

the MESSENGER



COUNTRYSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

JULY 2026

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:

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

We sought, fought, gained, and sustained our nation's independence from Great Britain almost 250 years ago. When reading the Declaration of Independence and the Preamble to the United States Constitution today, it is clear to see the founders' acknowledgment of and reliance on God for His grace and the protection of the natural laws and rights which He bestowed on us in love. I am thankful for these freedoms and protections, and I fought for them over 30 years on active duty in the U. S. Marine Corps. Our Marine Corps Hymn sings of rights and freedoms, and the need to keep our honor clean. Marines are faithful to our oath, our mission, and our Marines. Our Corps motto, Semper Fidelis, is Latin for "Always Faithful."

As I think of these things on the Fourth of July, our Independence Day, I do so thanking God for being able to depend on His divine guidance, freedom, and protection. I thank God for His natural laws, and His promises, providence, and grace for our great country. I thank God for my country and my salvation.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 (NIV)



VBS IS THIS MONTH!

Kati Jo Chasek, Education Chair



This year, the church bus is hitting the road for VBS as we travel to a different destination each night to learn a different lesson about how God works in our city and in our lives. The bus will leave the church at 6pm sharp each night and return for pickup at 7:30pm. Kids (Kindergarten – 5th grade) are invited to join us on some epic adventures!

Sunday night the whole church is invited to the Geneseo Pool for a kick-off party! If you want to ride the bus, meet at the church at 5:30pm and we will return at 8:30pm!

REGISTER TODAY!



SCAN TO
REGISTER AND
LEARN MORE!

DAILY DESTINATIONS

	SUNDAY	JESUS CALMS THE STORM
	MONDAY	BUILDING YOUR HOUSE ON THE ROCK
	TUESDAY	RUN THE RACE
	WEDNESDAY	THE GOOD SAMARITAN
	THURSDAY	WATERSLIDE CLOSING PARTY

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

HELPING AREA SCHOOLS

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

www.countrysidecc.org

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



EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT

OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

ONLINE GIVING

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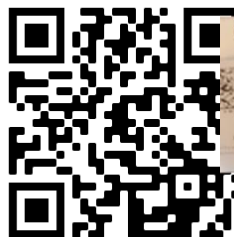
SIGN
UP
TODAY!

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

 [Login](#) | [Sign Up](#)

Countryside Christian Church PORT BYRON, IL 61275-9780

Give: \$0.00 To:

☐ Recurring Giving

☒ Card ☐ Bank

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

**2025-2026
Offering Budget**
(Starting 10/1/2025):
\$160,125
YTD Actual:
\$183,987

Our Giving

2025-2026 Mission Year
(Starting 10/1/2025)
Faith Promises Goal:
\$48,600
YTD Actual:
\$38,257

MISSION HIGHLIGHT: IDES

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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-third 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."

In the past IDES 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!

Phase 2 of their building project is progressing. This structure will be available for storage of GAP food bags and shed pieces for quick dispersal. "Response can be quick 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 is 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.

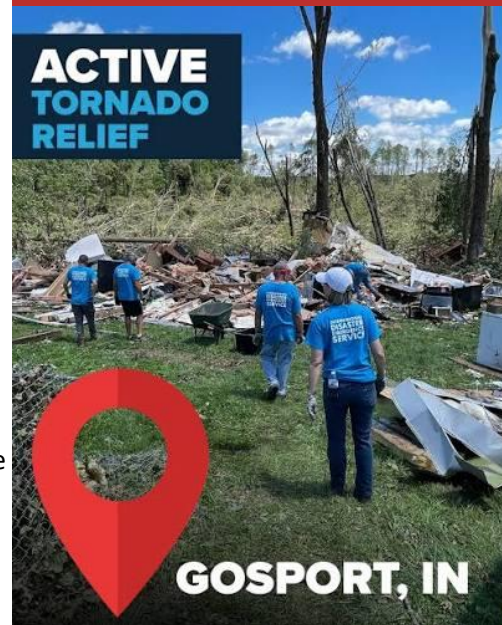
Hurricane Helene went through Appalachia in Sept. 2024 and destroyed homes and washed away the very land where these structures were located. While other organizations moved on to the next disaster, IDES stayed. Homes for people like Billy Joe whose home was completely washed away. Over 100 volunteers poured everything they had into rebuilding his house as he recovered from lung cancer. IDES is still partnering with churches in Tennessee. "That's the IDES difference, we don't just show up. WE STAY." IDES is currently working in Northern Illinois and Indiana on storm damage from two weeks ago.

"In order for us to keep up with the growing demands, we need to expand. Disaster needs have grown so dramatically, from one shipment to one country in 2014 to 17 shipments for 7 countries in 2024. Phase 1 of the Global Impact Center gave us the warehouse space we needed. But without the office and operations space to support our growing team, we can't reach full capacity. The new Global Impact Center will change everything. It will double our warehouse space, triple the number of people we can serve each year, from 700,000 to approximately 2 million, and give our growing team of staff and volunteers the room they need to respond when disaster strikes." (Newsletter April 2025)

IDES is one of the seven missions that Countryside supports through our Faith/Promise giving.



URGENT NEED IN VENEZUELA



Senior Luncheon

This month's luncheon for senior adults at Countryside will be July 25th at 12:00pm. More details will be coming about a possible outing depending on weather.



**SATURDAY
July 25, 2026**



**TIME:
12:00PM**



**ANY
QUESTIONS:
309-523-2834**



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

CELEBRATE TOGETHER

★ ★ ★ JULY Birthdays

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
15 – Cade Harris
16 – Judy Millies
17 – Harry Kohrt
17 – Trisha Sedlock
18 – Adam Rutledge
18 – Cadence Dawson
21 – Kellan Schmidt

★ ★ ★ JULY Anniversaries

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



But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. Jeremiah 17:7

VOLUNTEERS THIS MONTH

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School (9:30-10:15)		Worship* (10:45-12:00)					
		Nursery			Children's Church		
Date	Nursery	Date	Leader	Helper	Leader	Helper	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							
5	Cathy Lotz	Mikah Mikles		Dawn Tiesman	Kati Jo Chasek Ellie Johnson		
12	Becki Winger	Mikah Mikles		Amber Miller	Kati Jo Chasek Amber Harper		
19	Dawn Tiesman	Mikah Mikles		Sarah Denekas	Kati Jo Chasek Donna Vickroy		
26	Gail Horst	Mikah Mikles		Sandy Lawrence	Kati Jo Chasek Linda Griffin		

COMMUNION MEDITATION

July 5 – Ryan Schmidt

July 12– Jim Kaecker

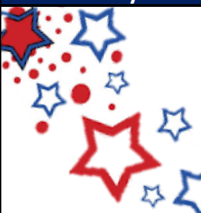
July 19 – Corey Chasek

July 26 – Larry 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



2026 JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 It is for freedom That Christ has set us free. Galatians 5:1			1 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	2	3 Gym in Use 9am-12pm	4  Men's Breakfast 8:00am
5 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM	6 Evangelism/ Missions 5:30pm All Depts 6pm	7 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	8 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	9 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm	10	11 Women's Coffee 9:30am  Gym in Use 11am – 4pm
12 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM	13	14 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	15 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	16	17	18
VBS 6 – 7:30PM						
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EMBARK (3RD-5TH GRADE) CAMP (RCC)						