

the MESSENGER

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MAY 2021

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After graduating from high school, I supported myself for three years as a carpenter before deciding to go into full-time ministry. I often tell people I quit doing the Lord's work (carpentry) to become a preacher. Eventually I became a bus driver.

Driving a bus is awesome. Everyday you head down the road, pick up a variety of people from a variety of backgrounds, and help them to get where they need to be. You build relationships with the passengers, learn their story, and more than likely meet several members of their family. If you drive the bus long enough you will watch as they age out of the bus, get their own license, and are able to get themselves to where they want to go on their own.

This pretty much sums up ministry. All of us are called to make our way through life looking for opportunities to pull alongside people. Pick them up build a relationship create a friendship and help them to get where they need to be. The destination is always near Jesus. If you are able to stay in that relation long enough, you might have the privilege of watching someone grow in Christ to the point that they are able to stand on their own. They become a new kind of ministry driver that heads out looking for others to pick up helping them get close to Christ.

Maybe the question for every good Christian is... are you driving the bus? Are you looking for opportunities to pull alongside people and encourage them to get closer to Christ? We all make a lot of stops each day. At work there can be a lot of stops, in our neighborhood, social gatherings, and even in our home.



Take the time to look for opportunities to transport people to Jesus. With a kind word, smile, or act of kindness we can load up a bus and all get closer to Christ together.



"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



In Christ,

Steve

CINCO DE MAYO PARTY!



Family Dinner

Tacos &
Nachos
prepared
by YOUR
kiddos!

Wednesday
May 5th
after
Kids Club
5pm

Games
and
Music!

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
309-523-2834
www.countrysidecc.org



"Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." – James 1:17

OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT

Graduation **RECEPTION**

SUNDAY, JUNE 13 FOLLOWING THE
WORSHIP SERVICE

Countryside Christian Church

“ I know the
plans I have
for you,
declares the
Lord, plans to
give you a hope
and a future. ”



Nathan Johnson

2021 Graduate
Erie High School

Baccalaureate Service: May 15th – 5:00pm

Graduation: May 16th



Eli Mueller

2021 Graduate
Riverdale High School

Baccalaureate Service: May 23rd - 7:00pm

Graduation: June 6th

“Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Lincoln Christian University

MISSION HIGHLIGHT

“Lincoln Bible Institute, ‘LBI’ was born in the mind and heart of Earl C. Hargrove in 1944 as the result of a God-given vision. From the very beginning unto this very day, countless people have sacrificially provided the resources to carry out this God-given vision of supplying dedicated and well-trained workers for the Kingdom.”

Lincoln Christian University (initially Lincoln Bible Institute, then Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, now Lincoln Christian University) was launched on May 4, 1944, to help prepare people to carry out God’s effort through the church. For decades, LCU has trained servant leaders to serve the church and world. Mr. Hargrove, LCU’s founding president, stated: “We need Kingdom workers.” In addition to supplying churches with preachers, LCU has trained worship ministers, youth ministers, church secretaries, Christian education directors, small group leaders, elders, Sunday school teachers, mission committee members and a host of other roles in the church. We are thrilled that God has used so many who took classes at LCU to help build His Church.

For over 75 years, LCU has been educating Kingdom-minded leaders to serve in the church and the world. More than 16,000 have studied there. Hundreds of men and women are currently studying at Lincoln Christian University, learning how best to communicate the Word of God to this generation and the next.

The spring of 2020 brought about unexpected changes due to the Corona Virus. Classes on campus were suspended at spring break and became learning virtually. The spring brought a new president to LCU as Don Green retired. Silas McCormick became the new President. With changes coming about virus restrictions being lifted the plans are for more in person learning happening this fall.



Dr. Silas McCormick,
President



The Covid virus has impacted the financial situation of LCU in a very dramatic way. Students were being taught virtually and the enrollment declined. They ask for prayers for the finances to improve as the situation returns to more normal in the fall of 2021.



Countryside Christian Church offers scholarships to students attending full time at LCU or other Christian Universities. LCU provided interim ministers for us during our time of our preacher search. We are so grateful for this assistance. If you want more information about LCU check the booklet on the mission shelf by the office.

ROCK RIVER SUMMER CAMPS

It's Camp Time!! (See the church lobby for brochures)

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: \$20 off if registered by May 1st for full week youth camps (\$10 for one to three night youth camps)

BRING A FRIEND DISCOUNT: Campers who "Bring a Friend" (who has never been to RRCC) will receive a \$30 discount (\$15 for one to three night youth camps) for each new camper that registers for youth camp. The camper that does the inviting will receive the discount.

CCC SCHOLARSHIPS: Our church also supports kids who would like to attend a camp by helping with part of their registration fee.

RRCC 2021 CAMP INFO



ROCK RIVER CHRISTIAN CAMP
TEDDY BEAR CAMP
 \$90 per camper / plus cost of camp
 Friday, June 18 5:00 pm - Saturday, June 19 @ 2:00 pm
 Register online at: WWW.ROCKRIVERCC.NET
 815-493-6622
 rccoffice@gmail.com
 16486 W. IL Route 64, Polo, IL 61064



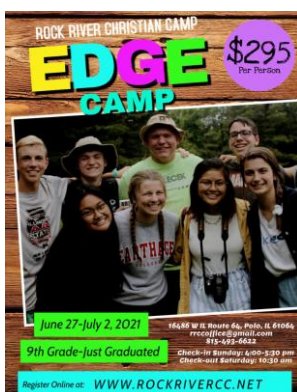
Rock River Christian Camp
ELEVATE CAMP
 June 20-June 25, 2021
 6th-8th Grade
 \$295 per person
 Check-in Sunday: 4:00-5:30 pm
 Check-out Friday: 6:00 pm
 Register online at WWW.ROCKRIVERCC.NET
 For more info: (815) 493-6622 | rccoffice@gmail.com
 16486 W. IL Route 64, Polo, IL 61064



Rock River Christian Camp
ADVENTURE CAMP
 An Amazing Wilderness Experience!
 June 27 - July 2, 2021
 Check-in Sunday: 4:00-5:30 pm
 Check-out Friday: 6:00 pm
 Cost \$280.00
 Grades: 7th-10th
 ONLINE REGISTRATION: WWW.ROCKRIVERCC.NET
 16486 W. IL Route 64, Polo, IL 61064



ROCK RIVER CHRISTIAN CAMP
FIRST CHANCE CAMP
 JUNE 9TH-12TH 2021
 3rd-4th Grades
 \$175.00
 Register online at: WWW.ROCKRIVERCC.NET
 Check-in Wednesday: 4:00-5:30 pm
 Check-out Saturday: 10:00 am
 16486 W. IL Route 64, Polo, IL 61064



ROCK RIVER CHRISTIAN CAMP
EDGE CAMP
 June 27-July 2, 2021
 9th Grade-Just Graduated
 \$295 per person
 Check-in Sunday: 4:00-5:30 pm
 Check-out Saturday: 10:30 am
 Register Online at: WWW.ROCKRIVERCC.NET
 16486 W. IL Route 64, Polo, IL 61064
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SUMMER CAMPS AVAILABLE

Camp	Ages
Teddy Bear Camp	1st-2nd grade
First Chance Camp	3rd-4th grade
Embark Camp	4th-6th grade
Elevate Camp	6th-8th grade
Boys' Paintball Camp	7th grade-just graduated
Adventure Camp	7th-10th grade
Edge Camp	9th grade-just graduated



Rock River Christian Camp
EMBARK CAMP
 July 5-10, 2021
 4th-6th Grade
 \$295 per person
 Register Online: WWW.ROCKRIVERCC.NET
 Check-in Monday: 4:00-5:30 pm
 Check-out Saturday: 10:00 am
 16486 W. IL Route 64, Polo, IL 61064
 815-493-6622



ROCK RIVER CHRISTIAN CAMP
BOYS' PAINTBALL CAMP
 JULY 5-10, 2021
 7TH GRADE - JUST GRADUATED
 \$295 per person
 Check-in Monday: 4:00-5:30 pm
 Check-out Saturday: 10:00 am
 Limited to 20
 Register online at: WWW.ROCKRIVERCC.NET
 16486 W. IL Route 64, Polo, IL 61064
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"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

SUMMER STAFF

ROCK RIVER CHRISTIAN CAMP

Must be 16 to apply; some positions must be over 18.

Camp provides housing, most meals, and pay for the summer

Apply today at
WWW.ROCKRIVERCC.NET

Kitchen Staff



Zip Line Facilitators



Paintball Ref



Maintenance



and more...

Lifeguards



rrccoffice@gmail.com
815-493-6622

Location:
16486 W IL Route 64
Polo, IL 61064

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

DAILY Devotions FOR WOMEN



Do you ever wish you were stronger in your faith? During the month of May, we want to explore the courageous spirits of women of the Bible, women in history, and women of our world today whose lives embolden us to have strong faith in God – no matter the twists and turns life throws our way. God wants you to be brave. You can be strong and courageous! If you would like to receive a short daily devotion highlighting a different woman of faith each day, would you contact the church office? (309-523-2834 or cccportbyron@gmail.com) The first one will start Saturday, May 1st.

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT



Biblical Women						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."</i> 1 Corinthians 16:13-14</p>						01 Ruth
02 Abigail	03 Rosa Parks	04 Esther	05 Woman at the Well	06 Ruth Bell Graham	07 Lydia	08 Lois & Eunice
09 Mother Teresa	10 Peter's Mother-in-Law	11 Woman who Anointed Jesus	12 Catherine Booth	13 Bleeding Woman	14 Woman who Worked with Paul	15 Clara Barton
16 Wise Woman of Tekoa	17 Euodia & Syntche	18 Tammie Jo Shults	19 Wise Woman of Abelmahacah	20 Deborah	21 Linda Fuller	22 Rahab
23 Mary, Jesus' Mother	24 Amy Carmichael	25 Martha	26 Maraiah's Wife	27 Joni Eareckson Tada	28 Hannah	29 Mary, Mark's Mother
30 Corrie Ten Boom	31 Jochebed, Mother of Moses	<p>Do you ever wish you were stronger in your faith? In this 31-day devotional with Ann White, we'll explore the courageous spirits of women of the Bible, women in history, and women of our world today whose lives embolden us to have strong faith in God – no matter the twists and turns life throws our way. God wants you to be brave. You can be strong and courageous!</p>				

"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." Isaiah 26:3

MOTHER'S DAY

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT



Just for her in May

Every woman needs a day of pampering!
Learn how to make your own spa
treatments and go home with a gift
set just for you. We will also be serving
a special Mother's Day tea luncheon.

\$10 a
ticket

May 8th
10am-1pm

Sign up at the church or call the church
office to reserve your spot.

"And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Ephesians 4:23



OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

Last October, we, as a congregation, promised \$35,550 to go toward the expenses of the seven missions we support. This year's goal is \$40,000. This "COVID year" has been a difficult one for our missionaries. Most have had to curtail portions of their ministries due to limited funds. But God has been faithful to our members of Countryside, and our members have been faithful in their Faith Promise giving. Our missionaries are very grateful to Countryside for sharing God's blessings with them.

Countryside supports a wide variety of ministries including:

- Christian higher education
- Youth and adult camping experiences
- Global disaster relief and evangelism
- Ministry to the Chinese people in the U.S. & China
- Church plants in Mexico
- Bible translation in Papua, New Guinea
- Ministry to recruit and support missionaries around the world

May 1st is the beginning of the next Missions Year. We collected our faith promises for the coming year during our "Mission Not Impossible" Sunday on April 25th. Thank you for supporting the work of missions!

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!



YTD Offering Budget: \$48,461
YTD Offering Actual: \$46,994
YTD Faith Promises: \$35,361

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.

"So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." Matthew 6:8

MAY *events*



5/1

MAY DAY

5/3

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

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

MONTHLY MEETING

Be Connected Be Heard Be Informed

5/5

CINCO DE MAYO KIDS CLUB DINNER

5:00PM



5/8

MOTHER'S DAY TEA & SPA DAY

10AM-1PM



5/9

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

5/13

ELDERS' MEETING

9:00AM



5/16

ERIE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



5/23

RIVERDALE H.S. BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

7:00PM



5/30

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

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



5/31

MEMORIAL DAY



THANK YOU



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

Birthdays

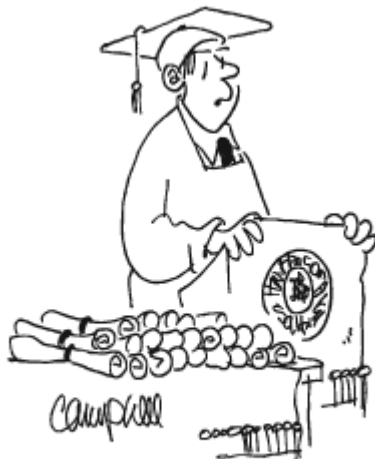
- 4 – Amber Ramos
- 6 – Joanne Wiklund
- 11 – Doyle Newton
- 11 – Tena Knapp
- 12 – Logan Wheeler
- 14 – Tiffany Wheeler
- 15 – Dawn Ryden
- 17 – Jane Noyd
- 22 – Steve Allison
- 26 – Dylan Trout
- 28 – Natalia Ramos
- 29 – Teagan Collis
- 24 – Jasper Denekas



MAY

Anniversaries

- 1 – Becki & Mike Winger
- 6 – Ruthie & Brock Coverdill
- 11 – Jill & Norm Weatherhead
- 30 – Katie Jo & Corey Chasek
- 31 – Rock & Sandy Lawrence



"You'll never forget your high school experience, though grades indicate you've tried."

May

1. 2 Chronicles 26-29
2. 2 Chronicles 30-32
3. 2 Chronicles 33-36
4. Ezra 1-4
5. Ezra 5-7
6. Ezra 8-10
7. Nehemiah 1-3
8. Nehemiah 4-6
9. Nehemiah 7-9
10. Nehemiah 10-13
11. Esther 1-4
12. Esther 5-7
13. Esther 8-10
14. Job 1-4
15. Job 5-7
16. Job 8-10
17. Job 11-13
18. Job 14-17
19. Job 18-20
20. Job 21-24
21. Job 25-27
22. Job 28-31
23. Job 32-34
24. Job 35-37
25. Job 38-43
25. Psalms 1-3
27. Psalms 4-6
28. Psalms 7-9
29. Psalms 10-12
30. Psalms 13-15
31. Psalms 16-18



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

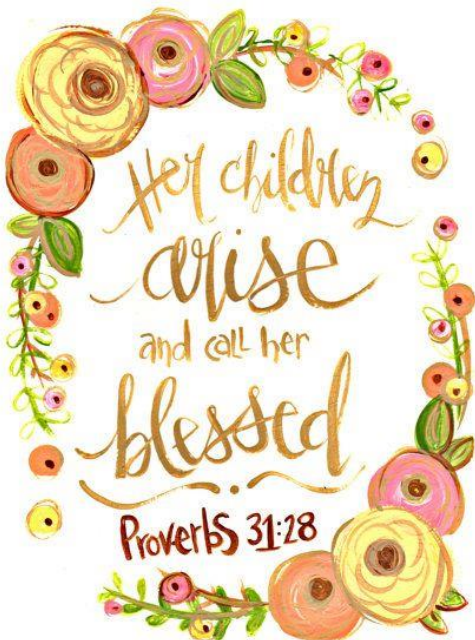


NURSERY

May 2	Cathy Lotz	
May 9	Cathy Lotz	Kathy Kohrt
May 16	Becki Winger	Georgia Cullison
May 23	Gail Horst	Sarah Denekas
May 30	Kathy Kohrt	Becki Winger

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

May 2	Cathy Lotz	Sarah Denekas
May 9	Cathy Lotz	Cheryl Gipson
May 16	Cathy Lotz	Connie Curry
May 23	Cathy Lotz	Donna Vickroy
May 30	Family Sunday	Family Sunday



May 2

Don Vickroy

May 9

Wayne Lotz

May 16

Teresa Garcia

May 23

Steve Allison

May 30

Hannah Herrman



Jerry & Nancy Dufur
Wayne & Cathy Lotz
Randy & Sarah Denekas

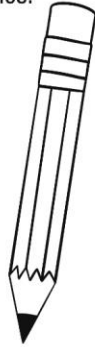


WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Jesus commands us to be his witnesses. This craft is a reminder to reach out to all our "circles."

What you need:

- 5 bowls or cups (assorted sizes)
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Brad fastener
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. Place the bowls and cups upside down, each on a different color of paper. Trace around the circles and cut them out.
2. With a pencil, pierce a small hole atop each circle. Layer circles on each other from largest to smallest, aligning the holes. Insert the brad through all layers.
3. Starting in the center, label the circles *my house*, *my city*, *my state*, *my country*, *the world*. Draw a picture on each one.
4. Pray, asking Jesus how you can spread his message.



Bible Quiz



Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?



- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

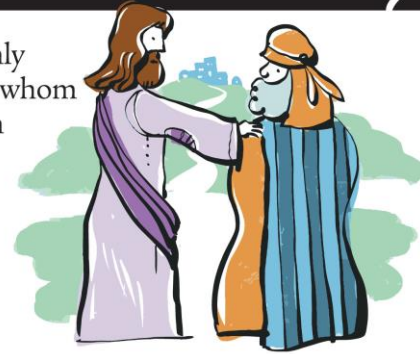
Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4.)



Bible Quiz



We know the name of only one of the two disciples to whom the risen Jesus appeared on the road to Emmaus. Who was he?



- A. John
- B. Paul of Tarsus
- C. Joseph of Arimathea
- D. Cleopas

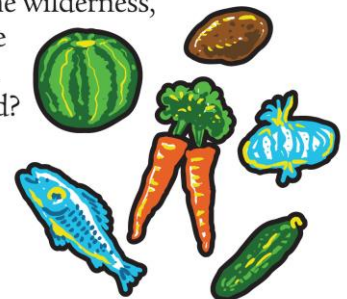
Answer: D (See Luke 24:18.)



Bible Quiz



As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, they longingly remembered some of the foods they'd had in Egypt. Which foods were not mentioned?



- A. carrots and potatoes
- B. onions and garlic
- C. fish and leeks
- D. melons and cucumbers

Answer: A (See Numbers 11:4-6.)

2021

May

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



<p>02</p> <p>COFFEE TIME 10:00AM</p> <p>WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM</p>	<p>03</p> <p>Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm</p> <p>U of I Home Extension 7-9pm</p>	<p>04</p> <p>Men's Study 9am</p> <p>Girl Scouts 6-8pm</p> <p>Cub Scouts 6-7pm</p> <p>Worship Team-7pm</p>	<p>05</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron – 6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p> <p>Kids Club Cinco de Mayo Party 5:00pm</p>	<p>06</p> <p>Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm</p> <p>National Day of Prayer</p>	<p>07</p> <p>Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm</p>	<p>08</p> <p>Mother's Day Tea & Spa Day 10am-1pm</p>
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<p>09</p> <p>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</p> <p>COFFEE TIME 10:00AM</p> <p>WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Church in use Zuma Township Meeting</p> <p>Cub Scouts 6-7pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Men's Study 9am</p> <p>Girl Scouts 6-8pm</p> <p>Worship Team-7pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron – 6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p> <p>LCU Women's Conference 8:30am-3pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Elder's Meeting 9am</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
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<p>16</p> <p>COFFEE TIME 10:00AM</p> <p>WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM</p> <p>Erie H.S. Graduation</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Cub Scouts 6-7pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Men's Study 9am</p> <p>Girl Scouts 6-8pm</p> <p>Cub Scouts 6-7pm</p> <p>Worship Team-7pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron – 6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
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<p>23</p> <p>COFFEE TIME 10:00AM</p> <p>WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM</p> <p>Riverdale Baccalaureate Service – 7pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Cub Scouts 6-7pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Men's Study 9am</p> <p>Girl Scouts 6-8pm</p> <p>Worship Team-7pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron – 6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
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<p>30</p> <p>COFFEE TIME 10:00AM</p> <p>WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM</p> <p>Food Pantry Needs</p>	<p>31</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>SHE SPEAKS WITH <i>wisdom,</i> AND <i>faithful instruction</i> IS ON HER TONGUE.</p> <p>PROVERBS 31:26</p>
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KIDS CLUB 3:00-5:00PM



Countryside Christian Church

3817 230th St. N
Port Byron, IL 61275

LIVESTREAMING *info*



[Youtube: \(https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOR735qhzkzpFlujtP-A\)](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOR735qhzkzpFlujtP-A)



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



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



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.