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COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 2023

Sunday Morning Services:

9:30am Sunday School*
10:15am Breakfast
10:45am Worship*
*Nursery is provided
Children's Church (4yrs-4th
grade) during Sermon Time

Wednesday Activities:

3-5pm Kids Club (K-5th)
4-5pm Impact (Jr High)
6:30pm Small Groups

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www.countrysidecc.org

Live Streaming Info:

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From Steve's Desk...

Welcome to 2023. With a new year we have a chance to start new things, try new things, and restart some things we know we can do better. For 2023, I would like to invite you to try happiness. Everyone craves it, wants it, searches for it. We are longing for a sense of contentment and well-being.

Because of this, I would like to invite you to participate in a brand new adult Sunday School class starting January 15th. It is a six week class. The class is titled "How Happiness Happens..." based on Max Lucado's best selling book with the same title. Max Lucado will be guiding us through all six weeks in a video presentation followed by discussion questions.

If you have never attended an adult Sunday School class before, this might be a great place to jump in. It's all new. If you want to be more joy-filled, share more smiles, be happier, you can be a part of a group that can learn "How Happiness Happens."

Class starts January 15 at 9:30 AM in the blue class room right next-door to the church nursery. Hope to see you then.

Steve

happy new year

2023



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*

2023 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Some exciting new things happening in Christian Education in 2023!!

Nursery/Children's Church

Shanie Bird has accepted the position of **NURSERY WORKER**. We are so thankful for her commitment to providing great childcare for our littlest attendees each Sunday. We will also be having a rotation of volunteer nursery workers to help Shanie each Sunday as our children's program keeps growing! Also check out the following pages for this year's 2023 Children's Ministry Schedule.

Upcoming Adult Class

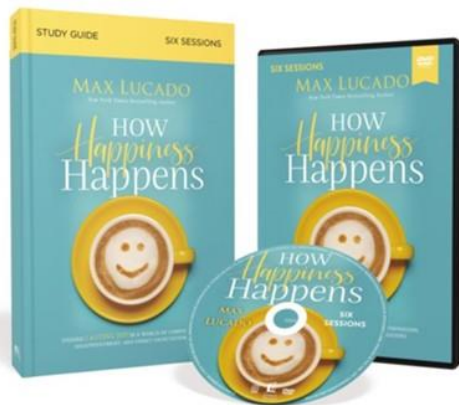
We are offering a **BRAND NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** that will begin January 22nd at 9:30am taught by Steve Allison.

Steve is going to be using the study by Max Lucado: "How Happiness Happens". In Max Lucado's How Happiness Happens, he explores passages of Scripture - explaining how practical acts of generosity can produce a life of satisfaction and moments of true joy. In a world searching for happiness, bestselling author Max Lucado provides a personal plan for a life filled with lasting and fulfilling joy, supported by Jesus' teaching and modern research.

This Six-Week Study will cover topics like:

- Accept One Another
- Bear with One Another
- Serve One Another
- Forgive One Another
- Carry One Another's Burdens
- Love One Another

Sunday, January 22nd at 9:30am



Children's Ministry Workshop

We have the privilege of having Sarah Harris with us on Sunday, January 8th to teach a workshop to all of our **KIDS CLUB, SUNDAY SCHOOL, AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH STAFF**.

Sarah is the Social Emotional Behavior Health Coordinator for the Bettendorf School District. Her kind and loving approach to children as well as her love for Jesus is evident in all of her trainings. She will present information and give us tools to use in the classroom to create a positive learning environment for both children and teachers.

Please make plans to attend if you work with children in some capacity at church or are interested in doing so in the future. It is very important that we have everyone there.

Sunday,
January 8, 2023
3-5pm



Education Highlight

2023 Children's Church and Nursery Schedule

Sunday School (9:30-10:15)

Worship* (10:45-12:00)

			Children's Church					Nursery	
Date	Teacher's	Nursery	Date	Teacher	Helper	Leader	Helper		
			*Children's Church Teacher & helper are dismissed from service after the worship communion / offering						
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January			January						
1	Connie Curry Judy Millies Wayne Lotz	Ruthie Coverdill	1	Sarah Denekas	Cheryl Gipson	Shanie Bird	Georgia Cullison		
8	Connie Curry Judy Millies Wayne Lotz	Cathy Lotz	8	Cathy Lotz	Laura Schmidt	Shanie Bird	Kathy Kohrt		
15	Connie Curry Judy Millies Wayne Lotz	Sarah Denekas	15	Cathy Lotz	Amber Bird	Shanie Bird	Sandy Lawrence		
22	Connie Curry Judy Millies Wayne Lotz	Kathy Kohrt	22	Cathy Lotz	Ruthie Coverdill	Shanie Bird	Judy Millies		
29	Connie Curry Judy Millies Wayne Lotz	Becki Winger	29	Family Sunday	Family Sunday	Shanie Bird	Addison Tiesman		
February			February						
5	Connie Curry Judy Millies Wayne Lotz	Sarah Denekas	5	Criss Evans	Connie Curry	Shanie Bird	Becki Winger		
12	Connie Curry Judy Millies Wayne Lotz	Ruthie Coverdill	12	Criss Evans	Alicia Simms	Shanie Bird	Sarah Denekas		
19	Connie Curry Judy Millies Wayne Lotz	Becki Winger	19	Criss Evans	Kati Jo Chasek	Shanie Bird	Becky Collis		
26	Connie Curry Judy Millies Wayne Lotz	Sarah Denekas	26	Criss Evans	Sarah Denekas	Shanie Bird	Georgia Cullison		
March			March						
5	Connie Curry Judy Millies Steve Allison	Kathy Kohrt	5	Sarah Denekas	Cheryl Gipson	Shanie Bird	Kristina Rogers		
12	Connie Curry Judy Millies Steve Allison	Becki Winger	12	Sarah Denekas	Kathy Kohrt	Shanie Bird	Ruthie Coverdill		
19	Connie Curry Judy Millies Steve Allison	Sarah Denekas	19	Sarah Denekas	Donna Vickroy	Shanie Bird	Mikah Mikles		
26	Connie Curry Judy Millies Steve Allison	Ruthie Coverdill	26	Sarah Denekas	Ruthie Coverdill	Shanie Bird	Becki Winger		
April			April						
2	Connie Curry Judy Millies Steve Allison	Ruthie Coverdill	2	Karen Allison	Laura Schmidt	Shanie Bird	Sandy Lawrence		
9	Connie Curry Judy Millies Steve Allison	Becki Winger	9	Karen Allison	Connie Curry	Shanie Bird	Judy Millies		

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16	Connie Curry Judy Millies Steve Allison	Cathy Lotz	16	Karen Allison	Kati Jo Chasek	Shanie Bird	Georgia Cullison
23	Connie Curry Judy Millies Steve Allison	Sarah Denekas	23	Karen Allison	Alicia Simms	Shanie Bird	Kathy Kohrt
30	Connie Curry Judy Millies Steve Allison	Kathy Kohrt	30	Family Sunday	Family Sunday	Shanie Bird	Addison Tiesman
May			May				
7	Connie Curry Judy Millies Steve Allison	Cathy Lotz	7	Cathy Lotz	Connie Curry	Shanie Bird	Kristina Rogers
14	Connie Curry Judy Millies Steve Allison	Ruthie Coverdill	14	Cathy Lotz	Becky Collis	Shanie Bird	Ruthie Coverdill
21	Connie Curry Judy Millies Steve Allison	Gail Horst	21	Cathy Lotz	Kathy Kohrt	Shanie Bird	Becky Collis
28	Connie Curry Judy Millies Steve Allison	Kathy Kohrt	28	Cathy Lotz	Donna Vickroy	Shanie Bird	Becki Winger
June			June				
4	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Sarah Denekas	4	Sarah Denekas	Cheryl Gipson	Shanie Bird	Judy Millies
11	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Gail Horst	11	Sarah Denekas	Gail Horst	Shanie Bird	Sandy Lawrence
18	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Becki Winger	18	Sarah Denekas	Alicia Simms	Shanie Bird	Connie Curry
25	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Sarah Denekas	25	Sarah Denekas	Ruthie Coverdill	Shanie Bird	Sarah Denekas
July			July				
2	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Kathy Kohrt	2	Karen Allison	Laura Schmidt	Shanie Bird	Georgia Cullison
9	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Ruthie Coverdill	9	Karen Allison	Kati Jo Chasek	Shanie Bird	Mikah Mikles
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13	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Cathy Lotz	13	Cathy Lotz	Sarah Denekas	Shanie Bird	Judy Millies
20	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Gail Horst	20	Cathy Lotz	Donna Vickroy	Shanie Bird	Mikah Mikles
27	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Kathy Kohrt	27	Cathy Lotz	Kati Jo Chasek	Shanie Bird	Georgia Cullison
September			September				
3	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Cathy Lotz	3	Criss Evans	Gail Horst	Shanie Bird	Sarah Denekas
10	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Becki Winger	10	Criss Evans	Laura Schmidt	Shanie Bird	Kathy Kohrt
17	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Sarah Denekas	17	Criss Evans	Amber Bird	Shanie Bird	Addison Tiesman
24	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Kathy Kohrt	24	Criss Evans	Cheryl Gipson	Shanie Bird	Kristina Rogers
October			October				
1	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Ruthie Coverdill	1	Sarah Denekas	Connie Curry	Shanie Bird	Judy Millies
8	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Cathy Lotz	8	Sarah Denekas	Alicia Simms	Shanie Bird	Sandy Lawrence
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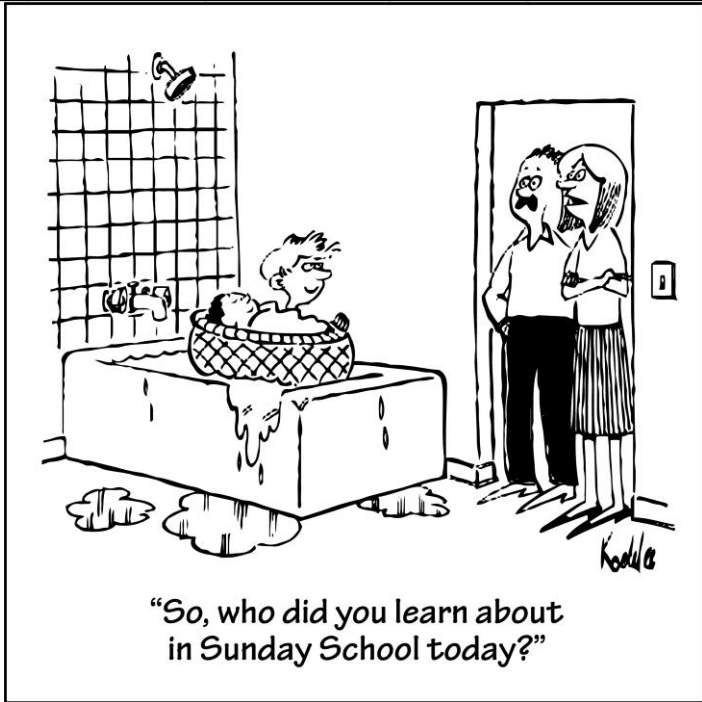
If I could relive my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children for God.
 -D.L. Moody



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24	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Ruthie Coverdill	24	Criss Evans	Amber Bird	Shanie Bird	Sarah Denekas
31	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Sarah Denekas	31	Family Sunday	Family Sunday	Shanie Bird	Becki Winger

A big THANK YOU to all on these pages who volunteered to help with the children. You are greatly appreciated. The schedule will also be posted on the bulletin board in the church lobby and weekly reminder emails are sent.



ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Give from
the heart.



DATE/TIME: Saturday, January 7th, 2023
7:30am – 11:30am

LOCATION:
Countryside Christian Church (In The Gym)
3817 230th St N, Port Byron, IL 61275

Impact Life (formerly Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center) is holding a blood drive at Countryside. The annual blood drive is scheduled for Saturday January 7, 2023. The hours are 7:30-11:30 A.M. To be eligible to donate, you must not have given a blood donation since

November 12, 2022.

**If you would like an appointment or have questions, please see
Connie Curry: 309-523-2504**

Thank You!

Because of your generosity with Angel Tree gifts, we were able to bless 15 individuals with Christmas gifts this year!!

Thank you so much for helping to make someone's Christmas special!



"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31

Evangelium Highlight

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Lincoln Christian University

"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." The mission statement is "to nurture and equip Christian leaders with a biblical worldview to serve and lead in the church and the world".

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.



The Covid virus has impacted the financial situation of LCU in a very dramatic way. Students were being taught virtually and the enrollment declined. On February 22, 2022, President Silas McCormick and Board Chair Tamsen Murray, announced a bold initiative to create a new model for Christian higher education which is responsive to a new era of Kingdom work.



"The new model captured in "LCU to You" seeks to fulfill the same purpose that was stated in the original Purpose and Policy drafted in 1944 and the current mission statement that has guided us

since 2006. In spite of all that has changed over the last 78 years and will be changing in coming years, LCU is still committed to playing our part in fulfilling God's purpose of making disciples of all the nations and the generations until Jesus comes.

We believe that our historic mission matters and that Lincoln alumni are still making a difference. In fact, our world desperately needs Lincoln Leaders more than ever, so we are unashamedly asking you to partner with LCU as we seek to continue fulfilling our purpose. The impact you make is significant as your gift will help equip our campus for the future and will subsidize the total educational cost of deserving students."
(newsletter July 2022)



Many changes are occurring at LCU as the result of the impact Covid has had on the economic situation at the University. If you want more information about LCU check the booklet on the mission shelf by the office.

"Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always." 1 Chronicles 16:11

Mission Highlight

SLEDDING PARTY!

KIDS CLUB & IMPACT

January 2023

Happy New Year!

We hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break. We are excited to see you again at Kids Club and Impact!! We will not meet the first Wednesday that you are back in school - our first week will be January 11th.



Events

January 4 - NO KIDS CLUB/IMPACT

January 11 - Weekly Meeting
January 18 - Weekly Meeting

January 21- Annual Sledding Party (1-3pm)

January 25 - Weekly Meeting

Angel Tree

Thank you to all of the families who donated to our Angel Christmas Tree project. This year we were able to bless 15 individuals who otherwise wouldn't have had a very nice Christmas. Thank you all so much for your generosity!

Kids Club/Impact Highlight

HOPE FOR THE NEW YEAR

The apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 3:16-19: "I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

This has long been one of my favorite passages of Scripture. How can we fathom how great His love is for us? He loves you deeply. He adores you! Our Father sent His one and only Son to die for YOU and your sins because He loves you that much. He does not want heaven without YOU.

And do you realize one of the best parts about God's relentless, pursuing love? It cannot be earned. There is nothing that you can do or say that will change God's love for you. This is truly unconditional love. The Greeks called it agape love, encompassing a sacred love that keeps no record of wrongs—love that always protects and hopes and perseveres.

Rest in this fact as you begin this new year....You are loved.

I would like to challenge you to daily draw near to God this new year:

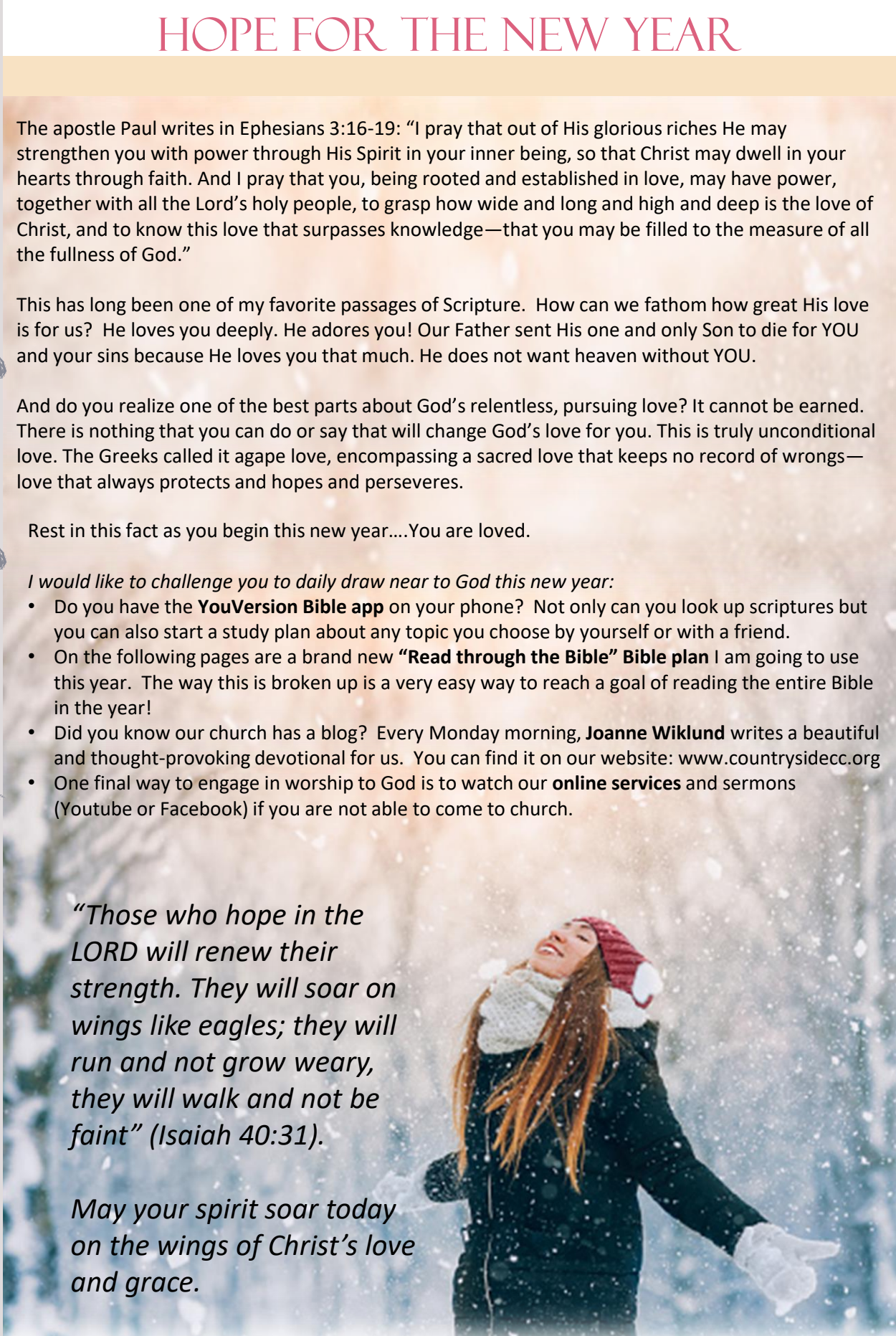
- Do you have the **YouVersion Bible app** on your phone? Not only can you look up scriptures but you can also start a study plan about any topic you choose by yourself or with a friend.
- On the following pages are a brand new "**Read through the Bible**" Bible plan I am going to use this year. The way this is broken up is a very easy way to reach a goal of reading the entire Bible in the year!
- Did you know our church has a blog? Every Monday morning, **Joanne Wiklund** writes a beautiful and thought-provoking devotional for us. You can find it on our website: www.countrysidecc.org
- One final way to engage in worship to God is to watch our **online services** and sermons (Youtube or Facebook) if you are not able to come to church.

"Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

May your spirit soar today on the wings of Christ's love and grace.

"You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance." Psalm 65:11

Worship Highlight



one-year Bible Reading Plan

WEEKS 1 - 26

WEEK 1: Creation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Genesis 1 & 2 ○ Psalm 33:6-9 ○ Jeremiah 32:17 ○ John 1:1-5 ○ Romans 1:20 	WEEK 10: Sacrifices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hebrews 10:1-23 ○ Exodus 12:21-28 ○ Psalm 51:16-17 ○ Romans 12:1 ○ Hebrews 4:14-16 	WEEK 19: Holy Spirit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acts 2:1-21 ○ Joel 2:28-32 ○ Romans 8:26-27 ○ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ○ Galatians 5:16, 22-25
WEEK 2: Sin & Solution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Genesis 3 ○ Psalm 51:3-5 ○ Isaiah 53:5-12 ○ John 3:16-18 ○ Romans 6:22-23 	WEEK 11: Confession & Forgiveness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Psalm 51:1-12 ○ Proverbs 28:13 ○ Matthew 9:1-8 ○ Acts 3:19 ○ 1 John 1:8-9 	WEEK 20: Worries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matthew 6:25-34 ○ Psalm 94:19 ○ Matthew 11:28-30 ○ Philippians 4:6-7 ○ 1 Peter 5:6-7
WEEK 3: Covenants & Promises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Psalm 105 ○ Genesis 9:12-17 ○ Genesis 12:1-3 ○ 2 Corinthians 1:20 ○ Hebrews 9:15 	WEEK 12: Crucifixion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luke 23:26-47 ○ Numbers 21:4-9 ○ Isaiah 53:3-10 ○ 1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-23 ○ Galatians 2:20-21 	WEEK 21: Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Daniel 9 ○ 2 Chronicles 7:14 ○ Jeremiah 33:2-3 ○ Matthew 6:5-13 ○ James 5:13-16
WEEK 4: God's Calling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jeremiah 1:4-19 ○ Isaiah 6:8 ○ 1 Corinthians 7:17 ○ 2 Timothy 1:8-10 ○ 1 Peter 2:9-10 	WEEK 13: Resurrection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John 20:1-18 ○ Daniel 12:2-3 ○ John 11:25-26 ○ 1 Corinthians 15:20-22 ○ Philippians 3:10-11 	WEEK 22: Friendship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ruth 1:1-18 ○ 1 Samuel 18:1-5 ○ Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 ○ Proverbs 18:24 ○ John 15:12-15
WEEK 5: God's Commands <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exodus 20:1-17 ○ Psalm 103:17-18 ○ Matthew 22:34-40 ○ John 15:14-15 ○ James 1:22-25 	WEEK 14: Evangelism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acts 8:26-40 ○ Deuteronomy 32:3-4 ○ Matthew 28:19-20 ○ Romans 10:10-17 ○ Colossians 4:2-6 	WEEK 23: Salvation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acts 16:22-34 ○ 2 Samuel 22:1-4 ○ Psalm 37:39-40 ○ Acts 4:8-12 ○ 1 Peter 1:8-9
WEEK 6: Love <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 Corinthians 13 ○ Isaiah 54:10 ○ Romans 8:35-39 ○ 1 Peter 4:8 ○ 1 John 4:7-12 	WEEK 15: God's Word <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Psalm 119:9-16, 103-105, 114, 129-131 ○ Isaiah 40:8 ○ Romans 1:16-17 ○ 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ○ Hebrews 4:12 	WEEK 24: Baptism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matthew 3 ○ Genesis 7:17-18; ○ 1 Peter 3:18-22 ○ John 3:3-6 ○ Acts 2:38-39 ○ Romans 6:1-4
WEEK 7: Purpose & Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ephesians 1:3-14 ○ Job 42:1-2 ○ Proverbs 19:21 ○ Jeremiah 29:10-13 ○ Romans 8:28-30 	WEEK 16: One Body <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 ○ Proverbs 27:17 ○ Acts 2:42-47 ○ Romans 12:1-8 ○ Ephesians 4:11-13 	WEEK 25: Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Psalm 91 ○ Psalm 46:1-3, 7 ○ Isaiah 41:10 ○ Mark 4:35-41 ○ 2 Corinthians 4:7-10
WEEK 8: Praise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Psalm 96 ○ Exodus 15:2 ○ Psalm 71:14-16 ○ Luke 1:46-55 ○ Hebrews 13:15 	WEEK 17: Faith & Faithfulness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hebrews 11 ○ Lamentations 3:22-23 ○ Mark 11:22-24 ○ Luke 16:10-12 ○ 2 Corinthians 5:7 	WEEK 26: Honesty & Truth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acts 5:1-11 ○ Proverbs 12:22 ○ John 14:6 ○ Colossians 3:9-10 ○ 3 John 1:3-4
WEEK 9: Temptation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luke 4:1-13 ○ Deuteronomy 8:2 ○ 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 ○ Hebrews 2:18 ○ James 1:2-4, 12-15 	WEEK 18: Father & Son <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John 14:6-17, 23-24 ○ Psalm 2:6-7 ○ Matthew 11:25-27 ○ John 17:1-5 ○ Colossians 1:15-20 	


one-year Bible Reading Plan

WEEKS 27 - 52

WEEK 27: Freedom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exodus 14 ○ Isaiah 61:1 ○ John 8:31-36 ○ 2 Corinthians 3:17 ○ Galatians 5:1, 13 	WEEK 36: Kindness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luke 10:25-37 ○ Joshua 2:1-16 ○ Jeremiah 31:3 ○ Matthew 5:43-48 ○ Ephesians 4:32 	WEEK 45: Endurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Job 1 ○ Matthew 24:9-14 ○ Romans 5:3-5 ○ 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 ○ James 1:2-4
WEEK 28: Sabbath <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exodus 31:12-17 ○ Isaiah 58:13-14 ○ Mark 2:23-28 ○ Luke 13:10-17 ○ Hebrews 4:9-11 	WEEK 37: Good Shepherd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John 10:1-18 ○ Psalm 23 ○ Luke 15:1-7 ○ Hebrews 13:20-21 ○ 1 Peter 2:25 	WEEK 46: Light <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matthew 17:1-13 ○ Isaiah 60:1-3 ○ Matthew 5:14-16 ○ John 8:12 ○ 1 John 1:5-7
WEEK 29: Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Psalm 150 ○ 2 Chronicles 5:13-14 ○ Psalm 59:16-17 ○ Luke 1:46-55 ○ Ephesians 5:18-20 	WEEK 38: Lord's Supper <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luke 22:7-20 ○ Exodus 12:1-8 ○ John 6:52-58 ○ 1 Corinthians 10:14-17 ○ 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 	WEEK 47: Thanksgiving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luke 17:11-19 ○ Joshua 4:19-24 ○ 1 Chronicles 16:34 ○ Colossians 3:15-17 ○ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
WEEK 30: Good Works <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ James 2:14-26 ○ Psalm 1 ○ Matthew 7:17-20 ○ John 15:1-8 ○ Colossians 1:9-10 	WEEK 39: Humility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Philippians 2:3-11 ○ Proverbs 11:2 ○ Matthew 20:26-28 ○ John 13:1-9 ○ James 4:10 	WEEK 48: Hope <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luke 2:25-38 ○ Psalm 33:20-22 ○ Romans 15:13 ○ Ephesians 1:18-21 ○ Hebrews 6:13-20
WEEK 31: Patience & Perseverance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7 ○ Psalm 37:5-9 ○ Galatians 6:9-10 ○ James 1:12 ○ 2 Peter 3:8-9 	WEEK 40: Strength <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ephesians 6:10-20 ○ Isaiah 40:28-31 ○ Joshua 1:9 ○ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ○ Philippians 4:13 	WEEK 49: Peace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 Samuel 24 ○ Isaiah 26:3 ○ John 14:27 ○ Philippians 4:7 ○ James 3:17-18
WEEK 32: Unity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Genesis 33 ○ Psalm 133 ○ 1 Corinthians 1:10 ○ Galatians 3:26-29 ○ Philippians 2:1-2 	WEEK 41: Grace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Psalm 103:1-12 ○ Romans 6:14 ○ John 1:16-17 ○ 1 Corinthians 15:9-10 ○ Ephesians 2:8-9 	WEEK 50: Joy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Psalm 16 ○ Nehemiah 8:10 ○ Proverbs 17:22 ○ John 16:19-24 ○ Philippians 4:4
WEEK 33: Mercy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jonah 3 ○ Psalm 145:8-9 ○ Matthew 5:7 ○ Luke 6:36-38 ○ Titus 3:3-8 	WEEK 42: Saints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revelation 7:9-17 ○ Psalm 37:28-29 ○ Daniel 7:27 ○ 1 Corinthians 1:2-3 ○ Hebrews 12:1-3 	WEEK 51: Christmas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luke 2:1-21 ○ Isaiah 9:6-7 ○ Micah 5:2-4 ○ Matthew 2:9-11 ○ Titus 2:13-14
WEEK 34: Parables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Luke 15:11-32 ○ 2 Samuel 12:1-10 ○ Matthew 13:31-35 ○ Mark 4:26-29 ○ Luke 18:9-14 	WEEK 43: Redemption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Romans 5 ○ Job 19:25-27 ○ Isaiah 44:21-22 ○ Galatians 3:13-14 ○ 1 Peter 1:18-21 	WEEK 52: Heaven & Eternal Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revelation 21:1-7 ○ Isaiah 65:17-25 ○ John 14:1-4 ○ 2 Timothy 4:7-8 ○ Revelation 2:10
WEEK 35: Money & Treasure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19 ○ 1 Chronicles 1:7-12 ○ Malachi 3:10 ○ Matthew 6:19-21 ○ Acts 20:35 	WEEK 44: Preparedness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matthew 24:36-51 ○ Proverbs 6:6-8 ○ Matthew 25:1-13 ○ Romans 13:11-14 ○ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 	

PRAYING FOR PROTECTION OF LIFE

— Sanctity of human life —




On January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating **January 22 as the first National Sanctity of Human Life Day.** (January 22, 1973, was the day the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion-on-demand in all 50 states.)

The Sanctity of Life means all life is sacred and belongs to God. Nobody should take that away. From the first moments of his or her existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.

Churches around the United States use the day to celebrate God's gift of life, commemorate the many lives lost to abortion, and commit themselves to protecting human life at every stage.

Deliver those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to slaughter, oh hold them back! If you say, "See, we did not know this," does He not consider it who weighs the hearts? And does He not know it who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work? Proverbs 24:10-12



"Before I
FORMED
YOU
in the womb
I knew you."

JEREMIAH 1:5

SPENDING TIME TOGETHER

Last year, our Fellowship Department helped a few people put up their Christmas decorations and set up their Christmas trees. They continued that tradition this year with helping three different households of our church family who were unable to do it themselves.

Criss, thank you for your sweet, generous spirit who cares so well for the church body. Your thoughtfulness extends to those who have recently lost loved ones, ones who have been shut in their house for a time, or those currently overwhelmed. You are there with a helping hand, a kind word, or an encouraging gift. Also, thank you to all who volunteer to share in those activities, giving of yourselves, your time, and your resources to share love with others. The Fellowship Department of Countryside Christian Church is a vital and valuable part of the congregation, sharing the love of Jesus with others.

We are excited to see what Criss Evans (Fellowship Chair) and the Fellowship Department have planned for this new year. And, of course, if you are looking for a way to get involved in church, this might be a great opportunity! Any volunteers are definitely welcome and you are guaranteed to have fun while doing it!



And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

Fellowship Highlight

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!

Property Highlight



Thanks to Mikel Rice

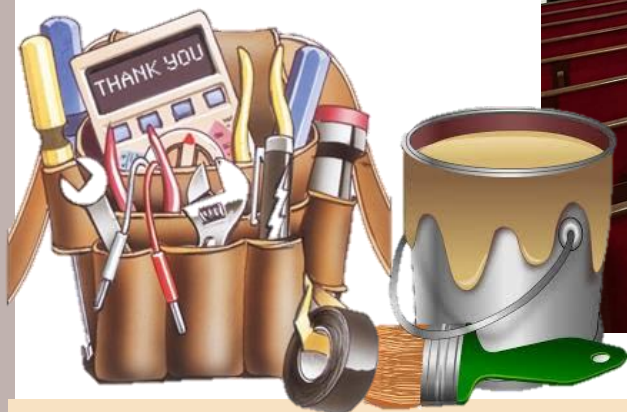
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THIS ISN'T WHAT I HAD IN MIND WHEN THEY ASKED IF I ENJOYED WORKING ON CHURCH BOARDS



The Property Department has been hard at work the past couple of months around the church! A new window has been installed in the kitchen and a huge thank you to Rock and Sandy Lawrence and Steve Allison for painting the sanctuary!! It looks beautiful and we know it was many, many hours of time and work!

Thank you Gabe for keeping track of what needs to be done around the church and taking care of it. We appreciate everything that everyone does to contribute to taking care of the house of the Lord.



"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

2022-2023 Offering Budget

(Starting 11/1/2022):

\$34,892

YTD Offering Actual

(Starting 11/1/2022):

\$31,549

2022-2023 Mission Year

(Starting 5/1/2022)

Faith Promises Goal: \$41,552

Faith Promises YTD: \$23,941

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives" (Deuteronomy 14:23).

Whatever you want God to bless, you have to put him first in. So if you want God to bless your finances, you have to put him first in your money. This is the principle of tithing: You give the first 10 percent of your income back to God.

Here are four verses that explain the **promise, the purpose, the place, and the day for tithing.**

First, Prov 3:9-10 gives the promise about tithing: *"Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines"*. God says that if you honor him with the first part of your income, he will bless you financially.

Why does God tell us to tithe? Deuteronomy 14:23 says, *"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives"* (TLB). God doesn't need your money, but he wants what it represents: your heart. He wants you to trust him.

Where should you tithe? Do you tithe to United Way? Or do you tithe to your brother who's been out of work for three years? No. That's charity. Tithing is an act of worship. It goes to God.

Malachi 3:10 says, *"Bring to the storehouse a full tenth of what you earn . . . Test me in this," says the Lord All-Powerful. 'I will open the windows of heaven for you and pour out all the blessings you need'"*

The storehouse is the temple or the place where you worship God.

When are you supposed to tithe? You do it on the day you worship. The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 16:2, *"On every Lord's Day each of you should put aside something from what you have earned during the week, and use it for this offering. The amount depends on how much the Lord has helped you earn"*. When you give to God on the first day of the week, the first part of your day, and the first part of your money, you're declaring, "You're really number one in my life."

Notice that the verse says to "put aside." You've got to plan this! Tithing should not be an impulsive thing. You've got to plan for it so that you are honoring God's plan and purpose for tithing. Then you can watch how God blesses and uses you and honors his promise in your life. ~Rick Warren

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.



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





JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Cheryl Gipson
- 5 – Jady Collis
- 13 – Callie Heydeman
- 14 – Pearl Mikles
- 15 – Phil Gonterman
- 16 – Ellie Johnson
- 17 – Jamie Horst
- 27 – Wayne Lotz
- 27 – Jim Kaecker
- 31 – Jacob Miller



VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

Childrens Ministry

Sunday School (9:30-10:15)			Worship* (10:45-12:00)				
			Children's Church			Nursery	
Date	Teacher's	Nursery	Date	Teacher	Helper	Leader	Helper
			*Children's Church Teacher & helper are dismissed from service after the worship communion / offering *Nursery workers are scheduled for the entire church service from 10:40-12:00				
January			January				
1	Connie Curry Judy Millies Wayne Lotz	Ruthie Coverdill	1	Sarah Denekas	Cheryl Gipson	Shanie Bird	Georgia Cullison
8	Connie Curry Judy Millies Wayne Lotz	Cathy Lotz	8	Cathy Lotz	Laura Schmidt	Shanie Bird	Kathy Kohrt
15	Connie Curry Judy Millies Wayne Lotz	Sarah Denekas	15	Cathy Lotz	Amber Bird	Shanie Bird	Sandy Lawrence
22	Connie Curry Judy Millies Wayne Lotz	Kathy Kohrt	22	Cathy Lotz	Ruthie Coverdill	Shanie Bird	Judy Millies
29	Connie Curry Judy Millies Wayne Lotz	Becki Winger	29	Family Sunday	Family Sunday	Shanie Bird	Addison Tiesman

Worship Ministry

COMMUNION MEDITATION

January 1 – Jim Kaecker
 January 8 – Wayne Lotz
 January 15 – Teresa Garcia
 January 22 – Ryan Schmidt
 January 29 – Steve Allison

GREETERS



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

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.

Church



BUILDING CLEANERS


New sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Please sign up for a month that works best for you!

"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

Volunteers this Month

January

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM New Year's Day	2 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm U of I Home Extension 7-9pm Softball 5:45-8:45pm	3 Men's Study 9am "The Chosen" 9am	4 No Kids Club/Impact this week Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	5 Worship Team 6:30pm	6 	7 Annual Blood Drive 7:30-11:30am 
8 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM SARAH HARRIS WORKSHOP 3-5PM	9 Church in use Zuma Township Meeting Softball 5:45-8:45pm	10 Men's Study 9am "The Chosen" 9am	11 Kids Club 3-5pm Impact 4-5pm (Take Down Christmas Decorations) Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	12 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm	13	14 Women's Coffee 9:30am 
15 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM <i>Sanctity of Life Sunday</i>	16 Softball 5:45-8:45pm MLK Jr. Day	17 Men's Study 9am "The Chosen" 9am	18 Kids Club 3-5pm Impact 4-5pm Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	19 Worship Team 6:30pm	20	21 Men's Breakfast 9:00am   Kids Club Sledding Party 1-3pm
22 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM	23 Softball 5:45-8:45pm	24 Men's Study 9am "The Chosen" 9am	25 Kids Club 3-5pm Impact 4-5pm Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	26 Worship Team 6:30pm	27	28
29 FAMILY SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Potluck Lunch	30 Softball 5:45-8:45pm 	31 Men's Study 9am "The Chosen" 9am	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17</i></p>			