



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

**Wednesday Activities:**  
 3-5pm Kids Club (K-5<sup>th</sup>)  
 4-5pm Impact (Jr High)  
 6:30pm Small Groups

**Church Office:**  
 309-523-2834  
**Church Email:**  
 cccportbyron@gmail.com  
**Church Website:**  
 www.countrysidecc.org

**Live Streaming Info:**  
 Paste the links below into your browser:



[shorturl.at/CIM08](https://shorturl.at/CIM08)



[shorturl.at/wBVY4](https://shorturl.at/wBVY4)



Church Family,  
 So my wife called and let me know she was coming home for dinner. When she came in later than I expected, she explained that one of the main roads she drives home on every day was closed and she had to find an alternative route. If that has happened to you, you know that's frustrating.

Last week my wife and I rode our bicycles to our favorite Mexican restaurant and as we pulled into the parking lot, it was empty. We made our way to the door and it was locked and we could not go in. We realized it was Monday and they're not open on Monday. It was frustrating to arrive at the door we wished was open, but it was closed.

Have you ever had to find an alternative route? Have you ever been denied access?

I have two more questions for you: Should an alternative route ever be taken? Should access ever be denied?

OK, another question. Who gets access to your heart?

Hopefully, you know that God wants to be in your life. He wants to guide and direct us through his Holy Spirit within us. Jesus went to the cross that we might gain that privilege. So who gets access to your heart?

Is there information that should come to a dead end? Is there information that should come to a closed door?



I must confess that too often when I sit down in front of a TV or pick up my phone to gain access to information, I don't post a sign that says you must find an alternative route, or this door is closed. Even though, I am convinced that most of what Hollywood has to offer, and what many of the most popular Influencers put in front of me does not have my best interest in mind. In fact often it is the exact opposite of what God would want me to consume. It certainly does not help me draw close to my Savior. It can even drive me away.

A challenge for me, that I invite you to join me in, is to frustrate the devil. If he has a commonly used path into your heart, turn him around, frustrated in the other direction. If he finds an open door to your heart, close it. Lock it. Send him away frustrated.

I believe God loves me, knows me, and knows what is best for me. I always do well to seek first his kingdom and his righteousness everywhere I go. I need to make time and give access intentionally to Him. And I need to deny access to the enemy who wants to kill steal and destroy my friendship with God.

So the next time that you or I come to a dead end or a locked door, let it be a reminder to us to filter who has access to our heart.

*Steve*



**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*



# VBS 2023

Register your child online by scanning the QR code below or fill out the VBS sheet in the lobby and leave in the church office.

VBS Volunteer Sheets and Snack/Craft lists are in the church lobby. Kids are already starting to register! Please consider if you can fit a couple of nights into your schedule to help!



### The following helpers are needed:

- **Snack Helpers**
- **Check-in/Registration Helper**
- **Group Leaders**
- **Game Leaders**
- **Craft Leaders**
- **Skit Leaders**
- **Student Helpers (5<sup>th</sup> grade +)**

If you can help with any of these sections for a 20 minute time-slot ONE or ALL of the nights, we would appreciate it!! All the lessons are already planned, crafts and supplies will be provided, and snacks will be provided. No stress or planning required!



FOR THIS GOD IS OUR GOD FOREVER AND EVER; HE WILL BE OUR GUIDE EVEN TO THE END. (PSALM 48:14)

CRUISE IN IS COMING!

# COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

# Cruise-In



**August 5, 2023**  
11am – 2pm

*Shine 'em up & Show 'em off!*

Free Food – Free Entry – Free Fun

Dash Plaque to first 50 cars!  
Prizes awarded to: Oldest Car,  
Oldest Participant, and Pastor's  
Choice Award



*Fun activities for  
the kids too!*



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For more info, email:  
[cccportbyron@gmail.com](mailto:cccportbyron@gmail.com)  
Or call: 309-523-2834

*"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*

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT



# SPENDING TIME TOGETHER

# Hello Summer!



The summer heat is already upon us but that didn't stop us from spending time together. We started the month with our first semi-annual Volleyball Tournament and had a great turnout! We are looking forward to our next one in the fall!



Our annual River Bandits baseball outing was June 21<sup>st</sup>, complete with great seats, great company, and fireworks to end the night!



*"From them will come songs of thanksgiving and the sound of rejoicing. I will add to their numbers, and they will not be decreased; I will bring them honor, and they will not be disdained."*

Jeremiah 30:19

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT



HELPING AREA SCHOOLS

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

# BACK 2 SCHOOL

supply drive

Drop-off Location:  
3817 230th St. N, Port Byron



## WHAT WE NEED:

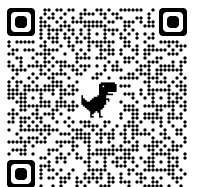
Book Bags, Glue Sticks, Wide & Narrow Lined Notebooks, Wide & Narrow Lined Loose Leaf Paper, Index Cards, Folders, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Highlighters, Dry Erase Markers, Crayola Colored Pencils, Crayola Crayons, Water Paints, Fiskar Scissors, No.2 Pencils, Erasers, etc.

The Mission's department is asking for your help in providing school supplies for students in the Riverdale School district. The first day of school is August 17th so we would like to collect supplies during the month of July. Thank you!

**COLLECTION PERIOD  
JULY 1 - AUG 4**

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

For a complete list of school supplies by grade,  
check scan the QR code with your phone.



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 50 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.

*"2023 IDES is celebrating 50 years of service. Their goal this year is to raise \$750,000 in 2023 to make sure 50 churches can be planted globally as IDES celebrates 50 years of work in the US and around the world. Each church can be started for between ten and twenty thousand dollars depending on location. We will work with our global partners to establish churches as early as late 2023." (Annual Report 2022)*

In 2022 IDES was active in 49 countries with 160 projects, 117 partners and they helped over 500,000 people. There were over 8.5 K volunteer hours and over 221,000 refugees helped. Countries which received assistance were Ethiopia, Haiti, Ukraine, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Kenya as well as the United States. Whenever there is an emergency either man made or by Mother Nature IDES is "the boots on the ground" providing aid and spreading the Gospel message.

**Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Countryside will be partnering with Erie Christian Church doing a GAP food bag packing event at CCC. We will be starting at 9:00 A.M. Many volunteers will be needed to fill about 15,000 bags which will be sent around the world to feed the hungry in disaster areas. The money donated at the August Cruise-in will go to IDES to cover the cost of the ingredients in the food bags.**

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.





*Please pray for these CCC kids as they go to camp this month at Rock River Christian Camp. May God bless their time there and use it to bring them into a deeper walk with Him.*

**EDGE (High School) 6/18-24**  
Ellie Johnson & Lauren Tiesman

**ELEVATE (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) 6/25-30**  
Kellan Schmidt & Connor Kohrt



**FIRST CHANCE (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>) 7/5-8**  
Judah Bird & Alonzo Ramos

**EMBARK (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) 7/9-14**  
Clara Jones



*"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*

# 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

Countryside  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

PORT BYRON, IL 61275-9780

Login | Sign Up

Countryside Christian Church

Give: \$0.00

To: Tithe

Recurring Giving

Every Week

Thursday

First Name

Last Name

Email

Card

Bank

Card number

MM / YY CVC

Give \$0.00

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*

**2023 Offering Budget:** \$104,326  
**YTD Offering Actual:** \$110,811

**2023-2024 Mission Year**  
*(beginning 5/1/2023)*  
Faith Promises Goal: \$52,390  
Faith Promises YTD: \$4115



 **JULY**  
Birthdays

- 4 – Camden Collis
- 4 – Brooke Heydeman
- 6 – Ruthie Coverdill
- 7 – Georgia Cullison
- 8 – Kameron Simms
- 9 – Hannah Langworthy
- 12 – Leo Chasek
- 14 – Val Rutledge
- 14 – Dawn Tiesman
- 15 – Connie Curry
- 16 – Judy Millies
- 17 – Harry Kohrt
- 18 – Adam Rutledge
- 21 – Kellan Schmidt
- 27 – Joyce Reiling

 **JULY**  
Anniversaries

- 7 – Paul & Mikah Mikles
- 16 – Wayne & Cathy Lotz



# VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

## Childrens Ministry

Sunday School (9:30-10:15)			Worship* (10:45-12:00)				
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				
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
16	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Cathy Lotz	16	Karen Allison	Sarah Denekas	Shanie Bird	Addison Tiesman
23	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Gail Horst	23	Karen Allison	Connie Curry	Shanie Bird	Becki Winger
30	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Becki Winger	30	Family Sunday	Family Sunday	Shanie Bird	Kathy Kohrt

## Worship Ministry



### COMMUNION MEDITATION

### GREETERS

- July 2 – Jim Kaecker
- July 9 – Ryan Schmidt
- July 16 – Teresa Garcia
- July 23 – Wayne Lotz
- July 30– Steve Allison

*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



- Gabe & Teresa Garcia
- Kenny & Debbie Collis
- Rock & Sandy Lawrence

*"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*





# July

# 2023

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

It is for **freedom**  
That Christ has set us free.  
Galatians 5:1



2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP SERVICE</b> 10:45AM		Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am 	<b>Small Groups</b> Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	Worship Team 6:30pm	Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm	Women's Coffee 9:30am 
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6-7:30PM**

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<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 9:30AM <b>COFFEE TIME</b> 10:15AM <b>WORSHIP SERVICE &amp; VBS PROGRAM</b> 10:45AM <b>POTLUCK LUNCH</b>						