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# MESSENGER

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH SEPTEMBER 2020



*From Steve's Desk...*

## Get on the bus!!

*School has started back this year and no one was sure what it would look like. One thing you may not know about me is that I have driven a school bus for many years. I value that opportunity in order to get to know the children and the parents and school administration in our area. I have been working through the many steps required in order to be able to drive for school districts in Illinois and am happy to say that I am now able to be a school bus driver in Illinois!*

*Being a school bus driver for the state of Illinois wasn't as simple as just wishing for it and it happened. I had to study; I had to complete the necessary paperwork requirements; I had to take three different tests; I had to take a physical and be fingerprinted and have a background check. But, I knew what my goal was so I took the time to make a plan of completing the steps to reach that goal.*

*We have a goal for our church too. We want to see new families in our sanctuary and new relationships with Jesus formed. It isn't enough just to wish for it and magically the next Sunday, our sanctuary is filled to overflowing. We have to prayerfully make a plan. What steps can you make to invest in someone with the hope of reaching them for the Lord? What steps can you make to invest in our community and help those who are hurting so that they know God sees them and loves them? Pray for opportunities each morning and you will find them! Pray that your eyes would be open to the Spirit's leading so that those opportunities are not wasted. And, pray that God would use your strengths and abilities that He equipped you with to do His work. 1 Timothy 2:4 says that He "wants all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth."*

*Put your feet into action and get on the bus!! Make a plan, set a goal, and ask God to direct your steps. In Proverbs 16:9 it says that "In his heart a **man plans** his course, **but the LORD** determines his steps."*

- *To get a jumpstart, write the names of three people you think you should invite...*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- *Then ask God to help you do the next step He calls you to do.*



God bless, Steve

# HELPING WITH REMOTE LEARNING

## EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT

### Wednesday Kids Camp/Tutoring

Countryside Christian Church is happy to offer a day camp and tutoring program on Wednesdays at the church starting September 9<sup>th</sup>. E-learning can be a challenging thing and we want to help meet that need in the community. If you know of someone who would like to bring their child to the church on Wednesday mornings (7am – 11am) for some help completing school work or as a chance for Mom or Grandma to be able to do some errands, please let us know. Also, if you can help staff this and commit an hour of your time, please see Laura or Steve today to get put on the list. We would love for our day to consist of rotating between some activity or game time, with time for the kids to connect to WIFI and complete assignments.



Open to students  
K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17*





# SEE YOU AT THE POLE™

DAY **9.23.20**

WEEK **9.20.20-9.26.20**



*"Josiah...turned in total and  
repentant obedience to God"  
2 Kings 23:25*

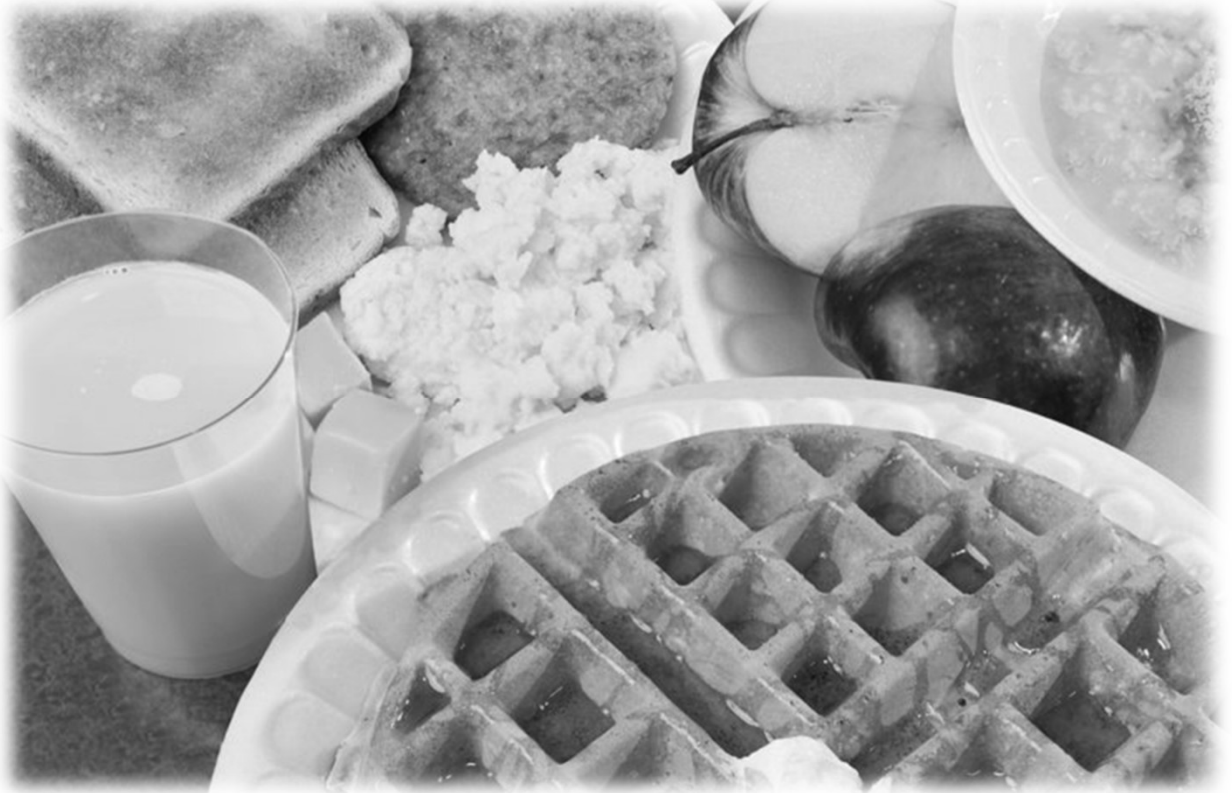
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## September 23rd 7:00am

Riverdale and Erie Schools

## APPRECIATING OUR SCHOOLS

# EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT



We would like to appreciate our teachers and school administration at Riverdale School as they head back to school the week of September 8th. It would be wonderful if we could provide them with a breakfast in the school teacher's lounge one day that week.



If you would be willing to help with this or contribute a baked good or breakfast item, it would be greatly appreciated!! Please let Laura in the church office know if you can help. (309) 523-2834. Thanks!

*"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19*

# MISSION SUNDAY 2020

## FAITH PROMISE RALLY

# “Mission Not Impossible”

## September 13, 2020

In April (2018) we, as a congregation, promised **\$39,770** to go toward the expenses of the seven missions we support.

The financial year ended April 30<sup>th</sup> at **\$41,463!!** Thank you so much for your generosity and commitment to giving to missions.

It is time to set a new goal for 2020-2021! Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> will be our *RESCHEDULED* “Mission NOT Impossible” Sunday. We will be watching videos our missionaries have sent with updates of what they are doing. We will also be collecting our faith promises for the coming year during the worship service that Sunday.

Please mark your calendar for this very important day in the life of Countryside and our missionaries. Remember our missionaries can only continue the important work of sharing the good news of Jesus with the prayerful and monetary support of churches like Countryside!

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16*



# FELLOWSHIPING TOGETHER

# FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT

# Aspire

Comedy by  
ANITA RENFROE



Author & Bible Teacher  
MARY SHANNON



Worship with  
KENDALL PAYNE



*1 night – 3 hours  
Just for Women  
An evening full of laughter,  
learning, stories & music*

**FRIDAY  
SEPT. 18, 2020**

**BETTENDORF  
CHRISTIAN**  
3487 TOWNE POINTE DR.  
BETTENDORF, IA 52722

**7:00PM SHOW**  
6:30PM GA DOORS OPEN  
6:00PM VIP DOORS OPEN

**ADVANCE TICKETS**

\$25 Gen. Admission | \$35 VIP

\$20 Groups of 10 or more.

Group sales call 480-812-1100

VIP ticket includes early entry for  
preferred seating and Q-n-A session  
with all the speakers and artists.

Purchase tickets at **480-812-1100**  
or online at:  
[ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com](http://ASPIREWOMENSEVENTS.com)



*"And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Ezekiel 36:26*



# MISSION HIGHLIGHT

## MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Rock River Christian Camp

*Rock River Christian Camp is located near Polo, Illinois. It is our Christian camp outreach and is supported by about 30 Christian churches in the WI, IL, and IA area.*

Because of the COVID virus, this camping summer has been very different. This summer has been very quiet with all summer programs canceled. The staff has been working very hard at keeping expenses down, the pool remains closed, no large food orders, keeping electrical to a minimum and not summer staff salaries. They are maintaining the grounds and working on small projects that do not cost much if anything. They are sending out this mailing to give everyone an update on what is happening at Rock River Christian Camp.

Phase 4 for the State of Illinois states, "no overnight camps allowed" so no retreats. Phase 4 will last until a vaccine is available so no camps in the foreseeable future. As a camp staff and camp board they will continue to talk through options as well as what they plan to do in the future if nothing changes.

This is a hard year for RRCC as it impacts the financial state of the camp significantly. They have made a profit and loss comparison from January to June this year compared to last year and find the camp down \$112,102. This is the loss of a lot of money and the camp needs our help. If RRCC has impacted your life and you would like to see it continue to impact lives for future generations, then do your part today and give.

HELP

Another way you can help is by coming to camp for a day to volunteer your time. Things to be done include weeds to pull, wood to split, some plumbing to be done, and many other projects for all

skills and age levels. If you would like to come help for a day, let them know and you can be scheduled for a day to come work.

Please pray for the camp, that the will of God will continue to be their guide as decisions are made. We know this is a special place for people of all ages to come and focus on God! We know that lifelong friendships are made here! We know that lives are changed here and have been for 66 years on this property. Please know we will be praying for all of you.

PRAY



Dan and Leslie Augenstine, camp managers,  
Newsletter July 2020

GIVE



*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6*

# WORSHIPPING OUTSIDE

# WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

- Join us for

## Outdoor Worship & Picnic

SUNDAY, SEPT 6TH

10:45AM

Countryside  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bring your own picnic lunch

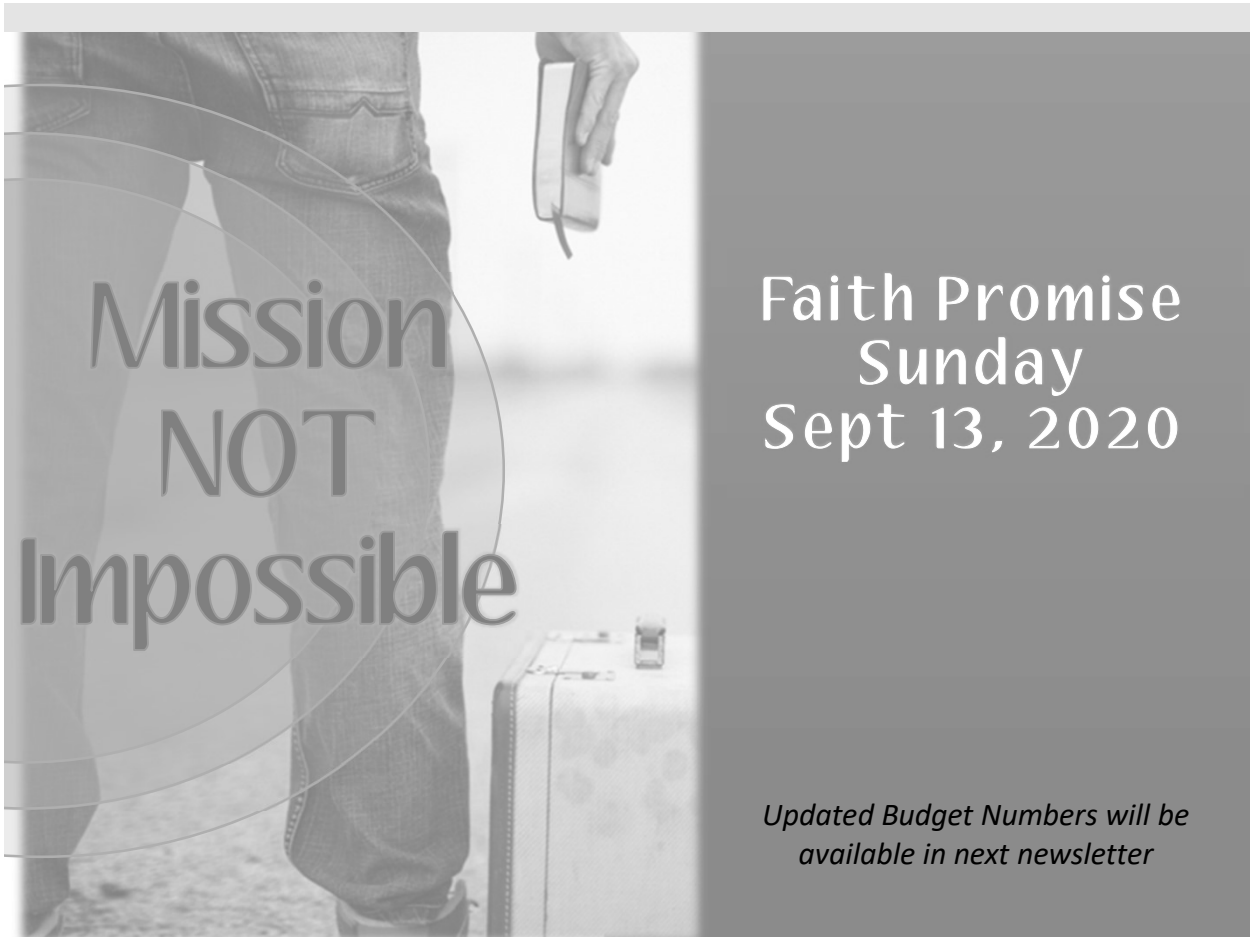
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*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end." Lamentations 3:22*



# OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

# FINANCE HIGHLIGHT



Faith Promise  
Sunday  
Sept 13, 2020

*Updated Budget Numbers will be available in next newsletter*

## 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.*

## 5 WAYS TO GIVE

- IN PERSON
- MAIL
- ONLINE
- MOBILE APP
- TEXT

Point your smartphone camera at the QR code to the right to be taken to the online giving site. From here you can choose to give online or via text



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

# UPCOMING EVENTS

# SEPTEMBER *events*

9/6

OUTDOOR WORSHIP  
SERVICE/CHURCH PICNIC  
10:45AM



9/7

LABOR DAY  
*(Church Office Closed)*



9/8

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



9/10

ELDERS' MEETING  
9:00am



9/13

MISSION SUNDAY/FAITH  
PROMISE SUNDAY  
10:45am.



9/18

ASPIRE WOMENS  
CONFERENCE  
7:00pm Bettendorf Christian Church



9/23

SEE YOU AT THE POLE  
7:00sm at each area school



9/27

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION  
Items for the month are due this Sunday and  
will be delivered to the Food Pantry this week.



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

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



## SEPTEMBER Birthdays

- 8 – Greg Jones
- 8 – Arlys Koepping
- 15 – Becki Winger
- 16 – Connor Kohrt
- 18 – Angela Heydeman
- 19 – Bill Courter
- 19 – Nancy Dufur
- 19 – Sydney Collis
- 20 – Gail Horst
- 27 – Cathy Lotz
- 27 – Larry Cullison
- 30 – Curt Koepping



## SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

- 1 – Shirley & Al Baxter
- 10 – Holly & Tim Trout
- 22 – Jan & Steve Rathburn
- 25 – Dave & Dottie Seitz



## September

1. Jeremiah 40-42
2. Jeremiah 43-46
3. Jeremiah 47-49
4. Jeremiah 50-52
5. Lamentations 1-5
6. Ezekiel 1-3
7. Ezekiel 4-7
8. Ezekiel 8-11
9. Ezekiel 12-14
10. Ezekiel 15-18
11. Ezekiel 19-21
12. Ezekiel 22-24
13. Ezekiel 25-27
14. Ezekiel 28-30
15. Ezekiel 31-33
16. Ezekiel 34-36
17. Ezekiel 37-39
18. Ezekiel 40-42
19. Ezekiel 43-45
20. Ezekiel 46-48
21. Daniel 1-3
22. Daniel 4-6
23. Daniel 7-9
24. Daniel 10-12
25. Hosea 1-4
25. Hosea 5-7
27. Hosea 8-10
28. Hosea 11-14
29. Joel 1-3
30. Amos 1-3



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH



### NURSERY

*No Nursery at this time. Please utilize the gym during the worship service for a simulcast and child-friendly activities*

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*No Children's Church at this time. Please utilize the gym during the worship service for a simulcast and child-friendly activities*



### September 6

Steve Allison (Communion Meditation)

### September 13

Jim Kaecker (Communion Meditation)

### September 20

Ryan Schmidt (Communion Meditation)

### September 27

Don Vickroy (Communion Meditation)

\*At this time, there will be no offering or communion ushers needed.

### Building Cleaners

Gail Horst & Laura Schmidt  
Kathy Kohrt & Lisa Jones  
Dottie Seitz & Georgia Cullison





KIDS CORNER

**A BUSHEL OF BOOKS**



Design a handy bag to tote your books this fall.

**What you need:**

- Plain canvas bag
- Cardboard scrap
- Acrylic paints (2 colors)
- 2 small paper plates
- Apple
- Knife (and adult help)
- Foam brush
- Scrap paper

**What you do:**

1. Lay the bag flat on a table, and place cardboard inside for protection.
2. Pour a paint dollop on each plate.
3. Slice the apple in half, keeping the core intact.
4. Brush a thin layer of paint on the cut side of an apple half. Practice making stamps on scrap paper. Use the other color on the other apple half.
5. Paint and stamp the bag with your final design. When dry, remove the cardboard.
6. Use the bag for school and Sunday school. Happy reading!



**WISDOM FROM THE WORD**

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

*Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.*



- |         |           |
|---------|-----------|
| school  | --○----   |
| paper   | --○--     |
| wisdom  | ---○--    |
| read    | ---○      |
| play    | -----     |
| learn   | ○-----    |
| grow    | --○-----  |
| pencils | -----     |
| pray    | --○---    |
| art     | -----     |
| student | ---○---   |
| kids    | ---○----- |
| apple   | --○----   |

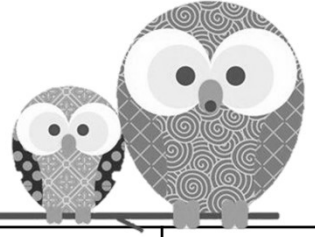
“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be \_\_\_\_\_ and successful.”


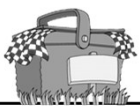






**JOSHUA 1:8, NIV**

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

# 2020 September



| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|----------|
|  |   | 01<br>Men's Bible Study<br>9am  | 02<br>Worship Team<br>4:00pm<br><br><b>Small Groups</b><br>Port Byron -6pm<br>Geneseo - 7pm   | 03<br><br><b>WE<br/>LOVE<br/>OUR<br/>TEACHERS!</b> | 04   | 05       |
| 06<br><b>OUTDOOR<br/>WORSHIP<br/>SERVICE/<br/>PICNIC</b><br>10:45AM<br>                   | 07<br><br><b>Labor Day</b> | 08<br>Men's Bible Study<br>9am<br><br><b>Evangelism/<br/>Missions 6:30pm<br/>All Depts. 7pm</b>   | 09<br>Worship Team<br>4:00pm<br><br><b>Small Groups</b><br>Port Byron -6pm<br>Geneseo - 7pm   | 10<br>Elder's Meeting<br>9am   | 11<br><br><b>WE WILL<br/>NEVER<br/>FORGET<br/>PATRIOT DAY</b> | 12       |
| 13<br><b>MISSIONS<br/>SUNDAY<br/>WORSHIP<br/>SERVICE</b><br>10:45AM<br>                 | 14  | 15<br>Men's Bible Study<br>9am  | 16<br>Worship Team<br>4:00pm<br><br><b>Small Groups</b><br>Port Byron -6pm<br>Geneseo - 7pm   | 17   | 18<br><br><b>Aspire<br/>Women's<br/>Conference<br/>7:00pm</b>  | 19       |
| 20<br><b>WORSHIP<br/>SERVICE</b><br>10:45AM  | 21  | 22<br>Men's Bible Study<br>9am<br><br><br><b>First Day<br/>of<br/>Autumn</b> | 23<br><b>SEE YOU AT<br/>THE POLE</b><br>7:00am<br><br><br>Worship Team<br>4:00pm<br><br><b>Small Groups</b><br>Port Byron -6pm<br>Geneseo - 7pm | 24   | 25   | 26       |
| 27<br><b>WORSHIP<br/>SERVICE</b><br>10:45AM<br><br><br><b>Food<br/>Pantry<br/>Needs</b> | 28  | 29<br>Men's Bible Study<br>9am  | 30<br>Worship Team<br>4:00pm<br><br><b>Small Groups</b><br>Port Byron -6pm<br>Geneseo - 7pm   |  |  |          |

WEDNESDAY TUTORING AT CHURCH





# LIVESTREAMING *with*



Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOR735qhzkzpfUjEtP-A>



Facebook: [www.facebook.com/countrysidecc.org](http://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.



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