



What comes to your mind when you think of Independence Day?

For many Americans, the Fourth of July serves as a day to watch fireworks, barbeque and have a good time with friends and family. While there is nothing wrong with having these traditions, it is important to remember the reason behind why we celebrate this holiday.

Samuel Adams, the father of the American Revolution, was bold in proclaiming his faith. To him, signing the Declaration of Independence meant no longer submitting to Great Britain, but rather, submitting to the Lord (Crowe, 2008). As a result, America would be free from the power of man and able to serve Christ. What a significant day in history! It is important to remember what our duties are as Christians. We are called to serve Christ and Christ alone, and it is such a blessing that we can live in a country where we have the freedom to do so.

Oftentimes, the enemy will use distractions to keep us from fulfilling our duties as Christians. Being distracted by all that happens on the Fourth of July can cause us to lose sight of the true meaning of the holiday. This is dangerous, as it can ultimately cause us to stray away from Christ.

So, why is it important to acknowledge the significance of Independence Day, and how can we do so in today's world?

American liberty is a blessing from God. Because of our freedom, we can express our faith and boldly share it with others. It is important to recognize that in many other parts of the world, this is not the case. The cost of following Christ is much greater for our brothers and sisters across the globe.

With this in mind, I encourage you to not lose sight of why we celebrate Independence Day. Take time to reflect on the ways God has blessed you in your life, and make it a goal to not take the freedom we have for granted. As you spend this day with family and friends, I encourage you to celebrate the blessing of freedom that was given to us by Christ.
~Lauren Abraham, 2016



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:
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:



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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

Elders: Wayne Lotz
Ryan Schmidt
Jim Kaecker

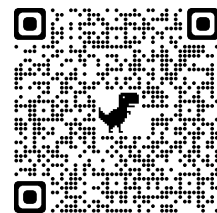


VBS 2024



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 (5th 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!

Volunteers



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."

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Sarah Denekas, Education Chair

Sunday School teacher needed for a 3rd – 5th grade class this fall!

If you are looking for a way to serve, we have you covered! We are looking to fill an opening for a new class that will be starting up soon!

We are looking for an individual who would like to teach a Sunday School class for kids who are in 3rd through 5th grade. This age group is learning and growing like crazy and would appreciate a dedicated teacher.

Get a load of these statistics! According to the Barna Group, almost half (43 percent) of Americans accept Jesus as their Savior before reaching 13 years old; 64 percent accept Jesus before they turn 18. You can have quite an impact! Think about it and let me know if you are interested in this opportunity or if you would like to volunteer in the Education Department. We would love to have you!



Isaiah 54:13 "All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace."

12TH ANNUAL CRUISE-IN COMING!

Georgia Cullison, Evangelism Chair

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

12th ANNUAL

Cruise-In



August 17, 2024

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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cccportbyron@gmail.com
Or call: 309-523-2834

Nehemiah 8:10 "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT

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 PORT BYRON, IL 61275-9780

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

2023-2024

Offering Budget

(Starting 10/1/2023):

\$88,269.23

YTD Offering Actual

\$90,470.71

Our Giving

2024-2025 Mission Year

(Starting 5/1/2024)

Faith Promises Goal:

\$42,000

YTD Actual:

\$5760

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.

May 16, 2024 newsletter "Jill and I have just returned from Papua New Guinea a few days ago. What a fantastic trip it was as we worked with the Akukem team to do both Bible translation exegetical checking and to our first attempt at audio recordings of their translated book of Luke. We praise God for being able to meet and even exceed some of the goals we had set for this trip.

The primary translation goal was to clean up a few verses in 1&2 Timothy from last year's work sessions, and then to do the complete exegetical check on the book of Titus. We were able to accomplish all this in just over one week of intense checking with the Akukem translators. This allowed us to move towards a new focus of doing Scripture audio recordings.

Jill and I experienced extreme heat and humidity, often compounded by long periods of power outages that occurred almost daily. (Most outages were about 2 hours, one day it lasted about 6 hours). We had a fridge that froze everything, both up and down, at least when we had electricity. We experienced torrential rains that would flood the streets and threatened to spill into our PBT office. But no matter what we experienced, we knew that being there with the Akukem team was worth it all as we seek to bring God's word to them in their language. "

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 Norm 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.

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BACK 2 SCHOOL

supply drive

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



WHAT WE NEED:

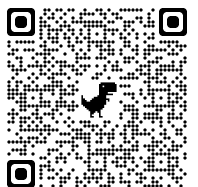
Book Bags, Glue Sticks, Wide & Narrow Lined Notebooks, Wide & Narrow Lined Loose Leaf Paper, Index Cards, Folders, Kleenex, Paper Towels, Highlighters, Dry Erase Markers, Crayola Colored Pencils, Crayola Crayons, Water Paints, Fiskar Scissors, No.2 Pencils, Erasers, etc.

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 9

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



PROPERTY UPDATES

Steve Allison, Property Chair

This month was a busy one for our Property Department! Through a generous donation, we were able to replace all of the lights in the classrooms at the church!! The new modern fixtures with bright lighting is such a great change!

We also had many volunteers help paint the bricks of the gym walls this month! Thank you, thank you to everyone who came out on a Wednesday night to brighten up our gym!



Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ~ 1 Peter 4:10

PROPERTY HIGHLIGHT



CELEBRATION BELLE SENIORS CRUISE

Join us for an unforgettable day of
cruising on the Mississippi River on
the beautiful Celebration Belle!



July 27, 2024



4:00pm



Admission details will be coming soon!



RSVP to Dennis and Kim Ford



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."

ADDITIONAL SOUND SYSTEM

Ryan Schmidt, Worship Chair

This month, our sound technician, Junior was able to get us set up with an additional sound system down in the gym. Thank you for this generous gift, Junior!! This has already been put to use for our summer DDS classes during Sunday School in the gym and will definitely be used for any events, including the upcoming car show! This is such a great addition to our church!



1 Chronicles 16:23 "Sing to the Lord, all the earth; proclaim His salvation day after day."

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT

1 – Ethan Cromie
 4 – Camden Collis
 4 – Brooke Heydeman
 6 – Ruthie Coverdill
 7 – Georgia Cullison
 8 – Kameron Simms
 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 – Eric Jackson
 27 – Hazel Krogman
 27 – Joyce Reiling

7 – Paul & Mikah Mikles
 16 – Wayne & Cathy Lotz
 20 – Chris & Ana Biscontine



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					
July		July					
7	Becki Winger	7	Vanessa Krogman	Naomi Jones	Mikah Mikles	Amber Miller	Lauren Tiesman
14	Gail Horst	14	Vanessa Krogman	Kati Jo Chasek	Mikah Mikles	Becky Collis	Gabby Krogman
21	Sarah Denekas	21	Vanessa Krogman	Alicia Simms	Mikah Mikles	Cathy Lotz	Maddie Holderman
28	Cathy Lotz	28	Vanessa Krogman	Becki Winger	Mikah Mikles	Sandy Lawrence	Fallen Byers

Worship Ministry

COMMUNION MEDITATION

July 7 - Jim Kaecker
 July 14 - Ryan Schmidt
 July 21 - Wayne Lotz
 July 28 - Teresa Garcia

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

Rock & Sandy Lawrence
 Dennis & Kim Ford
 Ana Biscontine






"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 JULY



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm	2 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	3 Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	4 	5	6 Men's Breakfast 9:00am 
7 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30	8	9 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am VBS Mtg-6:30pm	10 Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	11 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm	12 Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm	13 Women's Coffee 9:30am 

EMBARK (3RD-5TH GRADE) CAMP (RRCC)

14 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30	15	16 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	17 Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	18	19 VBS Craft/Decorating Day	20 VBS Craft/Decorating Day
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21 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Commissioning Service for Mission Team Girl Scouts 3-4:30	22	23 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	24 Small Groups Port Byron -6pm Geneseo - 6pm	25 VBS Parent Program 7:00pm	26	27 Mission Team Leaves Senior Adults Outing 4pm 
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VBS 6:00 - 7:30PM (K - 5TH GRADE)

28 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30 	29	30	31	<p>It is for freedom That Christ has set us free. Galatians 5:1</p> 		
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MISSION TRIP TO APPALACHIA (JULY 27-AUG 3)