

the MESSENGER

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MAY 2024

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

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

Live Streaming Info:
Paste the links below into
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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

This month is when time starts to FLY, it seems like! End of school, graduations, Mother's Day, Women's Retreat, yard work, baseball games, and on and on. I thought this poem was fitting since this month is Mother's Day...but you men can read it too!

WHAT WOULD GOD SAY TO THE OVERWHELMED WOMAN?

*I made you for such a time as this.
Before you were born I knew you, while you struggled to find out who you are, and even
as you struggle still. I. Am.*

*I am with you. I made you for such a time as this.
When you feel overwhelmed I am in the midst of struggle. When you chase for the finish
line, I am in the moment of triumph. Even when you fall flat, I am there in the trenches.
All you have to do is see me.*

*You were made for such a time as this.
For even when you fail, I can use it. And even when you fall short, I can pick up the slack.
Each moment, each challenge, every triumph, every failure. These are simply moments
for me to make myself more known by you.*

You were made for such a time as this.

*You are never alone. You are not forsaken. I have been with you from conception and will
be with you throughout eternity. So when you feel overwhelmed, just know that I am
there and together we can.*

Because I made you for such a time as this.



OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT



Sydney Collis will be graduating on May 19th from Erie High School. She will be studying psychology, starting with Blackhawk College, and plans to become a psychiatrist.

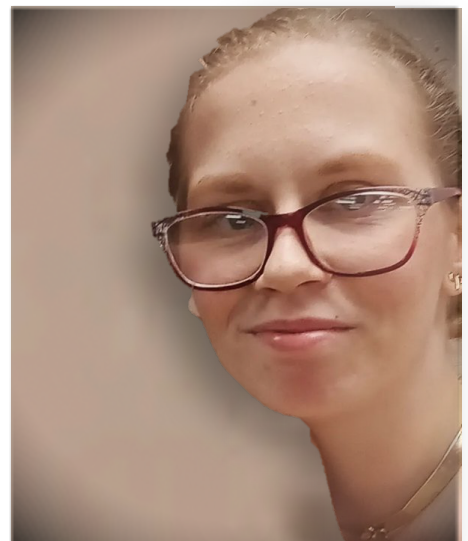


Seth Johnson will be graduating on May 19th from Erie High School. He will be farming, working on getting his CDL license, and continuing with his auto-detailing business. In the fall, he hopes to be part of an Agricultural Engineering student work program.

On June 2nd, we will honor these four graduates during the worship service and with a cake reception following the service. Congratulations! We are so proud of you!



Sioux Jackson will be graduating from Erie High School on May 19th. She is planning to continue working at the horse stables and go to trade school for mechanics.



Danni Rimkus will be graduating from Riverdale High School on May 19th and heading to college in Champaign, Illinois where she will be studying music therapy.

VBS 2024

Mark your calendars for this year's VBS: **YEEHAW! Outlaws for God**
More information will be coming out soon!

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT



YEEHAW!

Outlaws
for God

VBS
JULY 21-25

FOR MORE INFO:
309-523-2834
Register online



www.countrysidecc.org
For K - 5th Grade



Matthew 19:14: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

SPRING VOLLEYBALL EVENT



12:00PM LUNCH AND CHECK-IN

1:00PM VOLLEYBALL GAMES BEGIN

ENTRY FEE: 1 canned good per person for the local food pantry

- Teams made up of 6-8 players
- Elementary, Jr. High, High School, and Adult teams
- Game Play Bracket will be posted that day
- Lunch provided

SIGN UP BEFORE APRIL 28TH

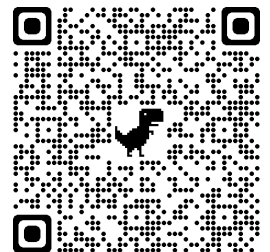
Date: May 5, 2024

Address: 3817 230th St. N, Port Byron, IL 61275

Contact us at (309) 523-2834 or cccportbyron@gmail.com

Sign up on this Google Doc (or at the church):

<https://shorturl.at/iksyM>



SPRING CLEANING TIME!

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

CARING & SHARING

SPRING CLEANING TIME!

Everything is FREE!

MAY | **25**
10AM-2PM

3817 230th St N. Port Byron, IL

For more information, visit www.countrysidecc.org or call 309-523-2834

9-10AM SET UP TIME BULLETIN BOARD FOR LARGE OBJECTS 2PM CLEAN UP TIME

Looking ahead...on Saturday, May 25th, we will be having a “Caring and Sharing” day!

Time to do some spring cleaning?? You know one person's trash is another person's treasure! Bring your items to the church on May 25th to fill tables in the yard (bring a table if you can) between 9-10am. Everyone in the community is welcome to come and "shop" between 10am-2pm. Any leftover items can be donated to an area donation center. If you have large objects such as furniture or other items, there will be a bulletin board where pictures can be posted and arrangements made for pick up.

Examples of items: towels and bedding, tables and chairs, furniture, tools, clothes bundles (by size or boy/girl).

If you have items you can't haul or you are unable to attend, you can post your items on the bulletin board by the mailboxes in the church hallway.

9:00am Set Up – church tables are available if needed

10:00am – 2:00pm – “shop”

3:00-4:00pm – clean up and remove any remaining items

Anything left over at the end of the day can be donated or taken back home. Some suggestions of area donation locations are:

Ann's Helping Hands (Port Byron) The Oasis (East Moline)

Humble Beginnings (Eldridge) Jacob's Ladder (Erie)

Luke 3:10-11: “What should we do then?” the crowd asked. John answered, ‘Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.’”



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 Hawkins 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.

Al and Annette Hamilton, Sonja's parents, were instrumental in establishing Outreach International in 1977. Sonja and Dale's faith and commitment to Christ has helped to continue to take the message of salvation thru Christ to many countries around the world.

In May they were able to make a trip to India and work first hand with Cornerstone Bible College a recently established college. In September Sonja's sister, who works as a YES worker in SE Asia, was back for a visit. While here a third sister Fran was able to come from Georgia and the three sisters were able to have a short reunion. Dale and Sonja have been care givers for their parents for the past couple of years. "This year specifically has been among the most challenging for us in many ways having dealt with parent' illnesses and ministry challenges. Several of the Outreach International missionaries, advisers, office personnel and projects have faced a lot of spiritual warfare this year."

Prayer requests: Pray for new workers, pray for Dale's dad health, pray for the missionaries, office staff and directors, pray for Cornerstone Bible College as they make big decisions about building a residential college, also pray for more workers for the fields that are "white unto harvest".

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.

BLOOD DRIVE UPDATE

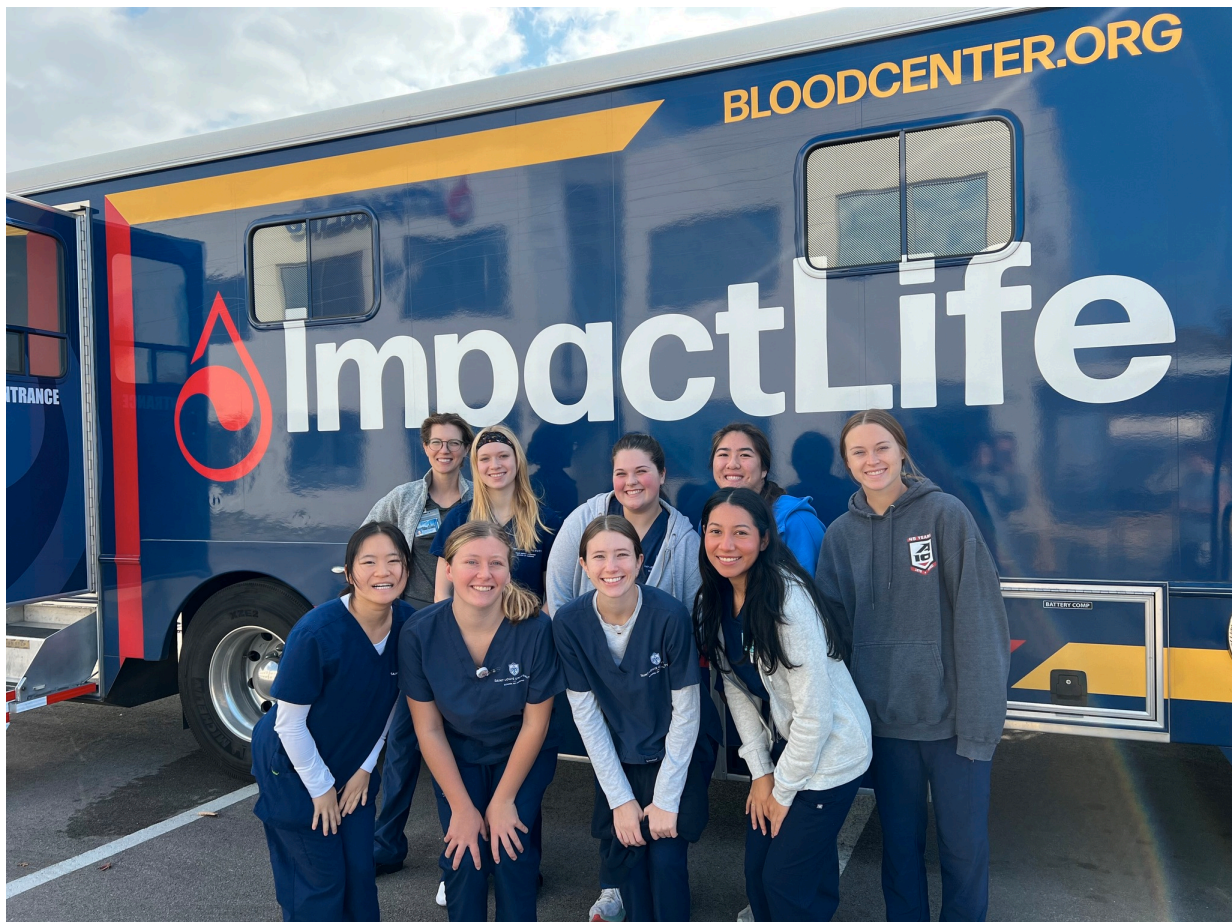
Countryside held its annual rescheduled blood drive on Saturday April 13. Our turn out was GREAT! Our goal was 14 units and we collected 21. Thank you to everyone who came and donated. Those 21 units helped 63 people!

Because our turn out was so good, Impact Life has asked us to do two blood drives in the next twelve months, one being in November 2024 and another in April 2025.

Follow your newsletter and bulletin for the dates and sign up instructions.

Thank you to all those who participated.

Connie Curry



Isaiah 58:10: "If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday."

TACO BAR POTLUCK LUNCH

SENIORS MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Bring a friend to our

Seniors Picnic Potluck



May 24th | 12:00 pm
at Roger & Connie Curry's house
21525 49th Ave N, Port Byron, IL

If you are a retired senior adult, you are welcome to join us monthly at one of our events! This month, Roger and Connie Curry are hosting a picnic lunch at their house May 24th at noon. Each month, a fun get-together is planned and a chance to form deeper friendships.



Colossians 2:2: "That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ."

2024 Women's Retreat

May 17-18

Rock River Christian Camp



GUEST SPEAKER

Amy Skogerboe

Amy is an inspirational speaker and believer in Christ with a passion for influencing others to live their faith life to the full! With a bachelor's degree in education and master's in educational leadership, Amy is currently ministering as a pastor's wife just outside of Chicago. She is a proud mother of 5 grown boys through birth and adoption and currently the foster momma of 3 littles, Calvin, Kimmy, and Mercy.

Friday Night/Saturday - \$55

(Includes three meals/lodging)

Saturday Only - \$25

(Includes breakfast and lunch)

**Register on our website:
www.countrysidecc.org**



Retreat Schedule

Friday, May 17

- 6:00pm Dinner
- 6:45pm Worship
- 7:15pm Session 1 "What's Love Got to Do with It?"
- 8:00pm Prayer
- 8:30pm Closing
- 8:45pm Snacks and Fellowship

Saturday, May 18

- 8:00am Breakfast
- 8:45am Worship
- 11:00am Session 2 "Know Your Source"
- 11:45am Break
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 12:45pm Breakout Session
- 1:30pm Worship and Closing



Proverbs 31:10 "A capable, intelligent, and virtuous woman—who is he who can find her? She is far more precious than jewels and her value is far above rubies or pearls."

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

May 1st is the beginning of the next Missions Year. We collected our faith promises for the coming year during our "Mission Not Impossible" Sunday on April 21st.

As of right now, our goal for the 2024-2025 Missions Year is:

\$33,200.00!!

Thank you for supporting the work of missions!

Remember our missionaries can only continue the important work of sharing the good news of Jesus with the prayerful and monetary support of churches like Countryside!

Countryside supports a wide variety of ministries including:

- Christian higher education
- Youth and adult camping experiences
- Global disaster relief and evangelism
- Ministry to the Chinese people in the U.S. & China
- Church plants in Mexico
- Bible translation in Papua, New Guinea
- Ministry to recruit and support missionaries around the world



GIVING

2023-2024

Offering Budget

(Starting 10/1/2023):

\$88,269.23

YTD Offering Actual

\$90,470.71

FAITH PROMISE

2023-2024 Mission Year

(Starting 5/1/2023)

Faith Promises Goal:

\$52,390

YTD Actual:

\$35,478

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.

"So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." Matthew 6:8

FINANCEHIGHLIGHT



May BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Hetty Volk
- 4 – Amber Ramos
- 6 – Joanne Wiklund
- 9 – Brian Tiesman
- 14 – Mikah Mikles
- 22 – Steve Allison
- 24 – Averie Barnes
- 24 – Jasper Denekas
- 25 – Rhett Biscontine
- 25 – Scott Horton
- 25 – Larry Van Oosten
- 26 – Dylan Trout
- 28 – Natalia Ramos
- 29 – Teagan Collis

Psalm 139:13-14

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

May ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Mike & Becki Winger
- 3 – Adam & Val Rutledge
- 6 – Brock & Ruthie Coverdill
- 30 – Corey & Kati Jo Chasek
- 31 – Rock & Sandy Lawrence



VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

Children's Ministry

Sunday School (9:30-10:15)		Worship* (10:45-12:00)					
		Children's Church			Nursery		
Date	Nursery	Date	Teacher	Helper	Leader	Helper	Jr. 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					
May		May					
5	Cathy Lotz	5	Cathy Lotz	Kati Jo Chasek	Mikah Mikles	Vanessa Krogman	Gabby Krogman
12	Ruthie Coverdill	12	Cathy Lotz	Chris Evans	Mikah Mikles	Ruthie Coverdill	Lauren Tiesman
19	Gail Horst	19	Cathy Lotz	Alisha Simms	Mikah Mikles	Amber Miller	Fallen Byers
26	Becki Winger	26	Cathy Lotz	Donna Vickroy	Mikah Mikles	Sarah Denekas	Maddie Holderman

Worship Ministry

COMMUNION MEDITATION

May 5 – Ryan Schmidt
 May 12 – Jim Kaecker
 May 19 – Wayne Lotz
 May 26 – Judy Millies

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



Criss Evans
 John & Vanessa Krogman
 Jimmy & Jamie Schumpert



"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

2024 MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."</i> Proverbs 31:26</p>			<p>1 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>2 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</p> 	<p>3 Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm</p>	<p>4 Men's Breakfast 9:00am</p> 
<p>5 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Spring Volleyball Tourney 1:00pm</p> 	<p>6 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm</p>	<p>7 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>8 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>9 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Women's Coffee 9:30am</p> 
<p>12 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>15 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17-18 Women's Retreat at RRCC May 17-18</p>	
<p>19 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>22 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Seniors Potluck Lunch – 12:00pm</p> 	<p>25 Sharing and Caring 10am – 2pm</p> 
<p>26 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30</p>	<p>27  MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>28 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>29 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	