

# the MESSENGER



COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2022

## *From Steve's Desk...*

Just wow. What a blessing. Church family, your volunteerism is off the charts!

It has been amazing watching all of the volunteers work so hard to advance the Kingdom. There were volunteers tearing down the stage. There were volunteers rebuilding the stage. There were volunteers setting up for Vacation Bible School, there were volunteers teaching and leading and guiding in Vacation Bible School. There were volunteers cleaning up after Vacation Bible School. The Cruise-In is coming August 20th and there are more volunteers there as well.



It has been such a blessing to me to watch many of you that do not know each other very well work together, learn about one another, and connect as a church family. Moreover, it is producing fruit. All of the previous volunteers that have made Kids Club happen... can be excited to see many of our Kids Club kids come to Vacation Bible School. Countryside truly is their church home.



With all of the work going into Vacation Bible School, it was exciting to see a few brand new families who have never experienced Countryside before. I want to say thank you and encourage you to keep up the good work. Take time to look around and introduce yourself to those people that maybe you worked with or down the hall from and have not yet picked up their name. Go find them; introduce yourself. For this is what the Kingdom of God is all about...one family working together under the banner of Jesus Christ our Savior.

*Steve*

# NEW YOUTH TEACHERS!



WHO'S READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL?

## COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

*Everyone is welcome!*

Nursery | Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> | Jr. High and High School | Adult

**9:30am – Sunday School**

**10:15am – Breakfast**

**10:45am – Worship Service (Nursery & Children's Church)**

*We have new classes starting this fall for Sunday School! Rhonda Stahl and Judy Millies are going to co-teach the middle school and high school students. Criss Evans, Karen Allison, and Kristina Rogers are joining the teaching staff for Kids Church. Connie Curry will be continuing to teach the K-5<sup>th</sup> grades and Don Vickroy will continue teaching the adult class.*



We are looking for a paid individual to help in the Church Nursery every Sunday.

If you are 18+ and love working with babies and toddlers, please see Sarah Denekas or email the church office at [cccportbyron@gmail.com](mailto:cccportbyron@gmail.com)





# 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



CRUISE IN IS COMING!

10<sup>th</sup> Annual

# CRUISE - IN

AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>

11AM-2PM



GREAT  
DOOR  
PRIZES

Shine 'EM UP  
&  
Show 'EM OFF!

Free Entry!  
Free Food!  
Free Fun!

Countryside Christian Church

3817 – 230<sup>th</sup> St. N

Port Byron, IL 61275

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Church Office: Phone - 309.523.2834

Website – [www.countrysidecc.org](http://www.countrysidecc.org)

CLASSIC ROCK MUSIC

FANTASTIC FOOD

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

**DASH PLAQUE TO FIRST 50 CARS!**

**PRIZES AWARDED TO:**

- **THE OLDEST VEHICLE**
- **THE OLDEST PARTICIPANT**
- **PASTOR'S CHOICE AWARD**



Thank you Port Byron Fire Dept for bringing a truck and goodie bags for the kids!

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:2

KIDS CLUB STARTING NEXT MONTH!

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>!

# KIDS CLUB

Fall Kick-Off  
Party!



FUN



PLAY



LEARN

Bible Lessons, Arts & Crafts, Memory Verses, Snacks, Games, Building Relationships and Sharing Christ

- FREE
- NO REGISTRATION
- RIDE THE BUS FROM SCHOOL
- WEDNESDAYS AFTER SCHOOL – 5PM

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*A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity. Proverbs 17:17*

KIDS CLUB HIGHLIGHT

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## Christian Lunch Cruise August 24th



## CELEBRATION BELLE

Moline, IL

Special Group Rate:

\$60.27/Adult

*Prices include tax and gratuity and transportation.*

Boarding at 10:30am

Depart at 11:00am

Return at 3:00pm

## Season One Watch Party

# CHOSEN

*watch | discuss | reflect | rejoice*

Tuesday Mornings –

9:00am



*Have you seen the show that has taken the world by storm? The Chosen is the first ever multi-season series about the life of Christ. We will be watching the 8 episodes of Season 1 this summer. Grab your coffee, bring a friend, and settle in for a great show and great discussion each week.*

## Women's Renew & Refresh

9:30am

August 13th



*Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord. Each morning I bring my requests to you and wait expectantly.*

*Psalms 5:3*

# MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Outreach International

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*Outreach International was founded in 1977. Since that time many people have been recruited for missionary work in several countries. "The operating philosophy of Outreach International since its beginning in 1977, is based on the fact that all mankind deserves the chance to hear about the saving grace of Jesus Christ and that it is each Christian's responsibility to do all we can to reach the world with the Good News of Salvation found in Jesus Christ". Therefore Outreach International has acted as 'starters' for those new to worldwide missions and has helped start, by the grace of God, several new missions across the world." (Brochure of Sept. '10).*

"In 1998 there were approximately 18 workers, in 9 projects and 9 countries. Currently there are 60+ workers, in 37 projects in 18 countries. By God's grace, OI has helped workers start and establish their own ministries as well as recruited workers to serve with other mission ministries. Because of supporters like you that continue to support the Outreach International General fund, we are able to have 100% of the funds each missionary raises go to their projects without worrying about funds being taken out for administrative costs and support services."



Dale and Sonja are enjoying their new office space with the inside plumbing and additional space. The new office in Shelbyville continues to bless them and works well as the hub for support services for our 60+ workers in cross-cultural work.

Sonja's mom, Annette Hamilton, passed away peacefully on June 14<sup>th</sup>. She had been in declining health for several years. For 6 ½ weeks she had been under the full time care of her family at Dale and Sonja's home. Al and Annette Hamilton, Sonja's parents, were instrumental in establishing Outreach International in 1977. Their faith and commitment to Christ has helped to take the message of salvation thru Christ to many countries around the world.

"Thank you for praying for us and with us-you bless our lives and ministry over and over again and we thank God for you! We love you all. We too, pray for the Lord's Blessings on each of you! Because of Jesus and in His Love, Dale and Sonja." (Newsletter Feb. 2021)



One of the missions under the umbrella of OI is Me and My House in Colima, Mexico. Countryside Christian Church also financially supports that work as well as funding OI.

*"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9*

NEW LIFE

JULY 18, 2021  
BAPTISM  
SUNDAY

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT



After attending Bible Camp at Rock River Christian Camp this summer, Connor Kohrt made the decision to be baptized! On Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, he was baptized during the service. We are so excited for you and pray God's blessing on you. It's a beautiful thing to see the testimony of God's redeeming work and hearts changed for the Lord. We love you, Connor, and praise God for your commitment to follow Him!

*"They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.'" Acts 16:31*



# OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

## ONLINE GIVING

*Easy. Safe. Convenient.*

SIGN  
UP  
TODAY!

### INSTRUCTIONS

1

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

OR:

Type this URL address into your browser:

<https://countrysidecc.org/give/>



2

The screenshot shows the online giving interface for Countryside Christian Church. At the top, it says "Countryside CHRISTIAN CHURCH" and "PORT BYRON, IL 61275-9780". There are "Login" and "Sign Up" links. The main form has a "Give:" section with a "\$0.00" amount and a "To:" dropdown menu set to "Tithe". Below this is a "Recurring Giving" section with a checkbox, "Every Week" frequency, and "Thursday" day. There are input fields for "First Name", "Last Name", and "Email". At the bottom, there are two payment options: "Card" (selected with a green checkmark) and "Bank". Below the payment options are fields for "Card number" and "MM / YY CVC". A large "Give \$0.00" button is at the bottom right.

On the next screen, input your tithe amount and fill in any required boxes. You will have the option of setting this up as a recurring amount weekly or monthly or as a one-time gift.

**AND THAT'S IT!**

Simple and easy!  
If you have any questions, contact the church office:  
309-523-2834

### *Our Giving*

**2022 Offering Budget (as of 6/30/22):**

\$140,419

**YTD Offering Actual (as of 6/30/22):**

\$157,228

**2022-2023 Mission Year**

(beginning 5/1/2022)

Faith Promises Goal: \$41,552

Faith Promises YTD: \$6720

# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



## AUGUST Birthdays

- 4 – Laura Schmidt
- 13 – Alicia Simms
- 14 – Jaelin Hawkins
- 16 – Becky Wierenga
- 16 – Randy Denekas
- 21 – Sarah Denekas
- 27 – Rock Lawrence
- 28 – Bob Gipson
- 30 – Beverley Skelton



## AUGUST Anniversaries

- 6 – Jamie & Gail Horst
- 11 – Ryan & Laura Schmidt
- 29 – Bob & Cheryl Gipson



“Can you say ‘try the patience of a saint’ in a public school?”

## August

1. Isaiah 7-9
2. Isaiah 10-12
3. Isaiah 13-15
4. Isaiah 16-18
5. Isaiah 19-21
6. Isaiah 22-24
7. Isaiah 25-27
8. Isaiah 28-30
9. Isaiah 31-33
10. Isaiah 34-36
11. Isaiah 37-39
12. Isaiah 40-42
13. Isaiah 43-45
14. Isaiah 46-48
15. Isaiah 49-51
16. Isaiah 52-54
17. Isaiah 55-57
18. Isaiah 58-60
19. Isaiah 61-63
20. Isaiah 64-66
21. Jeremiah 1-3
22. Jeremiah 4-7
23. Jeremiah 8-11
24. Jeremiah 12-16
25. Jeremiah 17-19
25. Jeremiah 20-22
27. Jeremiah 23-25
28. Jeremiah 26-29
29. Jeremiah 30-32
30. Jeremiah 33-36
31. Jeremiah 37-39

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

# Children's Ministry

## Nursery

Sunday School Time (9:30-10:15)

Worship Time (10:45-12:00)

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
7	Cathy Lotz	Mikah Mikles
14	Sarah Denekas	Nancy Dufur
21	Becki Winger	Kathy Kohrt
28	Nancy Dufur	Gail Horst

## Children's Church

*\*Teacher/helper are dismissed after offering*

Date	Teacher	Helper
7	Karen Allison	Gail Horst
14	Karen Allison	Donna Vickroy
21	Karen Allison	Alicia Simms
28	Karen Allison	Connie Curry

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

# Worship Ministry

## Communion Meditation

**August 7**  
Teresa Garcia

**August 14**  
Don Vickroy

**August 21**  
Jim Kaecker

**August 28**  
Wayne Lotz

## Greeters



*Please sign up for a Sunday that works for your family! Welcome people, direct them to the sanctuary, nursery, or rest rooms if needed, and hand out bulletins.*

## Church Building Cleaners

Randy & Sarah Denekas  
Roger & Connie Curry  
Mike & Becki Winger










## Breakfast Volunteers

*New sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Please sign up for a Sunday that works best for you! Provide breakfast treats and help serve coffee and clean-up between Sunday School and Worship.*



# August

# 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Exercise Class – 12pm  Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm	2 Men's Study 9am "The Chosen" 9am  Worship Team 6:30pm	3 <b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	4 Dog Training – 1pm	5	6 <b>Pack the Backpack Due</b> 
7 <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> 10:45AM	8 Exercise Class – 12pm  Church in use Zuma Township Meeting	9 Men's Study 9am "The Chosen" 9am  Worship Team 6:30pm	10 <b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	11 Elder Meeting 9am	12	13 Women's Coffee 9:30am 
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## 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](http://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.