



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)
3-5pm Impact (Jr High/
High School)
6:30pm Small Groups

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Live Streaming Info:
Check out our Facebook
and Youtube pages!



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 Church Family,

We are closing out October and moving into November and oh what an October it has been. Please be in prayer for God's protection over our church. Ministry is happening. God is good. There is no doubt in my mind that the enemy will be taking notice.

Several months ago, the church leadership made the decision to purchase a bus to transport Riverdale school students to Impact and Kids Club. Each week we run near capacity and have had record attendance for these programs. The average attendance so far is between 77 and 80. This is almost double last year's. This all started with a fantastic kick off event with around 150 people on our church campus. Shortly after starting Kids Club, the Ladies Connect Conference took place with the launch of a great new ministry. Our church attendance is moving upward, and when you add up all of our church programming, I estimate that we have nearly 200 people now actively coming through our church doors on a regular basis.

In the past three weeks, I have sat down and talked with more than 20 people about placing their membership with Countryside and will have the pleasure of baptizing at least four of them in the near future. This is an exciting time for Countryside, so church family, we must humble ourselves and pray.

Let's pray together that the enemy will be bound. Let's pray together, that we will have strength to fortify our own personal commitment to Christ. Let's pray together that our church will be one, and find meaningful service and ministry to the community. Pray and ask God to reveal to you specific ways that you can advance and serve the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. We can rejoice and pray together.

Steve




VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

On November 11th, 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

CHRISTMAS ROAD TRIP

The Journey Of A Lifetime



December 17th
10:45am

This year, the children of the church will be putting together a Christmas play that will be presented during the Worship Service on December 17th. 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!!

"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 a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner.

We ask you to support our efforts by donating money towards a gift card this year in order to allow us to give specific gifts to meet specific needs.

In the past, we have put together baskets with a turkey, gravy, 5lb bag of potatoes, ingredients for green bean casserole, butter, sweet potatoes, gallon of milk, pumpkin pie, and dinner rolls. However, we understand that not all families are the same size and some have dietary restrictions. So, this year, we are going to be blessing these families with a gift card according to their family size to purchase the groceries they need instead.

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

All donations due Sunday, Nov 12th

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

SENIORS' SPAGHETTI SUPPER

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT



If you are a senior and retired, you are invited to a Spaghetti Supper on Friday, November 10, 2023!

Please sign up this Sunday at church so we know how many to plan for.

Any questions, please contact Gabe Garcia.

Spaghetti Dinner
Friday, November 10th
5:00 pm

Menu:
Spaghetti
Bread
Salad
Dessert



We thank you very, very much! Phone: 809-523-2834

Email: cccportbyron@gmail.com

Web: countrysidecc.org

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Schedule

- 2 – Weekly Meeting
- 8 – Weekly Meeting
- 15 – PARENT OPEN HOUSE
- 22 – NO KIDS CLUB
- 29 – Weekly Meeting



Open House

NOVEMBER 15TH
4 – 5PM

Parents are invited to join us and see all the fun we have each Wednesday night, play games with your child, and watch our closing activities.



Spaghetti Dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

5:30-7:30PM

This month's fun monthly event is our annual Spaghetti Dinner! The kids should be at the church at 4:30pm to help prepare the dinner and set up. It starts at 5:30pm. 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!

Contact Us!

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THANK YOU FOR SERVING!



We are excited to announce
our new Elders, Deacons, and Department
Heads for 2023-2024!

Elders:

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

Deacons:

Tim Smith
Corey Chasek
Galvin Garcia
Randy Denekas
Bob Gipson
Mike Winger

2023-2024 Department Heads

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

*Thank you, leaders for
serving our church so
faithfully. We are
thankful for you!*

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Pioneer Bible Translators

Norm and Jill Weatherhead work with Pioneer Bible Translators in Papua, New Guinea as Bible translators. They have been involved there for over 20+ years. They are from Calgary, Canada. Drawn by a vision to see God's work changing lives in every language, Norm and his wife, Jill have devoted their lives to translation work.

Late this summer Norm and Jill moved into Dallas and became "Dorm Parents" for the 30+ students who are living in the guesthouse and are attending the linguistic school on campus, Dallas International University (DIU). "We are so encouraged by seeing the enthusiasm and desire of these young people to learn the fundamental studies of Applied Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Ethno-Arts and Musicology, Cross-Cultural Studies, and much more. Many of these students are desiring to go to other countries of the world to impact the people there with the Gospel". (Newsletter Sept. 23)

"The full Akukem national team (5 men and 1 woman) was able to come out from their remote villages to the town of Madang where our PBT office is located in PNG. Our translation team is now starting to work within the epistles of the New Testament. Our focus right now is the Pastoral Epistles (1&2 Timothy and Titus). In just 3 ½ weeks, we were able to go completely through 1 & 2 timothy. Our checking session was just ½ a day each day since my 5pm-10pm was their 8am to 1pm over in Madang."

Travel update Jill just left Dallas (Oct. 12) to go back to Calgary so she can participate in the New West Orchestra and Singers for one more season and also to host a women's retreat in Pine Lake, AB. Jill is broadening her ministry to touch the lives of women. I (Norm) will return to Calgary for two weeks (Oct.27-Nov.14) as I have travel medical insurance that allows me to travel for 75 days at a time. Jill will return to be with me and the students in the Guesthouse later in December through January." (Newsletter Oct. 23)

Praises:

- That the Akukem team members were able to travel into and out of Madang as planned to do the online Zoom checking session.
- We were able to completely review and revise 1&2 Timothy
- 2 new solar panel and laptop systems were purchased to replace old equipment so translation can keep moving forward while they are in their villages
- No one was hurt physically during the two major earthquakes that hit the Madang area just before they left to go back to the villages.

Prayer requests:

- That the translated portions of Scripture will impact the hearts of the translation team members as they work on their translation assignments.
- That we will be able to lay the foundation for printed and audio forms of Scripture which we will be able to get out to people and churches in the next year and beyond.
- That I will learn much from the Paratext courses to help our team improve our methods of Scripture translation and distribution.



Norm and Jill state that they are so grateful for our partnership with them in prayer and financial support. For more information refer to the 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 13, 2024**. 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 8, 2023**. 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 20th at 7pm at First Baptist Church in Cordova



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 19th

Thank you!!



"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."
Psalm 73:26

Grateful to God

Our Giving

YTD Offering Budget: \$201,602

YTD Offering Actual: \$209,042

YTD Faith Promises: \$13,775

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!



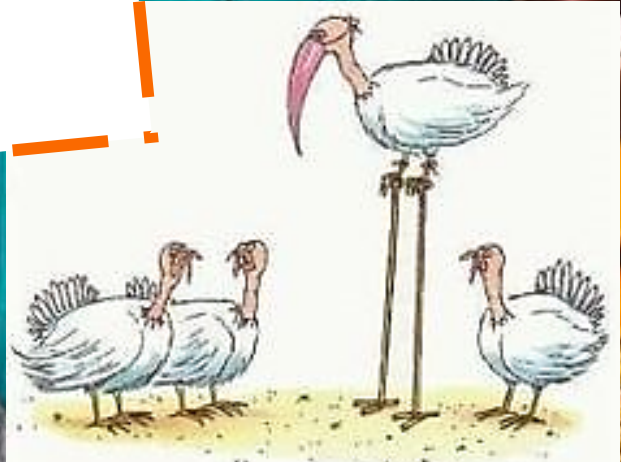
NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 8 – Karen Allison
- 10 – Tim Trout
- 12 – Nathan Johnson
- 12 – Judah Bird
- 16 – John Krogman
- 17 – Ana Biscontine
- 19 – Holly Trout
- 20 – Sawyer Horton
- 21 – Jorgia Horton
- 21 – Riley Horton
- 22 – Cleo Krogman
- 22 – Elmo Lawson
- 25 – Mary Lawson



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

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

Children's 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				
November			November				
5	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Ruthie Coverdill	5	Karen Allison	Laura Schmidt	Shanie Bird	Ruthie Coverdill
12	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Becki Winger	12	Karen Allison	Sarah Denekas	Shanie Bird	Amber Miller
19	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Ruthie Coverdill	19	Karen Allison	Criss Evans	Shanie Bird	Sandy Lawrence
26	Connie Curry Judy Millies	Sarah Denekas	26	Karen Allison	Amber Bird	Shanie Bird	Ana Biscontine

Worship Ministry



COMMUNION MEDITATION

November 5 – Jim Kaecker
 November 12 – Teresa Garcia
 November 19 – Steve Allison
 November 26 – Ryan Schmidt

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

Ben & Corey White
 Rhonda Stahl & Cheryl Gipson
 Jeff & Naomi Jones



"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

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Kids Club & Impact 3-5pm Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	2 Worship Team 6:30pm	3 Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm	4
5 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM 	6 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm U of I Home Extension 7-9pm	7 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am Kids Club/Impact Leader Mtg - 6:30pm	8 Kids Club & Impact 3-5pm Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	9 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm Worship Team 6:30pm	10 Seniors Spaghetti Dinner - 5pm 	11 Women's Coffee 9:30am  Baby Shower 1pm  Veterans Day
12 Thanksgiving Donations Due SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM	13 Church in use Zuma Township Meeting	14 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	15 Kids Club & Impact 3-5pm OPEN HOUSE Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	16 Worship Team 6:30pm	17	18 Men's Breakfast 9:00am  Spaghetti Supper Kids Club 5:30pm 
19 Poinsettia Orders Due SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45AM	20 URICMA Thanksgiving Service 7pm @ First Baptist Church in Cordova 	21 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	22 No Wednesday activities	23 THANKSGIVING 	24	25
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>>Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets<<