



COUNTRYSIDE COVENANT CHURCH  
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# THE PULSE OF COUNTRYSIDE

At Countryside Covenant Church, we are a Community  
growing in the Grace and the Truth of Jesus Christ as we ...

- Worship
  - Disciple
    - Serve
      - Multiply



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## *“Carry Each Other’s Burdens” Reba Becker, Chairman, Leadership Team*

The school year has closed for the season and many changes and transitions await seniors who have graduated from high school, some exciting things, some scary things; things that they have never done before or on their own. Those who will be going to college, some far from home, leave parents somewhat anxious for what awaits and in prayers of both God’s guidance and good decisions of their beloved children. The same goes without saying for those young people who have graduated from college or who may be joining the workforce or trades or focus of specialization.

So, we help to surround, ask, encourage and pray for those parents, those young people who we have watched and walked with to grow with Christ. We help them to carry the load, the weight has shifted beyond carrying it all ourselves; much like trying to move a piece of furniture or an appliance by ourselves. We may think in our heads we can do it, then the pain hits our back and we think otherwise and call a friend to help (which we should have done in the first place). The weight has shifted and we don’t feel overloaded and severe pain. Of course, God is there to help us along the way, but we have an obligation to help one another as Christian brothers and sisters in Christ.

*Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2*

Let’s just face it, the word burden is a scary word. Burdens are weighty and can bring worry, doubt, fear and sadness when experienced. We don’t want to be a burden to another person. We don’t want others to see the burden we are carrying around. Burdens can be brought into our lives by God’s providential circumstances or as Paul says in Galatians they can be brought upon by our own transgressions, as Paul is referring to in the Gal. 6:2 passage of bringing restoration to one who is caught up in sin; restoring them gently. Christians are required to compassionately assist those who are being crushed by life’s unbearable sorrows, troubles, illnesses. On the other hand, each of us is expected to handle responsibilities within our limits.

So, how do we do that, how do we fulfill the law of Christ? We do so by going to that brother or sister and gently love them with the love of Christ. Love is the keyword. Love fulfills the law of Christ.

Many of you have been wondering how Pastors Lynn and Jon are doing and if they are being cared for in the proper way, if Lynn is getting the proper treatment and care.

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Combined Sunday Service,  
June 8, 10:00 a.m.

Fundraiser meal supporting the  
High School Mission Trip to follow.



### ***"Carry Each Other's Burdens" - continued from page 1***

The answer is yes. The Leadership Team and staff, along with many of you, if not all have been praying for them and helping to carry their burdens, which they are most grateful for! Good communication has been ongoing, all the way around. Lynn has gone through her bone marrow transplant, using her own healthy bone marrow, along with all of the other necessary steps that medicine thus far has to offer. Lynn will need to undergo two more months, or rounds, of chemo at some point after returning home, which I am overjoyed to say, that Lynn and Jon did return home on May 21. Lynn will still be required to remain isolated for another sixty days. By the grace of God, with the help of your prayers, encouragement and gifts of food, etc. Lynn is doing well. And, we do continue to pray for her permanent remission and total healing. Thank you for helping to carry their burdens and being the love of Christ to them!

Connor has stepped down from his position as Worship Arts Director and Bobbie Kaufman has taken his place in the interim. The Leadership Team is at work in discussion and with God's guidance to ponder, along with our church family what are the next steps in creating that permanent position for what the worship arts position is to look like. Your continued prayers for that next step are appreciated.

Speaking into the financial blessing that God has given us here at Countryside, God continues to bless us with financial security and favor. We're most thankful for the giving that you all do to care for both our own church family, the community of those in need, and for our missionaries.

Soon you will see the care and maintenance that our Properties Team has deemed necessary that will begin taking place on the outside of our building to both care for and maintain the structural integrity, soundness and strength of availability for the next generation to come.

We appreciate the prayers for our Leadership Team to continue in walking with the spirit with God's guidance to make the best decisions for the needs of our church and its staff. God bless you all with favor.

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# **COMBINED SUNDAY SERVICE**

**June 8th**      **10:00am**

**JOIN US AT 10AM ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> FOR  
A COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE! ALL  
CHURCH FUNDRAISER MEAL IN THE CHURCH  
GYM TO FOLLOW.**

FREE WILL DONATION SUPPORTING HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP!



### **Visitors' Brunch You're Invited!**

We'd love to get to know you better! Whether you've visited once or a few times, join us for a special Welcome Brunch in your honor.

- Date: Sunday, June 22
- Time: 12:15 p.m.
- Location: Room 5

Come enjoy good food, meet some friendly faces, and learn more about our church community. It's a casual, family-friendly gathering—just bring yourself (and your appetite)!

**Please RSVP by writing "Visitors Brunch" on your Connection Card by June 8.**

We're so glad you're here—and we hope to see you there!



# LIFE STUDENT MINISTRIES

June 2025

**Hello! From  
LSM...**

*This has been such a fun month of CELEBRATIONS! From celebrating our Confirmands to 2025 Seniors, we are so thankful for how the Lord is moving here!*



**We had another large graduating Class this year! Three different schools were represented in this 2025 class: McPherson High School, Elyria Christian School and Gates Homeschool.**

Front row, left to right: Mallorie Cooper, Addison Chapman, Natalie Jader, Eleanor Gates

Back row, left to right: Bishop Brown, Parker Koehn, Micaiah Stevenson, Eli Farley, Hattie Ciera  
(not pictured Wyatt Corcoran)



**Congratulations Graduates!!**



**We had a small, but mighty 2025 Confirmation Class! These 8<sup>th</sup> graders worked so hard over the course of two years to complete this class and all its requirements! So excited to have them join us in high school next year!**

Pictured left to right: Violet Kaufman, Megan Emery, Mallorie Jader, Kaylee Frank, Gavin McElwain, Cooper Schmidt

## WHAT'S COMING UP?

### June's Big Events:

**Mission Arlington Fundraiser Taco Bar!** All-Church taco fundraiser for the High School Mission Trip. Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11:15! Free Will Donation!

**Middle School 24-Hr Rush!** June 20-21<sup>st</sup>. All students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade! 24 WILD hours in KC with other Covenant Middle School Youth groups! Contact Lizy to Sign Up!

**Worlds of Fun!** High school day trip to Worlds of Fun in KC on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>! All students entering 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade! Contact Lizy to sign up!





***Every person 55 plus  
growing in relationship  
with Jesus Christ and serving  
in His kingdom ministry.***

Pastor Lynn asked me if I would be willing to share some encouragement about the Crescendo Ministry while she is recovering from her stem cell transplant. I can tell you that serving on the Crescendo ministry was very satisfying. To see and be a part of community, fellowship, learning, travel and adventure is always rewarding. Spending time together planning, praying, breaking bread and learning the wants and needs of our older generation is fulfilling, but not as fulfilling as spending time with them and even learning from their mistakes.

***Proverbs 9:9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.***

My time spent with this ministry taught me that this is the fastest growing generation that we currently have. Did you know that the number of people turning age 65 every day in the United States is 10,000 and the number of older adults will more than double over the next several decades and represent over 20 percent of the population by 2050? That represents a large part of our population not only now, but soon.

A large part of our focus is spent on the present, as it should be, but age creeps in and if we do not plan for it, it can be overwhelming.

The needs of our older generation need to be met and encouraged just as much, if not more than our younger, middle-aged and empty nesters.

In God's economy, retirement is not seen or known. We are to remain faithful, full of hope, and continue to grow in our spiritual walk, encouraging and caring for one another. There comes no time to say, I do not need or care to participate in using my gifts or services to the family of God.

***God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them. We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith, and patience inherit what has been promised. Hebrews 6:10-12***

It is fun to see where God has been, is working and will continue to be working in the future and to discuss those things with our brothers and sisters in Christ, on the Crescendo excursions, and after the CovTalks that we have had.

So, consider joining the Crescendo Team and come along on the outings, information, meals and picnics that Crescendo brings.

Reba Becker, Previous Crescendo Team Member



## Congratulations, 2025 Graduates!!

Isaac Barnett  
McPherson High School

Bishop Brown  
McPherson High School

Addison Chapman  
McPherson High School

Averie Church  
McPherson Middle School

Hattie Ciera  
McPherson High School

Mallorie Cooper  
McPherson High School

Wyatt Corcoran  
McPherson High School

Reanna Eilrich  
Hutchinson Community College-  
Associates in Business Administra-  
tion

Megan Emery  
Elyria Christian Middle School

Eli Farley  
McPherson High School

Kaylee Frank  
McPherson Middle School

Eleanor Gates  
Gates Home High School

Mallorie Jader  
Elyria Christian Middle School

Natalie Jader  
Elyria Christian High School

Lucy Jones  
McPherson Middle School

Violet Kaufman  
Elyria Christian Middle School

Parker Koehn  
McPherson High School

Gavin McElwain  
McPherson Middle School

Cooper Schmidt  
Moundridge Middle School

Micaiah Stevenson  
McPherson High School



### Love in Action: A Season of Shelter and Hope

*"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."*

– Philippians 2:4 (ESV)

As I reflect on the work God has called us to through the McPherson Housing Coalition, I am overwhelmed with both humility and gratitude. Over the past month, our team has witnessed what it truly means to serve as the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

This season has brought new challenges—families on the brink of homelessness, children without safe beds to sleep in, and seniors choosing between rent and medication. And yet, in each story, we have seen God move.

One mother, after fleeing a dangerous situation, came to us scared and broken. With your prayers and support, we were able to place her in safe housing, wrap around her with resources, and remind her that she is not alone. Today, she is working, smiling, and dreaming again; proof that healing happens when the body of Christ shows up with compassion.

James 2:16 says, *"If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing*

*about their physical needs, what good is it?"*

At MHC, we choose action. Because love—real, Jesus-kind-of-love—is not passive. It builds homes. It restores dignity. It listens. It shows up.

In partnership with local churches, city leaders, and volunteers like you, we've helped stabilize housing for numerous families this month. We've also continued our work on long-term planning to bring more affordable housing to McPherson County, a vision that takes more than bricks and dollars. It takes faith. And community.

Please continue to pray for the individuals we serve, our staff, and our city. Pray for wisdom, endurance, and open hearts. And if you feel led, we invite you to join us—through volunteering, donating, or simply sharing the story of what God is doing through MHC.

Let us be the light that shines in the darkness. Let us be a refuge.

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* – Matthew 25:40

With gratitude and hope,

Chris Goodson



## Countryside Kids

### COUNTRYSIDE BLOCK PARTY

At the end of April we had a church-wide gathering to celebrate another year of ministry!



### CAMP TRANSPORTATION

Here is what our transportation to and from camp will look like! If you have registered your child for camp, please contact the church office to let us know so we know who we should be expecting!

- **Pathfinder Camp** (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) | June 14-15: Parents generally do drop off and pick up, so if your child needs a ride, let us know and we will make arrangements.
- **Explorer Camp** (5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade) | June 15-20: We will be able to transport campers to and from camp with the church van. We will leave the church at noon on Sunday, June 15th, and return to Countryside around 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20th.
- **Trailblazer Camp** (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade) | June 22-25: We need a driver to get kids to First Covenant in Salina, where they will meet up with that group and travel the rest of the way. We will need another driver for pickup on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> around 4:00 to pick kids up at First Covenant and bring them back to Countryside! Please let me know if you are available to do this.

### COMMUNICATION

Most of our communication comes through weekly email and text. If you are not receiving the emails already, please contact Amy to get added to our list! amy@csidcov.org

## JUNE COUNTRYSIDE KIDS CALENDAR

|     |           |  |
|-----|-----------|--|
| 1   | Sunday    | Kids Praise 8:30 & 11:00 am              |
| 1   | Sunday    | VBS Training 10:00 am in Student Center  |
| 2-6 | Mon-Fri   | VBS 9:00 - 11:30 am                      |
| 8   | Sunday    | One Worship Service at 10:00 am          |
| 14  | Saturday  | Pathfinders leave for camp               |
| 15  | Sunday    | Kids Praise 8:30 & 11:00 am              |
| 15  | Sunday    | Explorers leave for camp at Noon         |
| 20  | Friday    | Explorers return from camp               |
| 22  | Sunday    | Kids Praise 8:30 & 11:00 am              |
| 22  | Sunday    | Trailblazers leave for camp (time TBD)   |
| 25  | Wednesday | Trailblazers return from camp (time TBD) |
| 29  | Sunday    | Kids Praise 8:30 & 11:00 am              |



Make plans for your child to attend our summer VBS at Countryside Covenant Church this summer! We have a fantastic week planned where kids will learn how to find their way in a world gone wild. We have Jesus - our true north! We hope to give kids a rock-solid foundation and point them to Jesus, their unmovable, unshakable friend forever! VBS is open to kids that are age 4 all the way through kids who have just completed 5th grade!



USE THE QR CODE TO THE LEFT TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR VBS



### OUR VBS MISSION PROJECT!

Each year we like to pick a local organization to support through our VBS Mission Project! This year we have chosen Open Door Health Services out of Hutchinson. If you would like to join the children as they collect items and raise money to support this organization, check out the info below for what they are collecting each day!



**ON SUNDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> WE WILL ONLY HAVE ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM! KIDS WILL HELP LEAD WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY BY SHARING THE VBS SONGS THEY LEARNED. THE SERVICE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A FUNDRAISER LUNCH FOR THE HS MISSION TRIP!**



### SUMMER SCHEDULE

Our schedule for children's programming will change a bit during the summer months! This is so we can make room for all of the extra things happening like VBS, camps, and mission trips. We will not have Kids Town or Kids Life over the summer (both will resume in September). We will still have nursery on Sunday mornings as well as Kids Praise during our worship services!

## Thank You's

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of the family of Dr. C. Richard Friedley, we would like to express our profound thanks for all the prayers, support and for those who performed services at our father's funeral. Words simply cannot express how deeply we appreciated everything that was done to help us get through this difficult time. Your enduring love and support will always be remembered.

With thankfulness, The Friedley family

C-Side,

What an amazing day we had during our 1st Annual Worship Arts Festival! Thank you for allowing our five schools to come to C-Side church and learn from one another and the Lord! I love our church!

God Bless, Jacob Kaufman

Thank you to everyone who provided a pie for Connor's Going Away Reception! It was a wonderful event to honor Connor's eight years here at Countryside!

## Church Life Update



### Birth:

**Lily Rene.** daughter of  
**Hadley & Katie Hageman**

### Confirmands:

**Megan Emery. Kaylee Frank.**  
**Mallorie Jader. Violet Kaufman.**  
**Gavin McEluain. Cooper Schmidt**

### Death:

**Marilyn Postier. May 3**



## "Faith Lessons" by Ray Vander Laan

Faith Lessons is a powerful video-based Bible study series created by Bible teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan. The series, also known as That the World May Know, brings the Bible to life by exploring the historical, geographical, and cultural context of Scripture. Filmed on location in Israel, Turkey, Egypt, and other biblical sites, Vander Laan teaches viewers how the ancient world informs and deepens understanding of the Bible's message.



Each episode features Vander Laan guiding groups through significant biblical locations, linking modern faith with ancient practices and the experiences of God's people throughout history. His teaching emphasizes how biblical truths were meant to be lived out—not just understood intellectually—and challenges believers to live boldly and faithfully in today's world.

Key themes include:

- ⇒ The importance of historical and cultural context in interpreting Scripture.
- ⇒ The faithfulness of God through trials and exile.
- ⇒ The call to discipleship and living counter-culturally.
- ⇒ Understanding the Bible as a unified, unfolding story of redemption.

The Faith Lessons DVD series and books to go with it are currently available to check out in our library.

### May 2025 Attendance (includes online)

|        | Christian Formation | Worship |
|--------|---------------------|---------|
| May 4  | —                   | 613     |
| May 11 | —                   | 580     |
| May 18 | —                   | 621     |
| May 25 | —                   | 509     |

### May 2025 Giving

|                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| May 4                            | \$23,552.39          |
| May 11                           | \$24,552.50          |
| May 18                           | \$24,004.72          |
| May 25                           | \$21,833.55          |
| <b>Total Y-to-D</b>              | <b>\$544,622.07</b>  |
| <b>Giving vs Expenses Y-to-D</b> | <b>(\$15,180.17)</b> |



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*Countryside Covenant Church is a body of believers with a heart for Jesus Christ.*

## ***This Month at Countryside***

Sunday Worship Services at 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

### **JUNE EVENTS**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 2-6           | VBS   |
| 3 & 21        | Widows Connection   |
| 3, 10, 17, 24 | Men's Coffee  |
| 3, 10, 17, 24 | Celebrate Recovery  |
| 4, 11, 18, 25 | Prayer Group  |
| 4, 11, 18, 25 | M.S. Hangouts   |
| 8             | VBS Sunday-One service @ 10:00 a.m.,<br>Lunch following-H.S. Fundraiser |
| 14-15         | 1st-2nd Grade Covenant Cedars Camp                                      |
| 15            | Father's Day  |
| 15-20         | 5th & 6th Grade Covenant Cedars Camp                                    |
| 17            | Leadership Team Meeting   |
| 20-21         | Middle School 24 Hour Rush in K.C.                                      |
| 22            | Visitors Brunch   |
| 22-25         | 3rd & 4th Grade Covenant Cedars Camp                                    |
| 27            | High School to World's of Fun   |
| 29            | Ministry Coordination Council Meeting                                   |
| 29-July 4     | 6th-8th Grade Covenant Cedars Camp                                      |

### **Countryside Staff**

Jon Black, Senior Pastor

Jeremy Bower, Associate Pastor

Lynn Black, Pastor of Adult Ministries

Amy Brunk, Director of Children's Ministries

Lizy Johnson, Director of Student Ministries

Bobbie Kaufman, Interim Worship Arts Director

Linda Totman, Church Administrator

Kim Goering, Office Assistant

Tiffani Eilrich, Children's Ministries Assistant

Keragan Gates, Production Director