

the MESSENGER

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 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:

3:30-5:00 Kids Club/Impact
6:00pm 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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NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START NEXT WEEK!



The time has come! Back to school! Sunday school that is! We are excited to invite you back to our small group Sunday school classes! We are kicking off the new classes starting on September 8th! We offer something for all ages!

Read more about each class offered on the next page. Hope to see you there!



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



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

Let's kick off Fall with Sunday School this month! We are offering some new classes for all ages:

- **0-3 year olds** - The Nursery is offered for babies and toddlers during Sunday school so that parents can learn and enjoy some fellowship and peace and quiet!
- **4 year olds through 2nd graders** - Connie Curry has faithfully led this group of kids for a long time! She will continue this year using the "Heart Shaper" curriculum from Standard publishing. The lessons are interactive and include fun crafts to bolster creativity and learning.
- **3rd grade through 5th grade** - NEW this year! Ruthie Coverdill has graciously volunteered to take these kids under her wing and guide them to Jesus. They will begin with ice breakers to get to know each other and then dig into topics of interest!
- **Jr. And Sr. High School** - Back at it again with Judy Millies as the Leader. The plan here is to start with studying the character of Paul and read the letters he wrote in chronological order, starting with First and Second Thessalonians.
- **Adult Class 1** - Wayne Lotz, Ryan Schmidt, and Jim Kaecker will be back at it with the second half of the study through the book of Isaiah. The first half was really enlightening and we're all looking forward to seeing what else God is going to reveal to Isaiah, His prophet, and to His chosen people.
- **Adult Class 2** - Larry and Connie VanOosten are starting a new topical study titled "How Happiness Happens" by Max Lucado.

It covers 6 areas of Happiness:

1. Accept one another
 2. Bear with one another
 3. Serve one another
 4. Forgive one another
 5. Carry one another
 6. Love one another; All necessary attributes!
- **Adult Class 3** - Steve Allison is heading up a class based on curriculum from Dr. Frank Turek with a focus on understanding the right and wrong in our culture.

So there you have it! Come and experience the growth and understanding that a small group study can give. And most importantly, Jesus!

The Gospel and real Biblical truth are the foundations for our growth and understanding during these small group Sunday school sessions. Jesus and his teachings are found in the Bible.

If you need a Bible, we offer several free Bibles for all age groups near the sanctuary by the upstairs bathrooms... So, you can't miss them! Haha

Reach out to the class leaders or Education Department with any questions!

Sarah Denekas,
Education Dept. Chair

"For the word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword..." Hebrews 4:12

KIDS CLUB IS STARTING AGAIN!

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT II



GET READY FOR
KIDS CLUB



CRAFTS



ROBOTICS



OBSTACLE
COURSE



SONGS &
LESSONS

**NEW
FOR
2024!**

Starts September 25, 2024
LIMITED ENROLLMENT
K – 5th Grade
3:30-5pm Wednesdays

Scan the QR code below
to register:



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

FALL VOLLEYBALL EVENT



FALL 2024
VOLLEYBALL
EVENT

SEPT 15TH
Countryside Christian
Church
Port Byron, IL

REGISTRATION
309-523-2834

www.countrysidecc.org

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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 (9 yrs+), Jr. High, High School, and Adult teams (teams of 6 people)
- Game Play Bracket will be posted that day
- Lunch provided

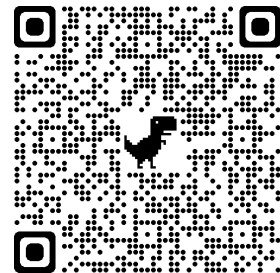
**SIGN UP BEFORE NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER
8TH**

Date: September 15, 2024

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

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

Sign up here or scan the QR code below: <https://forms.gle/yBgCSYo23zPpVTdt6>



"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



**COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
PORT BYRON, IL**

Family Fun Day

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 18TH

5:30 – 7:00PM

Activities include:

- **INFLATABLES**
- **FOOD**
- **GAMES**
- **FUN**



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“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!

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

FINANCE HIGHLIGHT

International Disaster Emergency Service responds to emergencies around the globe through Christian churches/ Churches of Christ. IDES is located in Noblesville, Indiana. "For 50 years IDES has been known for the help and hope we provide in the name of Jesus Christ. As we look ahead at our fifty-first year and beyond, God continues to lead us, and open opportunities for the Gospel to be shared through Disaster Response, Hunger Relief, Medical Care. Community development, and Disciple Making.

Just this year IDES has responded to tornadoes, hurricanes, wildfires and floods in the United States as well as, typhoons, droughts, wars, coups, floods, fires, and earthquakes internationally. We have seen homes rebuilt, clean water wells drilled, medical needs met, food provided to the starving, and lives changed for eternity!

You can make a difference to those who are hurting by making sure resources are available and ready to be deployed immediately when a need arises. The Global Impact Fund (GIF) is the lifeblood of IDES. There's no greater way to impact the work we do than by donating to the Global Impact Fund. Disasters strike often without warning, creating huge needs that are immediate and time-sensitive with no time for fundraising.



"Our global response has grown to the point that our headquarters in Noblesville has reached capacity. Join me in praying as we look to expand our facility so we can continue meeting needs into the future. IDES' International Aid has grown and we are excited to have our first International Field workers serving in long term community development and discipleship around the world. These teams strive continuously to meet humanitarian needs and will speed up our response time to help more people receive critical aid in times of crisis. We love the role IDES plays in God's plans for increasing His Kingdom." (David Steine annual report for 2023)

On August 17 Countryside had a cruise in to raise funds for IDES. Money raised from that event will be used to purchase items for the food bags to be put together on August 16, 2025. \$3000.00 from CCC will be needed to finance that food bag packing event. On August 16, 2025 Countryside along with the Erie Christian church is having a food bag packing event. If you would like more information about IDES refer to the booklet on the mission shelf by the office.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies last month for the Riverdale children! It was a blessing to be able to help others and it was greatly appreciated by the school.

DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIFE

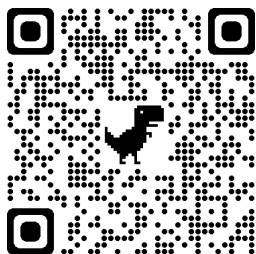


ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, November 16th

7:30am – 11:30am

Appointments can be made online by visiting this page: <https://shorturl.at/glsPQ> or with Connie Curry at the church. **Last day to donate to be eligible for this blood drive is September 21st.**



Join us for
BREAKFAST at the
Fresh Kitchen
(formerly the Windmill)

1190 avenue of the cities. East Moline, Illinois

SEPT 28



9:30AM

Contact Gabe and Teresa Garcia with any questions. RSVP at the church.



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."

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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 2024

October 18 – 19, 2024

MEET OUR SPEAKER:

I'm fascinated by women in the Bible who encountered Jesus Christ in amazing ways. The woman at the well and the woman who touched the hem of Jesus's garment are two of my favorites. Utilizing the power of monologue, these women "come to life." Weaving in my own story of emerging from a life dominated by fear and anxiety into greater freedom than I've ever known, I seek to offer others HOPE.

What can you expect at one of my events? I love connecting with my audience, regardless of the size. Plan on laughter, but be sure to bring a few tissues as well. As a storyteller, I love bringing characters to life through monologues. In the end, I'm just a girl in pursuit of a more authentic walk with the Lord.



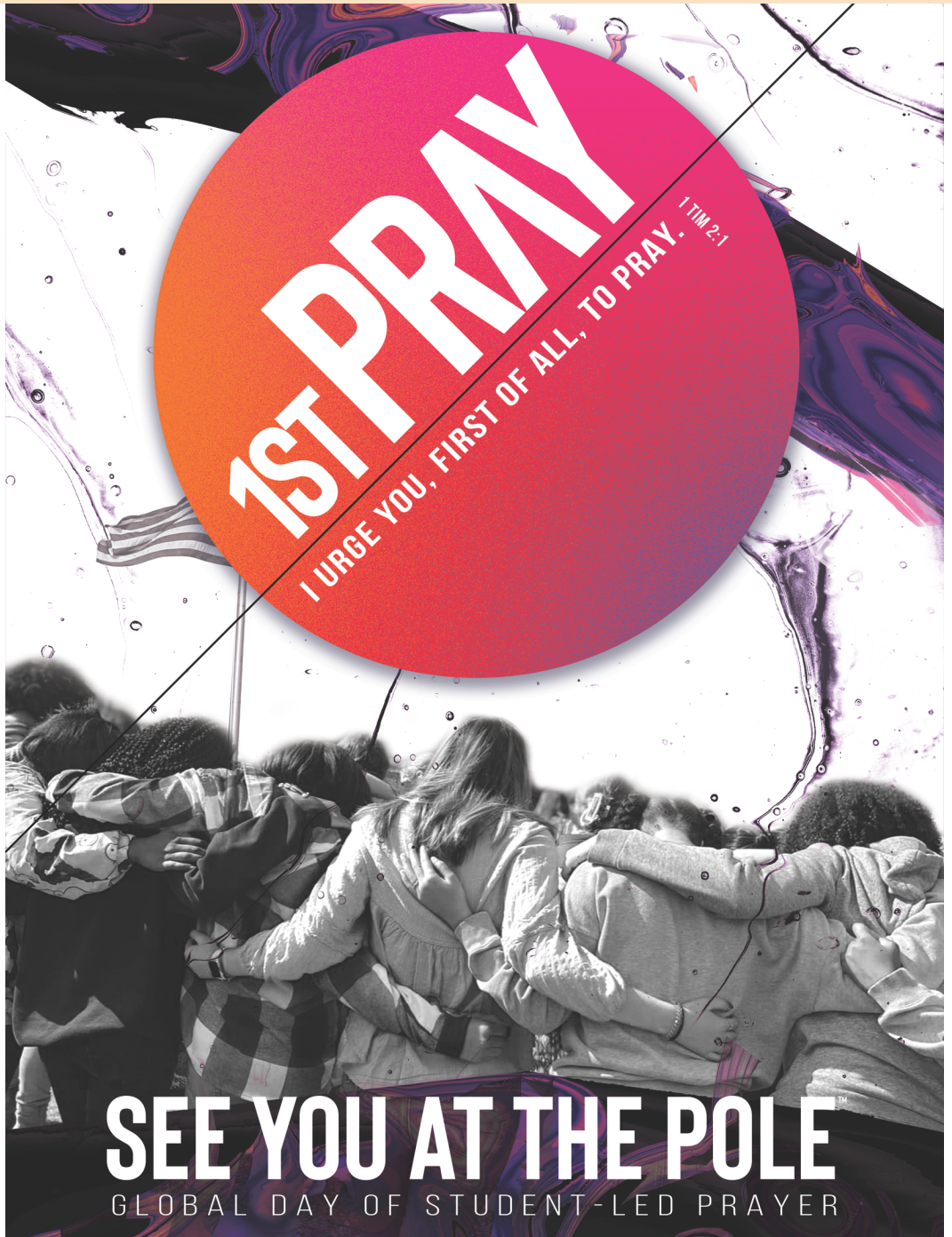
Jenny Farrell,
Speaker, Author,
Storyteller



"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

SEE YOU AT THE POLE 2024

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT



SEE YOU AT THE POLE

GLOBAL DAY OF STUDENT-LED PRAYER

Riverdale Schools
Wednesday, September 25th
7:30am around the flag pole

What is See You at the Pole?

SYATP is a grassroots student-based prayer movement that began over 30 years ago. Every fourth Wednesday in September, students all over the world gather at their school flagpoles to pray for their schools, friends, families, nation, and the world. SYATP is simply a student-led prayer rally, held before school begins for the purpose of asking for God's help and guidance.

September Birthdays

- 4 – James Byam
- 5 – Maddie Biscontine
- 8 – Arlys Koepping
- 13 – Abigail Schumpert
- 15 – Becki Winger
- 18 – Angela Heydeman
- 19 – Sydney Collis
- 19 – Bill Courter
- 19 – Nancy Dufur
- 20 – Gail Horst
- 21 – Jeremiah Bird
- 24 – Charlie Mikles
- 25 – Judy Hamm
- 27 – Larry Cullison
- 27 – Cathy Lotz
- 30 – Amber Harper
- 30 – Alec Simms

September Anniversaries

- 4 – Don & Frances Schaver
- 4 – Brandon & Alicia Simms
- 8 – Lucas & Erika Baxter
- 10 – Scott & Alissa Horton
- 10 – Tim & Holly Trout
- 16 – Larry & Connie Van Oosten
- 18 – Ben & Corey White
- 19 – Marc & Chelsi McClintock

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

Children's Ministry



Sunday School (9:30-10:15)			Worship (10:45-12:00)							
Nursery			Nursery			Children's Church				
			Nursery workers are scheduled for the entire church service from 10:45-12:00				Children's Church Teacher & helper are dismissed from service after the worship communion / offering			
1	Sarah Denekas	Ruthie Coverdill	1	Sarah Denekas	Naomi Jones	Lauren Tiesman	1	Cathy Lotz	Laura Schmidt	Ruthie Coverdill
8	Sarah Denekas	Cathy Lotz	8	Sarah Denekas	Amber Miller	Gabby Krogman	8	Cathy Lotz	Kati Jo Chasek	Ruthie Coverdill
15	Sarah Denekas	Gail Horst	15	Sarah Denekas	Becky Collis	Maddie Holderman	15	Cathy Lotz	Alisha Simms	Ruthie Coverdill
22	Sarah Denekas	Ruthie Coverdill	22	Sarah Denekas	Gail Horst	Fallen Byers	22	Cathy Lotz	Becki Winger	Ruthie Coverdill
28	Sarah Denekas	Becki Winger	28	Sarah Denekas	Sandy Lawrence	Maddie Holderman	28	Family Sunday	Family Sunday	Family Sunday

Worship Ministry



COMMUNION MEDITATION

- September 1 – Jim Kaecker
- September 8 – Wayne Lotz
- September 15 – Larry Van Oosten
- September 22 – Teresa Garcia
- September 29 – Jim Kaecker

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

Randy and Sarah Denekas
LeRoy & Laura Byers
Ruthie Coverdill



"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

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2024 SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30		Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm		Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm	Men's Breakfast 9:00am 	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Girl Scouts 3-4:30	Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm	Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am Kids Club Training 7:00pm	Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm		Women's Coffee 9:30am 	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM VOLLEYBALL FALL EVENT 12:00PM		Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm FAMILY FUN DAY 5:30-7:00PM 				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
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29	30	<p><i>The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever. (Isaiah 40:8)</i></p>					
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