

welcome

● NEW MEMBERS ●



This month we have been continuing to work through DDS classes during the Sunday School hour. We are so happy to welcome two new couples to our church family as they placed their membership at CCC: Pat and Joanne Riley and Dennis and Kim Ford. If you have not had a chance to meet these wonderful people yet, please take a minute to introduce yourself on Sunday morning. We are so happy to welcome you into our church family Pat and Joanne, and Dennis and Kim!

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:
6:00pm Small Groups

Church Office:
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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



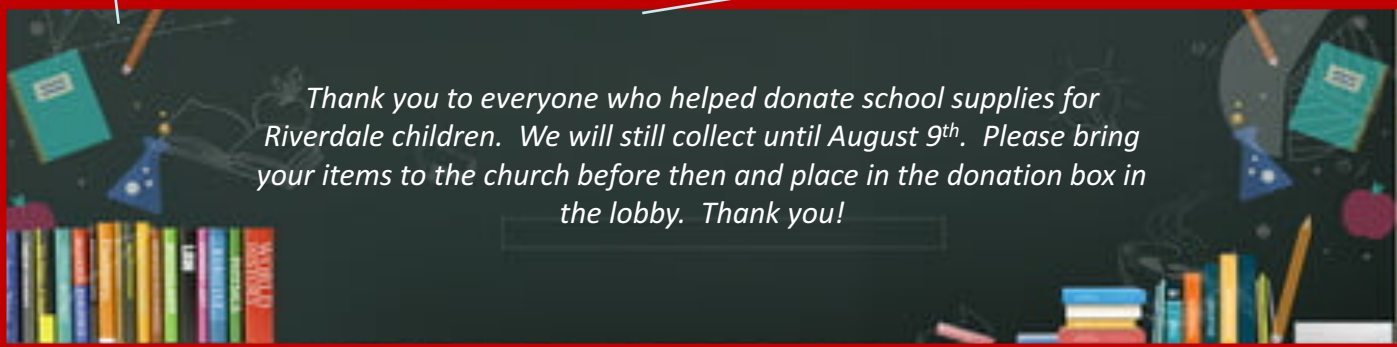
BACK to SCHOOL

God, we pray for all of our students that they will grow in wisdom over the course of this year. We pray that they will grow academically, learning all that is required of them. We pray that they will work hard, and be successful in their studies. More importantly, we pray that they continue to grow in the wisdom that comes from You. We pray that they become more capable lights to those around them and learn and follow Your heart for them as they make decisions. Give us as parents the wisdom to assist our children as they walk through this life and help us to discern how best to help them.

We pray that our children will continue to grow in faith and obedience to You. We pray that they have integrity in their choices, whether those choices are seen by others or not. We pray that they act in love and kindness towards others, especially those whom the world pushes to the margins. We pray You give them strength to stand up for the outcast. We pray that they may have strength to stand up for what is right. We pray for their obedience to You and other authority figures in their lives. We pray that they image Jesus in all their actions, words, and interactions with others. We pray that they are a light to those around them. We pray that they surround themselves with people who will help them grow closer to You.



Thank you to everyone who helped donate school supplies for Riverdale children. We will still collect until August 9th. Please bring your items to the church before then and place in the donation box in the lobby. Thank you!





Fall Kick-Off

JOIN US ON

Sunday, August 25th

at Countryside Christian Church

for a Kickoff Rally to learn about our new activities
and Sunday classes being offered this fall.

Our Sunday School Groups:

- Pre-School – 2nd Grade (Teacher: Connie Curry)
- NEW!** • **3rd – 5th Grade (Teacher: Ruthie Coverdill)**
- Jr High/High School (Teacher: Judy Millies)
- Adult (Teacher: Steve Allison)
- Adult (Teacher: Wayne Lotz)
- Adult (Teachers: Larry & Connie Van Oosten)
- NEW!** • **Adult (Teacher: TBA)**

Our Wednesday Activities:

- Kids Club (**New Director: Sandy Lawrence**)
- Impact Jr High/High School (Teacher: Steve Allison)
- Adult Small Group at CCC
- Adult Small Group in Geneseo

To learn more, please call: 309-523-2834

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT



Thank you, thank you to everyone who made VBS possible this week!! We started off with 35 kids registered and had 65 by the end of the week. Thank you, parents, for bringing your children and supporting youth ministry here at CCC. We had a blast this week! Thank you to the fabulous leaders who volunteered and did a phenomenal job!

Director: Ellie Johnson
Registration: Alicia Simms
Kindergarten and 1st Grade – Sandy Lawrence
2nd and 3rd Grade – Judy Millies and Teresa Garcia
4th and 5th Grade – Naomi Jones and Ryan Schmidt
Games: Georgia Cullison & Steve Allison
Crafts: Kim Ford, Nancy Dufur, and Judy Hamm
Snacks: Becki Winger, Becky Wierenga, Amber Ramos, and Jackie Naftzger
Bible Story Leader: Laura Schmidt
Adult Floater/Helper: Connie Curry
Youth Helpers: Ellie Johnson, Maddie Holderman, Natalia Ramos, Maddie Simms, Lauren Tiesman, Claire Arnold, Clara Jones, Abby Yoder, Kellan Schmidt, Erin Trout, Bella McClintock, and Caleb Flint

We pray that the Word of God was planted in the hearts of these children this week. It was a GREAT WEEK! Thank you again to all who helped and donated money, crafts, or snacks this week!

In Christ, Laura & Ellie



"The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18

CRUISE IN IS COMING!

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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"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 I

PAINT 'N PRAISE

Georgia Cullison, Evangelism Chair

Back by popular demand!



PAINT. POUR. party!

No artistic ability needed! If you can pour a cup of coffee, you can pour a cup of paint!

Free to attend and open to any adults in the church! Please sign up by August 11th to reserve your spot!

Bring an appetizer to share and come ready to have fun!

Paint 'n Praise
Saturday, August 24th
10:00am
FREE to attend!
Sign up by August 11th

at Countryside Christian Church



“And he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—³² to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze,³³ to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts.” ~ Exodus 35:31-33

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

ONLINE GIVING

Easy. Safe. Convenient.

SIGN
UP
TODAY!

FINANCE HIGHLIGHT

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):
\$130,769.23
YTD Offering Actual
\$139,747.11

Our Giving

2024-2025 Mission Year
(Starting 5/1/2024)
Faith Promises Goal:
\$42,000
YTD Actual:
\$7336

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Me & My House

Josh and Susan Sanchez are missionaries who established the church in Manzanillo, Mexico and are now working with the church in Colima, Mexico. They have worked in Mexico since January of 2006. Josh grew up in Mexico City, Mexico and attended Central Christian College in Moberly, MO 1999-2003. Susan grew up in Mexico, MO in the Christian Church. She attended CCCB in 1999-2003 also.

Basketball has opened new doors of evangelism. "This year, this semester, has been opening doors and making new relationships faster than the entire time we have lived here so far. Granted we've weathered a pandemic, a move, changes of schools, and a drug war. Now is no less stressful, but we definitely feel a real connection being made and it's through our kids' sports."

Not just their participation in the league, but the other kids noticing that Josh is a coach. They are listening to him and introducing him to their parents. The parents are in turn sitting by him in games, and Susan has been taking her breads to nearby tournaments which is a real icebreaker. Pray for the Holy Spirit to keep this moving positively." (Newsletter May 2024)



"Mexico recently elected a new president. We cannot predict what October will look like when she officially moves into office, but we do know that the day after elections the peso finally moved in our favor. It hasn't been this level since February 2023. We are grateful for the relief. Another relief that has happened since our last newsletter is the beginning of rainy season, or hurricane season. The very first storm off the Atlantic, Alberto, crossed Mexico and brought so much water that many lakes and reservoirs were overnight brought to 100% capacity when those same lakes and reservoirs hadn't seen 100% in years due to drought like conditions. Our water supply finally returned and it's nice not having to buy 3 truckloads of water per month or bucket shower. God is so good in all the mess of life."



Our next mountain to climb is that Sam will be following in his brother's footsteps and spending the next school year with Grandma Cay. As a kid I spent every summer with my grandparents in the camp kitchen. It till this day holds a very special place in my heart. Here in Mexico summer vacation is almost non-existent. So we send our kids for a school year instead. Pray for Sam, as it was no vacation for Isaac, but he came out of it stronger and better with a strong bond and love for his Grandma Cay that didn't exist before. We pray for the same with Sam that God will grow him through this." (Newsletter June 2024)



Prayer needs: Safety in the storm of this drug war, Isaac's schooling, Mexico's new president, new contacts, families in the church, and Erika's house arrangement You can read more about the mission in Colima and the Sanchez family in the mission booklet on the mission table.

PROPERTY UPDATES

Steve Allison, Property Chair

This month, some painting was done in one of the adult Sunday School classrooms and additional lights were purchased to brighten up the hallway, thanks to a few donations from people in the congregation.

Thank you for helping with building improvements and also to those who clean the church so faithfully each month. It takes all of us to keep the church maintained and looking good and we appreciate each one of you so much!



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

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

SUMMER POTLUCK

BRING YOUR APPETITE AND A DISH TO SHARE!

Friday
August 30 **6:00pm**

Countryside Christian Church

Any questions, please see
Dennis and Kim Ford

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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."

NEW EQUIPMENT

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT



This month, our sound technician, Junior Bird has been extra busy removing the large monitors from the stage and giving each worship team member a personal in-ear monitor system instead. This takes a little getting used to but offers a much more individualized control of sound.

He also is coordinating efforts to get the old speakers removed from the ceiling and adding four new speakers. We know that the sound has not been the best in certain areas of the sanctuary as our old speakers have started to fail and we are looking forward to having more uniform sound levels throughout the sanctuary so everyone can hear well wherever they may sit.

Thank you, Junior, for all your work with this! Thank you to all who will be helping with installing the new speakers and thank you to the church for providing this much needed equipment! Our main focus always is to praise Jesus and point to Him in everything we do and this new equipment will allow us to worship together without technical difficulties interfering.



"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



AUGUST Birthdays

- 3 – Jeff Jones
- 3 – Jimmy Schumpert
- 4 – Laura Schmidt
- 10 – Eric Ryden
- 11 – Addison Tiesman
- 13 – Alicia Simms
- 16 – Becky Wierenga
- 16 – Randy Denekas
- 16 – Connie Van Oosten
- 21 – Sarah Denekas
- 27 – Rock Lawrence
- 28 – Bob Gipson
- 28 – Kim Ford
- 29 – Laura Byers
- 29 – Erika Baxter
- 29 – Scott Olesen
- 30 – Beverley Skelton



AUGUST Anniversaries

- 6 – Jamie & Gail Horst
- 11 – Ryan & Laura Schmidt
- 26 – Dennis & Kim Ford
- 29 – Bob & Cheryl Gipson
- 29 – Jeff & Naomi Jones
- 30 – LeRoy & Laura Byers



VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

Children's Ministry

Sunday School (9:30-10:15)		Worship (10:45-12:00)					
Nursery		Nursery			Children's Church		
		<i>Nursery workers are scheduled for the entire church service from 10:45-12:00</i>			<i>Children's Church Teacher & helper are dismissed from service after the worship communion / offering</i>		
4	Sarah Denekas Cathy Lotz	4	Sarah Denekas Addison Tiesman Lauren Tiesman	4	Cathy Lotz Cheryl Gipson Ruthie Coverdill		
11	Sarah Denekas Cathy Lotz	11	Sarah Denekas Becki Winger Gabby Krogman	11	Cathy Lotz Connie Curry Ruthie Coverdill		
18	Sarah Denekas Becki Winger	18	Sandy Lawrence Chris Evans Maddie Holderman	18	Sarah Denekas Amber Harper Ruthie Coverdill		
25	Sarah Denekas Gail Horst	25	Sandy Lawrence Shanie Bird Fallen Byers	25	Sarah Denekas Georgia Cullison Ruthie Coverdill		

Worship Ministry

COMMUNION MEDITATION

August 4 – Jim Kaecker
 August 11 – Larry Van Oosten
 August 18 – Teresa Garcia
 August 25 – 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

Georgia Cullison
 Dawn & Brian Tiesman
 Roger & Connie Curry



"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 AUGUST

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

MISSION TRIP (JULY 27-AUG 3)


4
SUNDAY SCHOOL
 9:30AM
COFFEE TIME
 10:15AM
WORSHIP
 10:45AM
 Girl Scouts 3-4:30

5
Evangelism/
Missions 6:30pm
All Depts. 7pm

6
 Men's Study 9am
 Women's Study 9am

7
Small Groups
 Port Byron -6pm
 Geneseo - 6pm

8
 Zuma Extension 1-4pm

9
Pack the Backpack Due



10
Women's Coffee 9:30am



TUGFEST

11
SUNDAY SCHOOL
 9:30AM
COFFEE TIME
 10:15AM
WORSHIP
 10:45AM
 Girl Scouts 3-4:30

12

13
 Men's Study 9am
 Women's Study 9am

14
Small Groups
 Port Byron -6pm
 Geneseo - 6pm
1st day of School (6th - 12th)


15
1st day of School (K - 5th)


16

17
Cruise-In 11am - 2pm


18
SUNDAY SCHOOL
 9:30AM
COFFEE TIME
 10:15AM
WORSHIP
 10:45AM
 Girl Scouts 3-4:30

19

20
 Men's Study 9am
 Women's Study 9am

21
Small Groups
 Port Byron -6pm
 Geneseo - 6pm

22

23

24
Paint 'n Praise 10:00am


25
SUNDAY SCHOOL
 9:30AM
COFFEE TIME
 10:15AM
WORSHIP
 10:45AM

FALL KICK-OFF RALLY 12:00PM
 Girl Scouts 3-4:30

26


27
 Men's Study 9am
 Women's Study 9am

28
Small Groups
 Port Byron -6pm
 Geneseo - 6pm

29

30
Senior Adults Potluck Dinner 6:00pm

31
Gym reserved - Bev's 90th Birthday Party