't truly trust God although I had been faithfully and zealously engaged in all kind of evangelistic, spiritual growth and Christian ministry activities. I am glad that I did repent and accepted God's calling. I arrived in Scottsbluff, NB on September 27, 1970 to begin my four years of college in Platte Valley Bible College (now Summit Christian College) with \$25 to my name. It was like the five loaves of bread and two fishes The Lord had provided and multiplied that money so I could finish school without debt. I went back to Hong Kong after graduation in 1974 with a mission team from the school to lay the ground work for me to start the disciple-making ministry in Hong Kong. We called ourselves the Harbingers. We performed Gospel programs in churches, high schools and colleges and community halls. As a result, I

helped a missionary start a church and ministered in another church.

In the two years of ministry in Hong Kong, I realized that we needed to give formal Bible and ministry training to the local Christians, so they could become equipped church leaders and disciple-makers. I came back to the United States with my new wife in 1976 to get the training that I needed from Lincoln Christian Seminary to start a Bible college in Hong Kong. In 1979, I came back to Hong Kong.

I praise the Lord for your trust and support through these many years. (from Wing Wong's Newsletter April 2020)

Congratulations to Wing Wong for 50 years of service to our Lord. For more information about the work in China and the Chinese people in New Hampshire check the C2C booklet on the mission shelf.

"The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory or ever and ever. Amen" II Timothy 4:18



Pray for Wing Wong as he brings the message of Jesus Christ to the Chinese people in New Hampshire and in China and for an end to the violence in Hong Kong.



Shared the Gospel with people in Anhui

"What will the next generation of Christians in China be like if we sit back and take the easy road? Will God be pleased?"

RE-OPENING PLAN

Church Family,

After much prayer and preparation, we're ready to resume worshiping at our church building, and we hope you're able to join us!

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**** It is your choice to wear a mask and/or gloves. Please be considerate of others with regard to hugging and shaking hands. Before going any further, let me say this: As excited as we are about being able to gather together again, we recognize that people fall into one of three camps of thought regarding the Coronavirus. For some, it is not an issue of fear and has a low danger. For others especially those with compromised immune systems, this is a very real concern. Finally, the third group doesn't know yet what to think about it. For ALL, we act with grace, respect, kindness, and love towards others and our interactions with each other.*

The worship services will also continue to be streamed online. ***

Here are some reminders and things you need to know for June 21st when we will be in the building...

To help create a touchless environment, to the best of our ability all external doors will be propped open. **In both worship venues we'll have room for you to maintain a safe distance from others.** Items in the backs of the pews and chairs, including Bibles, hymnals, envelopes, and pens, have been removed.

Offering plates will not be passed. You can drop a check/cash in one of the offering collection boxes outside of our worship areas. Or continue to give online or by mailing a check to the church office if you'd prefer. Communion will also not be offered at this time. We encourage you to continue to hold your own communion time in your homes.

We look forward to worshiping with you this next month, whether in-person or online! **Thank you for remaining prayerful, faithful, and flexible in these times. We truly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we navigate as responsibly as we can.** Again, we are committed to protecting your health and safety and remain vigilant in taking every precaution possible.

If you have not had a chance to participate in the Prayer Drive that was emailed or mailed to you earlier, we encourage you to complete that before we meet again.

If you have any questions, call the church office at 309-523-2834 or email us at cccportbyron@gmail.com.

In Christ,
Countryside Christian Church



Love. Grow. Serve.

"Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness" - Psalm 37:3



OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

5 WAYS TO GIVE

TO COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



IN PERSON



MAIL



ONLINE



MOBILE APP



TEXT

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Port Byron, IL 61275

Visit the "Giving" tab on our website:
countrysidecc.org
Or point your smartphone at the QR code below



Point your smartphone camera at the QR code to the right to be taken to the online giving site.



We sincerely appreciate your generosity in support of our church. Together, we will continue to do God's amazing work!

Dear Church Family,

Though we may be limited right now in our ability to be physically present to each other, there are still so many ways that each of us can be present – to one another, to what ourselves are going through, and to the God who made us, love us, and walks with us.

Our prayer is that you would be attentive to the Spirit's leading in the coming weeks as you pray for each other, as you give to the church, and as you are sensitive to others' needs around you.

We pray that the God who is always present, the same God who stilled the storm with just a word, who is able to soothe a frantic heart would bring you hope and courage – whether you wait or work in uncertainty. We pray hope would abound in coming weeks as we put our trust in Him. He is God; He is never-changing, He is the great I AM who always was, is, and is to come.



YTD Offering Income

Budget: \$87,500

Actual: \$70,095

YTD Faith Promises

\$971

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.

FINANCE HIGHLIGHT

JUNE Birthdays

- 1 – Jill Weatherhead
- 3 – Ruby Short
- 12 – Don Vickroy
- 17 – Gavin Bussert
- 17 – Vance Bussert
- 19 – Annelise Hattan
- 20 – Lisa Jones
- 22 – Shirley Baxter
- 24 – Jo Gibbs
- 28 – Josh Wheeler

JUNE Anniversaries

- 12 – Tena & Curt Knapp
- 19 – Becky & Jason Collis
- 21 – Sarah & Randy Denekas
- 27 – Greg & Lisa Jones



June

- 1. Psalms 19-21
- 2. Psalms 22-24
- 3. Psalms 25-27
- 4. Psalms 28-30
- 5. Psalms 31-33
- 6. Psalms 34-36
- 7. Psalms 37-39
- 8. Psalms 40-42
- 9. Psalms 43-45
- 10. Psalms 46-48
- 11. Psalms 49-51
- 12. Psalms 52-54
- 13. Psalms 55-57
- 14. Psalms 58-60
- 15. Psalms 61-63
- 16. Psalms 64-66
- 17. Psalms 67-69
- 18. Psalms 70-72
- 19. Psalms 73-75
- 20. Psalms 76-78
- 21. Psalms 79-81
- 22. Psalms 82-84
- 23. Psalms 85-87
- 24. Psalms 88-90
- 25. Psalms 91-93
- 25. Psalms 94-96
- 27. Psalms 97-99
- 28. Psalms 100-102
- 29. Psalms 103-105
- 30. Psalms 106-108



ROAD TRIP TREAT

Make this snack necklace to enjoy during summer travels.



What you need:

- Dental floss
- Sewing needle
- O-shaped cereal
- Raisins
- Popcorn

What you do:

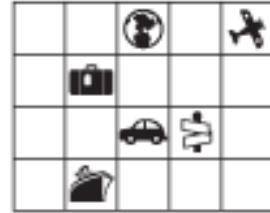
1. Carefully thread a yard of floss through the needle.
2. String a pattern of cereal, raisins and popcorn on the floss until only 4 inches remain on either end. Tie the two ends together.
3. Repeat to make necklaces for your whole family.
4. When you're ready to eat, simply bite off each "bead." Experiment with other non-perishable foods.



Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E

Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W

Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW

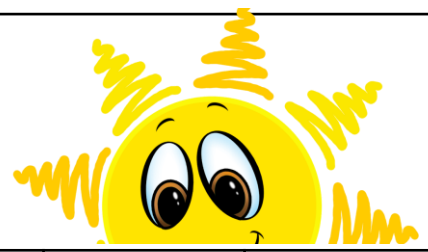
The _ ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_ng both no_ and for_ vermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV



2020

June



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	01 Steve Allison's First Day <i>Prayer Drive</i> ----->	02	03 Online Bible Study (check Countryside Christian Church Facebook Group for discussion)	04 Moving Days 	05	06
07 PARKING LOT CHURCH 10:45AM <i>Prayer Drive</i> ----->	08	09	10 Online Bible Study (check Countryside Christian Church Facebook Group for discussion)	11	12	13
14 PARKING LOT CHURCH 10:45AM <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	17 Online Bible Study (check Countryside Christian Church Facebook Group for discussion)	18	19 	20
21 WORSHIP SERVICE INSIDE 10:45AM Father's Day	22	23	24 Online Bible Study (check Countryside Christian Church Facebook Group for discussion)	25	26	27
28 WORSHIP SERVICE INSIDE 10:45AM Food Pantry Collection	29	30		 <p>"Dad's really lovin' the pastor's Father's Day sermon on the 5th commandment."</p>		



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LIVESTREAMING *info* 



Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOR735gh3zkzpFlujEtp-A>



Facebook: www.facebook.com/countrysidecc.org at 10:45am.



Website. The sermon will be available in video or audio form on the church's website page
<http://countrysidecc.org>



If you are not able to access the internet on your computer or mobile device, we will be able to download it to a DVD for you. Just contact the church office to obtain a copy.