

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

2025 Annual Meeting



October 19, 2025

**Department reports
due Oct 5th**



**Approve Budget
and Nominations
for 2025-2026**



**Potluck Lunch following
Worship Service**

Join us on Sunday,
October 19th after the
Worship Service for a
potluck lunch and our
Annual Meeting at
1pm to help plan and
prepare for the
upcoming year.



Steve Allison, Minister

*"Therefore, my beloved brother
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**





— Pastor —
APPRECIATION
MONTH

Pastor Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastor for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided to the church through this man.

God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments — the spiritual well-being of His flock. That's why God has instructed us to recognize His servants.

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching"
(1 Timothy 5:17).



Pastor Appreciation Sunday is Oct. 26th



A basket for cards or love gifts will be placed at the front door Oct. 26th and presented to Steve and Karen at the end of the worship service.



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

KIDS CLUB NEWS

Sandy Lawrence, Kids Club Chair

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT



Trunk Or Treat!

October 8th
RIVERDALE SCHOOL

Trunk or Treat – Food –
Games – Prizes

Join us at Riverdale School and wear your costume for a fun family night!! Don't forget to visit us at the Kids Club bus!



Fall 2025

Contact Us!

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Oct 1 – Weekly Meeting
**Oct 8 – NO KIDS CLUB –
RIVERDALE TRUNK OR
TREAT**
Oct 15 – NO KIDS CLUB
Oct 22 – Weekly Meeting
Oct 39 – Weekly Meeting
Nov 5 – Last Week of Club!

Registration will open in
January 2025 for Spring

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

FALL VOLLEYBALL EVENT

Criss Evans, Fellowship Chair

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT



FALL 2025
VOLLEYBALL
EVENT

OCTOBER 5
Countryside Christian
Church
Port Byron, IL

REGISTRATION
309-523-2834

www.countrysidecc.org

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 TODAY!!!

Date: October 5, 2025



"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

**2024-2025
Offering Budget**
(Starting 10/1/2024):
\$212,353
YTD Actual:
\$225,624

2024-2025 Mission Year
(Starting 5/1/2024)
Faith Promises Goal:
\$59,500
YTD Actual:
\$57,092

You know that the hardest thing for you to give up is your money. It represents your time, your energy, your talents, your total personality converted into currency. We usually hold on to it tenaciously, yet it is uncertain in value and we cannot take it into the next world. The Scripture teaches that we are stewards for a little while of all we earn. If we misuse it, as did the man who buried his talent, it brings upon us the severest judgment of God. The tithe is the Lord's. If you use it for yourself, you are robbing God. We are to take the tithe as a standard, but to go beyond the tithe is an indication of our gratefulness for God's gifts to us. In the midst of sorrow and trouble, this life has many blessings and enjoyments which have come from the hand of God. Even our capacity for love is a gift from God. We show our gratitude by giving back to Him a part of that which He has given to us.

"But if someone who is supposed to be a Christian has money enough to live well, and sees a brother in need, and won't help him - how can God's love be within him?"
—1 John 3:17



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.

"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:11

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.

On November 2, 2024, a new building at the PBT Center in Dallas was dedicated as the "Global Sending and Sign Language Center." For years, we have focused on the thousands of language groups that do not have any Scriptures written in their language. For the first time in history, many estimates of how many language groups need to have a translation project started are less than 1,000. Praise God!! However, on Nov. 2 we were told by our PBT President that in recent surveys, it has been discovered that there are at least 400 Sign Languages in use around the world that have not received Scriptures in their sign language.

At the present time, Norm and Jill are in PNG working on translating Genesis. That was the reason they were unable to attend our recent Faith/Promise event. "We are excited to tell you about some key moments that we have experienced in these past few weeks. One of my primary translation tasks that I have been working on since last October has been to work slowly verse-by-verse through the drafted Akukem translation of the book of Genesis. This is one of the biggest books that our team will work on, as it has 50 chapters, with a total of 1,533 verses. I look at the meaning of each verse, the order and flow of the wording in the text, check for spelling errors, and flag any pieces that may cause an ambiguous or unclear understanding by Akukem readers.

In past updates, we have shared how God has opened the door for us to have the support and help from some of the Dallas International University (DIU) linguistic students. In addition to doing Scripture Translation for the Akukem, we want to work on the typesetting of these Scriptures and do deeper linguistic analysis to help establish the dictionary and grammar for the Akukem people of their local PNG language.

On the third weekend of July, Jill once again got on her bicycle and rode in the "Enbridge Tour Alberta for Cancer". This was her 11th year to ride the highways of Alberta and to help raise donations for cancer research. This year, there were over 1,800 cyclists who rode, and together they raised over 9.4 million dollars for the cause. The 2-day event was especially difficult this year as the riders faced wind, rain, and cool/cold temperatures. Our family is so proud of Jill completing this ride." (newsletter Aug.8 2025)

Praise: For great commitment of our national translators to continue the translation work
For the involvement of 4 DIU linguistic students to expand the work being done on the Akukem project which allows Norm to focus purely on the Bible translation

Prayer requests: Continue to pray for Norm's health to be strong so he can work on translation, pray for great progress on checking Genesis, and the audio recorder to finish Luke, pray for strength, health, and wisdom for Norm as he leads this large Akukem Project.

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.



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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."



WOMEN'S

Coffee & Craft

OCTOBER 11

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.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

CELEBRATE TOGETHER



OCTOBER

Anniversaries

- 3 – Jeremiah & Shanie Bird
- 12 – Jacob & Amber Miller
- 21 – Harry & Kathy Kohrt



OCTOBER

Birthdays

- 1 – Jonah Bird
- 4 – Seth Johnson
- 5 – Rhonda Stahl
- 5 – Bob Stith
- 5 – Owen Wainwright
- 7 – Debbie Collis
- 8 – Ethel Knight
- 8 – Jackie Naftzger
- 8 – Chuck Volk
- 10 – LeRoy Byers
- 11 – Patti Stith
- 13 – Alissa Horton
- 13 – Sandy Lawrence
- 17 – Logan Heydeman
- 18 – Cassy Byrd
- 20 – Jane Stearns
- 22 – Shanie Bird
- 23 – Jadah Bird
- 26 – Kevin Byrd
- 28 – Mike Winger
- 29 – Kenny Collis



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

5	Mikah Mikles	Gail Horst	Mikah Mikles	Dawn Tiesman	Criss Evans	Becki Winger	Patti Stith/Kim Ford
12	Mikah Mikles	Sarah Deneaks	Mikah Mikles	Bella McClintock	Criss Evans	Ellie Johnson	Ruthie Coverdill
19	Mikah Mikles	Cathy Lotz	Mikah Mikles	Cathy Lotz	Criss Evans	Connie Curry	Ruthie Coverdill
26	Mikah Mikles	Becki Winger	Mikah Mikles	Sandy Lawrence	Criss Evans	Cheryl Gipson	Ruthie Coverdill

Worship Ministry



COMMUNION MEDITATION

- October 5 – Corey Chasek
- October 13 – Wayne Lotz
- October 20 – Jim Kaecker
- October 27 – Ellie Johnson

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

- Kenny & Debbie Collis
- Kathy Kohrt
- Larry & Connie Van Oosten



"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 OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience</i> ~ Colossians 3:12</p>			<p>1 Kids Club/Impact 3:30-5:00pm</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>2 Budget Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>3 Stamping Club (Bev Skelton) 9am-12pm</p>	<p>4 Men's Breakfast 8:00am</p> 
<p>5 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM Fall Volleyball – 12pm</p> 	<p>6 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm</p>	<p>7 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>8 Kids Club/Impact 3:30-5:00pm Riverdale H.S. Trunk or Treat 4:30 – 7:00pm</p> <p>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 9:00am</p> 
<p>12 ALL DEPT REPORTS DUE</p> <p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM</p>	<p>13  Columbus Day</p>	<p>14 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>15 NO KIDS CLUB/IMPACT</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM</p> <p>ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCH</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>22 Kids Club/Impact 3:30-5:00pm</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>23 RRCC Work Day – leave church at 8am</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Senior Adults Potluck 12:00pm</p> 
<p>26 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM</p> <p>Family Movie Night - TBA</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am</p>	<p>29 Kids Club/Impact 3:30-5:00pm</p> <p>Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>31</p>