



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:



shorturl.at/CIM08



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Our Sunday School Groups:

- Pre-School – 2nd Grade (Teacher: Kati Jo Chasek)
- 3rd – 5th Grade (Teacher: Sarah Denekas)
- Jr High/High School (Teacher: Judy Millies)
- Adult (Teacher: Steve Allison)
- Adult (Teacher: Jim Kaecker)
- Adult (Teachers: Larry & Connie Van Oosten)

Nursery provided during Sunday School

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Breakfast: 10:15am

Worship: 10:45am



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

ROCK RIVER RECAP 2026

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHT

This year, our church was blessed to send **seven campers** to Rock River Christian Camp! It is such a joy to see these elementary, middle school, and high school students choosing to invest their time in growing closer to Jesus and strengthening their faith. Thank you to everyone who supported these campers through your prayers, encouragement, and generosity. Your investment in their spiritual journey helps plant seeds that can have an eternal impact, and we are grateful to be part of a church family that values the next generation.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

EVANGELISM HIGHLIGHT



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.

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!

"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

COLLECTING FOR OTHERS

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHT



CHRISTMAS JARS!



Pick up a jar for your family to start collecting loose change until December. We will anonymously gift it to someone as a congregation at Christmas time!

We showed the movie, *The Christmas Jars*, last year and followed the example in the movie to collect change and bless a family at Christmas time! As a reminder, we're still collecting change through December as part of our Christmas Jars project for this year. If you haven't picked up a jar yet, there are still plenty available at church. Simply take one home, fill it with your spare change over the coming months, and return it in December. Together, we'll prayerfully choose an individual or family to bless with this special gift during the Christmas season. Every coin makes a difference, and we look forward to seeing how God uses our collective generosity to encourage someone in need.

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OUR GIVING THIS MONTH

ONLINE GIVING

Easy. Safe. Convenient.

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

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Countryside Christian Church

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

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:
\$37,987

At our July 2014 mission meeting, the mission department decided to support Ozark Christian College. In May of 2024, Lincoln Christian University closed its doors. We had financially supported it for many years and were saddened when they closed. The seminary students who were attending Lincoln were transferred to Lincoln Seminary at Ozark Christian College.

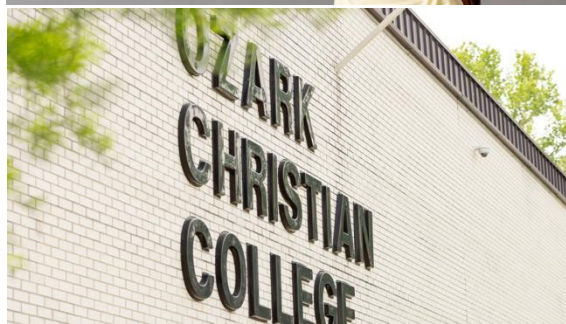
Ozark Christian College is raising money to build a new physical home for Lincoln Seminary on its Joplin, Missouri campus. The building will house faculty offices, classrooms, the Wayne Shaw Chapel, and a Lincoln history display with portraits, photos, and artifacts, while an outside courtyard will feature the LCU alumni bricks and The Divine Servant statue. The legacy of Lincoln Seminary continues as more men and women are trained for Christian ministry.

Similarly, Lincoln Christian Institute's non-credit certificate programs and its in-person retreats have exploded, but reliable, affordable, hotel-style retreat space has been hard to find. So, as part of Little Galilee Christian Camp and Retreat Center's "Belong" campaign, LCI is partnering to raise funds for Little Galilee's new retreat center. This center will help expand LCI's offerings and ensure that, whenever possible, LCI housing dollars flow to kingdom partners.



Two important lessons we have learned:
"faithfulness always trumps overwhelming uncertainty and we are all better together."

"And who knows? Maybe someday, when a church finds itself facing crisis, disorganized, uncertain how to proceed, a leader that you helped train will step in, unite the team, lead them forward, and by God's grace, get people safely Home." (Matt Proctor July 10, 2025)



In all the changes that have and will occur, we feel that Countryside Christian Church is continuing to help to train workers for Christ's ministry and the spread of the Gospel message by supporting Ozark Christian College. If you have any questions about the change in financial and prayer support of the mission, please talk to Wayne Lotz, Cathy Lotz, Galvin Garcia, Jim Kaecker or Connie Curry, the mission department members. Financial support for this new mission is received through the Faith/Promise giving.



Join us for our Seniors Monthly Luncheon on Saturday, August 29, at 12:00 p.m. for a delicious Taco Bar and an afternoon of great food and even better fellowship! Whether you're a longtime member or joining us for the first time, all senior adults are invited to come enjoy a relaxed time of conversation, laughter, and encouragement with friends. Taco meat will be provided, and we invite those who are able to sign up at church to bring a favorite taco topping or dessert to share. We look forward to spending this special time together as we strengthen friendships and celebrate the blessing of our church family. We hope to see you there!

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."



AUGUST Birthdays

- 3 – Jeff Jones
- 3 – Gail Sheets
- 4 – Laura Schmidt
- 9 – Jimmy Schumpert
- 11 – Addison Tiesman
- 12 – Freddy Mikles
- 13 – Alicia Simms
- 16 – Becky Wierenga
- 16 – Randy Denekas
- 16 – Connie Van Oosten
- 18 – Jackson Creen
- 21 – Sarah Denekas
- 25 – Brennan Harrington
- 25 – JoAnn Courter
- 25 – Alaura Massey
- 27 – Delaney Jackson
- 27 – Rock Lawrence
- 28 – Bob Gipson
- 28 – Kim Ford
- 28 – Lorrie Jackson
- 29 – Laura Byers
- 30 – Beverley Skelton



AUGUST Anniversaries

- 6 – Jamie & Gail Horst
- 11 – Ryan & Laura Schmidt
- 11 – Roger & Gail Sheets
- 17 – Noel & Michelle Paxton
- 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

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

2	Mikah Mikles	Cathy Lotz	Natalia Ramos	Mikah Mikles	Georgia Cullison	Kim Ford/Patti Stith
9	Mikah Mikles	Becki Winger	Gail Horst	Mikah Mikles	Laura Schmidt	Kim Ford/Patti Stith
16	Mikah Mikles	Dawn Tiesman	Cathy Lotz	Mikah Mikles	Sarah Denekas	Kim Ford/Patti Stith
23	Mikah Mikles	Kathy Kohrt	Shanie Bird	Mikah Mikles	Naomi Jones	Kim Ford/Patti Stith
30	Mikah Mikles	Gail Horst	Becki Winger	Mikah Mikles	Family Sunday	Family Sunday

Worship Ministry

COMMUNION MEDITATION

August 2 – Jim Kaecker
 August 9 – Corey Chasek
 August 16 – Ryan Schmidt
 August 23 – Wayne Lotz
 August 30 – Steve Allison

GREETERS

Pat & Shari Gall

THANK YOU to Mike and Becki Winger for filling in and cleaning the church the last few weeks while Mikah was in the hospital and then at home with a newborn. We appreciate you!

"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 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						 MEN'S BREAKFAST 8:00am
2 WORSHIP 10:45AM	3 Evangelism/ Missions 6:30pm All Depts. 7pm	4 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	5 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	6	7 Pack the Backpack Due  Gym in Use 9am-12pm	8 Women's Coffee 9:30am 
9 WORSHIP 10:45AM	10	11 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	12 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	13 Zuma Home Extension 1:00-4:00pm	14	15
16 WORSHIP 10:45AM	17	18 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	19 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	20 1st day of School (6th – 12th) 	21 1st day of School (K – 5th) 	22
23 SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM	24	25 Men's Study 9am Women's Study 9am	26 Small Groups Port Byron –6pm Geneseo – 6pm	27	28	29 Seniors Potluck Lunch – 12:00pm 
30 FAMILY SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM COFFEE TIME 10:15AM WORSHIP 10:45AM POTLUCK	31 					