

the MESSENGER

COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2025

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:



shorturl.at/CIM08



shorturl.at/wBVY4

On August 16th, we had our GAP food bag packing event for IDES with Erie Christian Church. There were approximately 90 volunteers; there were 8 assembly lines; 4,582 bags prepared for a total of 27,492 meals with their destination being Haiti. We did almost 4 bags per minute... that is one bag every 15 seconds!

A BIG thanks for everyone who helped with the project. Our plan is to do it again in two years.



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

Our Sunday School started back for all ages on August 17th! We have something for all ages:

Sunday School is at 9:30am. Breakfast follows at 10:15am. All ages are welcome!

PreK – 5th Grade

Teacher: Connie Curry

Jr. High/High School

Teacher: Judy Millies

Three Adult Classes:

- Video series discussing apologetics and truth led by Steve Allison
- A study of the disciple, Peter led by Jim Kaecker
- A study of the Parables led by Larry and Connie VanOosten

*Nursery provided

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!

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



"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

2025

Starts September 24, 2025
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

HOEDOWN FOR JESUS



YOU ARE INVITED TO A **HOEDOWN** for Jesus

Join us for an unforgettable day of **good old-fashioned fun** for the whole family! From **bouncing excitement** to **toe-tapping tunes**, there's something for everyone at the **HOEDOWN for Jesus!**

-  **Giant Bounce Houses & Outdoor Games**
-  **Hands-on Petting Zoo** – Meet adorable farm animals!
-  **Classic Tractors & Custom Car Show** 
-  **Live Bands** all day long – Bluegrass music
-  **Chili Cook-Off** – Taste & vote for the best!
-  **Free Popcorn, Sno-Cones, Cotton Candy, Elephant Ears, Ice Cream & Hot Dogs** – While supplies last!
-  **Cozy up at the Community Bonfire**
-  **Square Dancing & Line Dancing** – Fun for all ages!



-  **Basket Raffle** with amazing prizes
-  **Bake Table** with homemade sweet treats

Bring your boots, your appetite, and your sense of adventure – and **don't forget the kids!**

Admission is FREE – Come celebrate community, country, and fun! Bring a lawn chair and a canned good for the Food Pantry

"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

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT

CHONDA PIERCE LIVE

Calvary Church - Muscatine, IA
September 7, 2025 7:00 PM

It's Chonda Pierce Live! Grab your girlfriends and get ready for an evening of guilt-free laughter, real talk, and stories you swear she pulled straight from your group text.

With her signature Southern charm and wit, Chonda brings the kind of humor that leaves your cheeks hurting and your soul feeling a little lighter. You might know her hit specials "Laughing in the Dark" and "Enough" — Chonda takes life's hardest moments to its most ridiculous, and knows how to turn it all into something worth laughing about. Don't miss this show!

VIP DOORS: 5:15PM
REGULAR DOORS: 6:15PM
SHOW: 7PM



***ALL SEATING IS GENERAL ADMISSION
WITHIN SECTIONS**

VIP GENERAL ADMISSION \$68.37
VIP GENERAL ADMISSION GROUP 10+ \$65.29
GENERAL ADMISSION FLOOR \$49.90
GENERAL ADMISSION FLOOR GROUP (10+) \$46.82
GENERAL ADMISSION RISERS \$38.86
GENERAL ADMISSION RISERS GROUP (10+) \$35.78



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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: To:

Recurring Giving

Card Bank

On the next screen, input your title 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

**2024-2025
Offering Budget**
(Starting 10/1/2024):
\$190,233
YTD Actual:
\$205,279

Our Giving

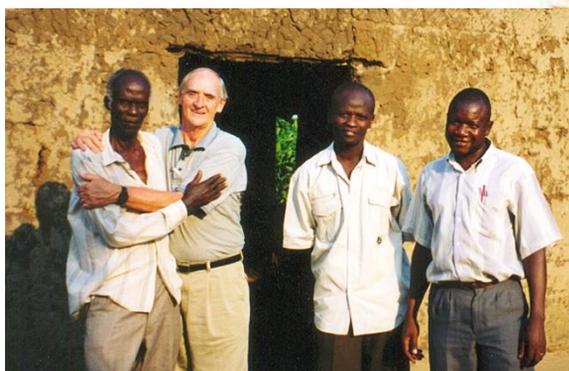
2024-2025 Mission Year
(Starting 5/1/2024)
Faith Promises Goal:
\$59,500
YTD Actual:
\$51,398

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: Outreach International

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Outreach International was founded in 1977 by Al Hamilton (Sonja's father). 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 58 workers. 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."



OI has recently added office help, Autumn Barroeta, an Ozark Christian College graduate from southern Missouri. They appreciate her joining their office staff and the help she is giving them at this time.

Our Faith/Promise Mission Impossible weekend is planned for Sept. 6 and 7th. Dale and Sonja Hawkins are planning to be at Countryside to present their work.

"Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for us in the ministry of support services in Outreach International. Your love, prayers and encouragement sustains us and we are so very thankful for you!" (Newsletter Summer 2024)

One of the missions under the umbrella of OI is Me and My House in Colima, Mexico, Josh and Susan Sanchez. Countryside Christian Church also financially supports that work as well as funding OI.



For more information about Outreach International look in the mission booklet on the mission shelf outside the office.

DONATE BLOOD SAVE LIFE



Saturday, Nov. 15th

7:30am – 11:30am

Appointments can be made online by scanning the QR code or with Connie Curry at the church.



Last day to donate to be eligible for this blood drive is September 20th.

 **ImpactLife**
Changing The World Together



Join us for

the monthly Senior Luncheon

SEPT 27



12:00PM

More details announced as we get closer. Contact Teresa 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."



WOMEN'S

Coffee & Craft

SEPTEMBER 20

9:30AM

There will be snacks to go with our coffee. We will be making a fall decoration. Bring your glue gun if you have one! Please sign up ASAP so we know how many crafts we need.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE 2025

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHT I

SEPT | 24

AWE

Lord, I am filled with awe!

Habakkuk 3:2

SEE YOU AT THE POLE™

GLOBAL DAY OF STUDENT-LED PRAYER



Riverdale Schools
Wednesday, September 24th
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
- 8 – Joann Riley
- 13 – Abigail Schumpert
- 15 – Becki Winger
- 18 – Angela Heydeman
- 18 – Corey Stith
- 19 – Sydney Collis
- 19 – Bill Courter
- 19 – Nancy Dufur
- 20 – Gail Horst
- 21 – Jeremiah Bird
- 22 – Carter Wainwright
- 24 – Charlie Mikles
- 25 – Judy Hamm
- 27 – Larry Cullison
- 27 – Cathy Lotz
- 30 – Amber Harper
- 30 – Alec Simms

September Anniversaries

- 4 – Brandon & Alicia Simms
- 8 – Lucas & Erika Baxter
- 10 – Scott & Alissa Horton
- 10 – Tim & Holly Trout
- 14 – Todd & Laura Jackson
- 16 – Larry & Connie Van Oosten
- 18 – Ben & Corey White
- 19 – Marc & Chelsi McClintock
- 26 – Dennis & Kim Ford



Children's Ministry

	S.S. Nursery	Worship Nursery	Children's Church	Children's Church
Date	9:30 - 10:15	10:45-12:00	2nd - 4th grades	4 yrs. - 1st grade
Sept. 7	Mikah Mikles Cathy Lotz	Mikah Mikles Cathy Lotz	Sarah Denekas Connie VanOost	Kim Ford Patti Stith
Sept. 14	Mikah Mikles Sarah Denekas	Mikah Mikles Gail Horst	Sarah Denekas Laura Schmidt	Kim Ford Patti Stith
Sept. 21	Mikah Mikles Becki Winger	Mikah Mikles Natalia Ramos	Sarah Denekas Amber Harper	Kim Ford Patti Stith
Sept. 28	Mikah Mikles Dawn Tiesman	Mikah Mikles Shanie Bird	Sarah Denekas Donna Vickroy	Kim Ford Patti Stith

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

Worship Ministry



COMMUNION MEDITATION

- September 7 – Jim Kaecker
- September 14 – Wayne Lotz
- September 21 – Dennis Ford
- September 28 – 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

- Rock & Sandy Lawrence
- Rhonda Stahl
- Brian & Dawn Tiesman



"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

2025 SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm		Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm	Missions
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Weekend Chonda Pierce – 7pm	Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm	Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm		Hoe-Down 3-7pm 
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM		Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm			Women's Coffee 9:30am 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM		Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	SEE YOU AT THE POLE 7:30AM  Kids Club/Impact 3:30-5:00pm Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm			Senior Adults Potluck 12:00pm 
28	29	30	The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever. (Isaiah 40:8) 			
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM FOOD PANTRY NEEDS 		Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am				