

the MESSENGER

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2022

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**Steve Allison,
Minister**

"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 Thanksgiving

Dear Countryside,

Wow. Time flies. Another year of ministry at Countryside Christian Church has gone by. For some of you this is one more after many, many years. For others of you, you have joined the ministry of the church within the last year. To the old and the new: we work together to advance the kingdom of Christ.

When I reflect on one year ago, the number zero comes to mind. Zero is the number of people that were attending Sunday School. Zero is the number of people attending Kids Club and Impact. Zero is the number of changes that were made to the physical church building. I am so glad that zero is not where we are today.

One year ago we did not know if or when Sunday School and children's programs would begin on Sunday morning. However, today Adult Sunday School averages 15 adults and Children's Church is back in motion along with Sunday School. It has been fun to add new people to these programs.

Dear church family...this is a lot of change from zero! We have learned lessons along the way about communication, scheduling, and programming. We have had many exciting opportunities and, as always, we wish more and more people would find their way into Sunday morning worship. However, in all of this, I strongly believe our church is moving in the right direction to advance the cause of Christ in our area. Please continue to pray for our church as we do our very best efforts at making Jesus famous in the Port Byron area. May God continue to shower us with his grace because HE is the only reason we are not at zero any more.

In Christ,

Steve Allison

VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

On November 10th, we salute our nation's brave veterans who served our country in moments of turmoil and in moments of peace.

Thank you for your sacrifice.
We are the land of the free
because of the brave!




"We remember those who were called upon to give all a person can give, and we remember those who were prepared to make that sacrifice if it were demanded of them in the line of duty, though it never was. Most of all, we remember the devotion and gallantry with which all of them ennobled their nation as they became champions of a noble cause."

-- Ronald Reagan

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT

December 18th
10:45am



The Miracle of Christmas

It's already time to start planning for Christmas! This year, the children of the church will be putting together a Christmas play that will be presented during the Worship Service on December 18th. Over the next few weeks, the kids at Sunday School and Kids Club will be hard at work memorizing, acting, and recording their parts of the program. We can't wait to show you what we've been working on!! Invite your families to the sharing of our Savior's birth truly from the "mouths of babes."

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3:16-17



Thanksgiving Food Baskets!

We are supporting **7 families** in need in our area by providing complete baskets containing all the makings of a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner.

We ask you to support our efforts by donating any of the following:

- ❖ 14 gravy packets/ 2 per basket
- ❖ Seven 5lb bags of potatoes
- ❖ 7 cans of corn
- ❖ 14 cans of green beans
- ❖ 7 packages of butter or margarine sticks
- ❖ 7 cans of cream of mushroom soup
- ❖ 7 cans of original French's Crispy Fried Onions
- ❖ 7 cans of sweet potatoes
- ❖ 7 packages of dinner rolls
- ❖ 7 loaves of bread
- ❖ 7 boxes of Stove-Top stuffing
- ❖ 7 cans of fruit
- ❖ 7 pumpkin pies
- ❖ 7 tubs of Cool-Whip topping
- ❖ 7 packages of cookies

If you wish to donate a turkey or money to purchase any of the above items... please contact the Church Office!

The Evangelism department will be providing 7 (15lb) turkeys and 7 gallons of milk, but we appreciate the donations above (or cash donations for the turkeys).

All donations due Sunday, Nov 13th

There is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer for all donations. We thank you very, very much!



"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11



KIDS CLUB



IMPACT

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November 2022

Nov 2 – Weekly Meeting (after school – 5pm)
Nov 9 – Weekly Meeting (after school – 5pm)
Nov 16 – **OPEN HOUSE (4-5PM)**
Monthly Sat Event – November 19th 5-7pm
Nov 23 – **NO MEETING (Happy Thanksgiving)**
Nov 30 – Weekly Meeting (after school – 5pm)



Spaghetti Dinner Sat., Nov 19th 5-7pm.

This month's fun monthly event is our annual Spaghetti Dinner! The kids should be at the church at 4pm to help prepare the dinner and set up. It starts at 5pm.

We always have so much fun this night as the kids serve dinner and we play games and have a chance to get to know each other better. Please plan now to attend!

Open House

Parents are invited to join us on November 16th from 4-5pm! Come and see all the fun we have each Wednesday night, play games with your child, and watch our closing activities.



Phone: 309-523-2834
Email: cccportbyron@gmail.com
Web: countrysidecc.org

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHT



We are excited to announce
our new Elders, Deacons, and Department
Heads for 2022-2023!

Elders:


Wayne Lotz, Chairman
Don Vickroy
Steve Allison
Ryan Schmidt
Jim Kaecker
Roger Curry, *elder emeritus*

Deacons:

Tim Smith
Jerry Dufur
Galvin Garcia
Randy Denekas
Bob Gipson
Mike Winger

2022-2023 Department Heads

Christian Education – Sarah Denekas
Evangelism – Don Vickroy
Fellowship – Criss Evans
Finance – Wayne Lotz
Missions – Wayne Lotz
Property – Galvin Garcia
Worship – Ryan Schmidt



Roger Curry has decided that it is time for him to retire from the eldership. Roger has been a tireless servant at Rapids City/Countryside Christian Church for many years and in virtually every position in the church. He will definitely be missed. Roger has been a friend and mentor to many in our church and will continue to be called on by many of us as “elder emeritus.” His guidance has been instrumental to CCC in so many ways, and his leadership will be greatly missed!

Thank you for your service Roger!

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thess. 5:18

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: IDES

MISSION HIGHLIGHT

IDES stands for International Disaster Emergency Service. IDES exists to bring glory to God by meeting physical and spiritual needs in our hurting world until Jesus returns. For the past 45 years IDES has served as a channel through which Christian Churches/Churches of Christ and individual Christians could meet the physical and spiritual needs of suffering people throughout the world. The vision statement: "IDES vision is to lead the independent Christian Churches/Churches of Christ in responding to disasters and emergencies in the United States and throughout the world by mobilizing financial and physical resources to and through their missionaries and congregations for the purpose of benevolent evangelism."



IDES has been the one source our churches and missionaries consistently turn to for help meeting physical and spiritual needs of suffering people throughout the world in the name of Jesus Christ. They have distributed millions of dollars over the years to help with disaster relief, development projects, medical needs, evangelism and hunger. Among independent Christian Churches/Churches of Christ, the work of IDES is unique.

IDES has been working with partners all around the world to bring help and hope to those in need while sharing the love of Christ with them. Here are a few brief highlights from the first half of our year 2022: Working with 68 partners in 43 countries, making more than 100 projects possible all around the world and helping more than 170,00 people in need, 1,502,061 pounds of food provided.

"This year, IDES has been more active than ever with projects from each of our five focus areas in locations near and far. In 2022 we have already been involved in over 100 projects in 43 countries. Some of these projects include: a leadership conference in Zimbabwe through IDES Evangelism and Discipleship focus, Medical Care in South Sudan, Hunger Relief in Kenya, clean water wells in Nigeria as part of our community Development efforts, and major disaster Response from the US to Ukraine.

Kansas, Kentucky, Ohio, Honduras, Poland, Ukraine, India, Kenya, Pakistan, Afghanistan—the list of locations where IDES has active projects goes on and on. As long as there is a need, IDES will be there sharing immediate Help and eternal Hope with those both near and far." (Newsletter Summer 2022)

Countryside along with Erie Christian Church is planning a GAP food bag packing on Saturday September 9, 2023 in the Countryside gym. Plan now to help with this project.



As you can see IDES is a very busy, global organization meeting a variety of physical and spiritual needs. For more information about their activities check the mission booklet on the mission table in the foyer



YOU ARE NEEDED

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

Countryside is sponsoring a blood drive with ImpactLife (formerly Mississippi Blood Center) on **Saturday January 7, 2023**. It will be held from 7:30-11:00 A.M. in Countryside gym.

Appointments can be made by contacting Connie Curry at 309-523-2504 or online at www.bloodcenter.org. Use Group Sponsor code 288 to schedule online. Appointments are required, bring a photo ID and please eat before donation. The last date to donate elsewhere is **November 12, 2022**. Blood is always in short supply, but the need is greater during the holidays.

One of our own, Jerry Dufur, needed several blood transfusions during his recent hospitalization. Someone was willing to be a donor and make the blood available in Jerry's time of need. **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, DONATE.**

Connie Curry



ImpactLife



THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT



The URICMA (*Upper Rock Island Community Ministerial Association – made up of area churches*) Thanksgiving Service will be on Monday, November 21st at 7pm at St. John's Catholic Church



It's already that time again!!

The Worship Department will be scheduling a day to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas and order poinsettias. If you would like to purchase one of the poinsettias in memory of someone, or to help beautify our sanctuary, please sign up in the church foyer and let the office know.

\$12 each

Orders due by Sunday, November 20th

Thank you!!



"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Psalm 73:26

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

Grateful to God

Our Giving

YTD Offering Budget: \$187,226

YTD Offering Actual: \$199,913

YTD Faith Promises: \$17,386

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



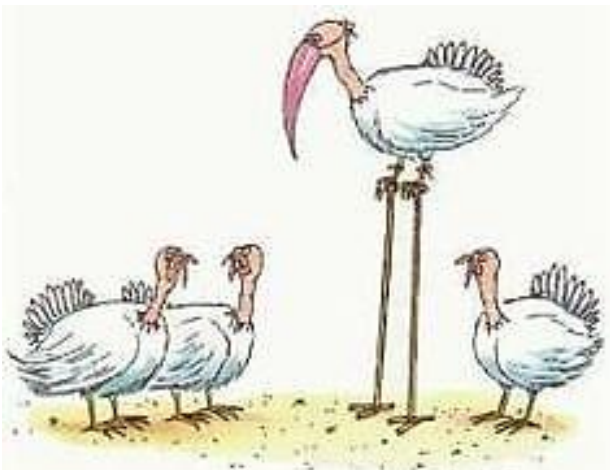
We sincerely appreciate your generosity in support of our church. Together, we will continue to do God's amazing work!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8 – Karen Allison
- 10 – Tim Trout
- 12 – Nathan Johnson
- 12 – Judah Bird
- 18 – Madison Schmidt
- 19 – Holly Trout
- 20 – Sawyer Horton
- 21 – Jorgia Horton
- 21 – Riley Horton
- 22 – Elmo Lawson
- 25 – Mary Lawson
- 26 – John McCoy



"He's got a point. Nobody eats a flamingo on Thanksgiving."



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 – Elmo & Mary Lawson
- 16 – Larry & Georgia Cullison
- 29 – Angela & Joe Heydeman

November



1. Luke 18-21
2. Luke 22-24
3. John 1-3
4. John 4-6
5. John 7-10
6. John 11-13
7. John 14-17
8. John 18-21
9. Acts 1-2
10. Acts 3-5
11. Acts 6-9
12. Acts 10-12
13. Acts 13-14
14. Acts 15-18
15. Acts 19-20
16. Acts 21-22
17. Acts 23-25
18. Acts 26-28
19. Romans 1-4
20. Romans 5-8
21. Romans 9-11
22. Romans 12-16
23. 1 Corinthians 1-4
24. 1 Corinthians 5-8
25. 1 Corinthians 9-12
25. 1 Corinthians 13-16
27. 2 Corinthians 1-3
28. 2 Corinthians 4-6
29. 2 Corinthians 7-9
30. 2 Corinthians 10-13



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

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
6	Sarah Denekas	Addison Tiesman Georgia Cullison
13	Sarah Denekas	Judy Millies Kathy Kohrt
20	Becki Winger	Sandy Lawrence Connie Curry
27	Sarah Denekas	Kathy Kohrt Kristina Rogers

Children's Church

**Teacher/helper are dismissed after offering*

Date	Teacher	Helper
6	Sarah Denekas	Connie Curry
13	Sarah Denekas	Criss Evans
20	Sarah Denekas	Alicia Simms
27	Sarah Denekas	Connie Curry

Worship Ministry



Communion Meditation

November 6

Wayne Lotz

November 20

Teresa Garcia

November 13

Ryan Schmidt

November 27

Don Vickroy

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



Roger & Connie Curry
Mike & Becki Winger
Brock & Ruthie Coverdill

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.

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

