

COMING DATES TO NOTE

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Offices Closed - Happy New Year!

1-8

Wednesday Warriors - 8:30 am
AWANA restarts for 2025 - 6 pm

1-15

Annual Reports Due to Office

1-19

PR Baby Bottle Fundraiser Begins
CCYC Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser
- 11 am to 1 pm

1-20

TORCH Items Due to Office - Noon

1-25

OCC Blood Drive - 8 to 11:30 am

2-2

Testimony Sunday - 9 am

**To see more events and details, visit our
online calendar at oscochurch.org/calendar.



Starting **January 19th** and running
through the month of February,
we will be participating in the

Pregnancy Resources Baby Bottle fundraiser.

Bottles with cash or check donations in them may be
turned in to the church office or at the
Information Center.

Let's all invest in precious lives yet unborn!



Please Return Baby Bottles By:
Sunday, February 23rd



Cambridge Community & Youth Center Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser

Enjoy warm breakfast burritos & a great cup of coffee
all to support the Youth Center Camp fund.

Sunday, January 19th from 11 am – 1 pm at the Center.

Carry out, delivery or eat in available.

407 N West Street – Cambridge

For large orders (a dozen or more) or for delivery,
please contact Doreen at (309) 945-6936.

Suggested donation is \$3/burrito.



Reminder for Ministry Team Leaders,
2024 Annual Reports need to be in to
the church office by
Wednesday, January 15th, 2025.

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

OscO Community Church

January 25, 2025

8 – 11:30 am

Contact Rose Reddick at 309-522-5557 to sign up today!



January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Offices Closed	2	3	4
5 9 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Sunday School	6	7 9 am Staff Mtg 6:30 pm Elder Mtg	8 8:30 am Wednesday Warriors 6 pm Awana 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	9	10 9 am – Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	11
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January Birthdays

B Franck	4
T Scott	4
L Kane	5
M Gay	5
R McMeekan	6
M Vedvik	11
I Betcher	19
S Ashby	20
C McMeekan	20
B Janson	21
A Sloan	21
R Brit	21
J Osborne	21
S Osborne	22
D Wallace	25

January Anniversaries

M & B White 4

Did you miss a **Sunday** due to vacation or illness?
Recent copies of the sermons, sermon notes
& the current bulletin is available to
download from our website, oscochurch.org.

Check out the Information Center for copies of
Acts & Facts, current **Sunday School classes**,
& **Our Daily Bread**.

FINANCE MINISTRY

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Ministry at financeministry@oscochurch.org.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE - General Fund				Fund Balances - November 2024	
	November 2024	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	General	\$63,948
Tithes & Offerings	\$23,503	\$184,091		Building	\$15,609
Expenses	\$19,245	\$193,770	\$212,719	Outreach	\$6,550
Variance	\$4,257	\$9,679		Missions	\$10,710

Did you know there are Four Ways to give to Osco Community Church?

1. Go to our church website and click on the **GIVE** link. (No apps required)
2. Place your envelope in the offering box on Sunday morning
3. Mail checks to the church address, ATTN: Finance Team
4. Scan the QR code to the right



Attendance - 5 Weeks		
	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
12/1/24	116	89
12/18/24	112	81
12/15/24	114	85
12/22/24	123	80
12/29/24	103	0
Average	114	84

MISSIONS BUDGET

We need \$9,263 in order to meet the 2025 budget quarterly.

In order to meet the 1st quarter of 2025, we need \$6,912.00.

TORCH Items are due to the Church Office by **January 20th at Noon.**

Just a reminder that we cannot guarantee space in the newsletter if items are sent in after the deadline!!



Cambridge Community & Youth Center

Ministry Site for Central IL YFC
facebook.com/CYCcambridgell

Cambridge Community and Youth Center provides a safe place where respect and relationships are encouraged, the community is served, and the Kingdom of God is furthered.

Supply needs for the Center this month:

Bottled Water (8 oz and 15 oz bottles)
Frozen Pizza - Jack's pepperoni or cheese are the favorites

Please pray for the Center this month:

- *Please continue to pray for open hearts & good conversations with students.
- *With potentially 24 students wanting to attend summer camp, we are beginning fundraising in earnest this month. Please pray for events.
- *Liability insurance for the Center continues to increase. Pray for finances to cover & for wisdom in looking for another provider.

Thank you for faithfully praying for and supporting the Center!

FACILITY MINISTRY



The **Wednesday Warriors** will be meeting on **January 8th at 8:30 am.**

There are two goals for this group:

- 1) Spiritual replenishing of every man attending, &
- 2) Simple repair projects around the church.

For more information, please contact D Gay, D Rehn, or P Warren.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

THANK YOU! What a beautiful combination of vocal and instrumental music, shadow skit, monologues and readers theater.

Thank you to all who shared their talents to bless this Osco Church family.



2025 Offering Envelopes are available in the foyer. Be sure to get yours soon! If you do not see your name on a box, write your name on the sheet provided along with the box number.

ADULT MINISTRY

Upcoming Sermons from Pastor Paul

January 5th: The Mercy and Justice of God
- Romans 3:23-26

January 12th: Missionary Guest Preacher

January 19th: The King of Glory
- Psalm 24

January 26th: Introduction to Philippians
- Philippians 1:1-2

TESTIMONY SUNDAY

February 2nd

If you would like to give a testimony,
please let Pastor Paul know.

Join us for a special Sunday of hearing testimonies of how God has used the people & the ministries of our church for His glory in 2024. If you would like to give a testimony, please contact Pastor Paul.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

— CLASSES FOR ALL AGES —

Sunday Mornings after Worship Services

Age 2 – Kindergarten – M Gay - Room C.1.3.

1st - 3rd Grade – D Wallace/N Hatfield - Room C.1.7.

4th & 5th Grade – M Carlson/T Henschel - Room C.1.5.

6th – 12th Grade – T & K Akers - Room A.2.1.

Book of Luke – L Roach - Room A.1.1.

(Ends January 5th)

Church History – J Hatfield - Room A.1.1.

(Starts January 19th)

“The Marriage You’ve Always Wanted” DVD Series by
Gary Chapman – W & C Snook - Fellowship Hall

The Adult Sunday School classes
will meet together on Sunday, January 12th
in the Fellowship Hall
to hear an update from one of our missionaries.

our ELDERS

Elder Meeting Updates:

We started off our meeting, as usual, with sharing praises and prayer requests and praying for the needs of our church family and community. We continued on in our elder training book (*Budgeting for a Healthy Church* by Jamie Dunlop), looking at chapter 6 on Missions and Outreach. We also discussed details for a special prayer time during the morning service on December 29, different options for a missionary visit coming up on January 12, and a plan for adult Sunday school with L Roach taking a break from his class soon and S and R Tuttle stepping down from being over Adult Ministries. We also made the decision to move website hosts, have Church Mutual give us a quote on insurance, and scheduled a time (January 21) to meet with ministry team leaders to formulate goals for the new year.

Future Meeting Dates:

January 7th at 6:30 pm

January 21st at 6:30 pm - Elders & Ministry Team
Leaders Meeting

CARING MINISTRY

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, January 12th

Sign up at the Information Center to help provide a
dessert or fruit for Celebration Sunday.
Please see Katie Janson with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual
Report

**2024 Annual Reports need to be turned into the church
office by Wednesday, January 15th!**

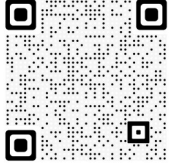
Iron Sharpens Iron Men’s Conference
March 22nd

Iron Sharpens Iron Women’s Conference
April 12th

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



Awana gives children and youth an opportunity to know, love, and serve Jesus.



Register here with the QR code or online at oscochurch.org!

Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Registration: \$20/child

Awana Clubs for ages 3 through 6th grade

Cubbies - Ages 3 & 4

Sparks - K through 2nd grade

Truth & Training (T&T) - 3rd through 6th grade

FREE Bible Study for 7th - 12th Grade



Thank you to our church family for supporting the AWANA Christmas Store with your donations, everyone who helped with setup/teardown and with wrapping the presents. The kids enjoy Christmas shopping for their families and spending their AWANA "bucks" they earned.

*M & D Carlson,
A Osborne, M Betcher*

Sign up for Updates
by texting @oscoAWANA to 81010
For more information, please contact:

awana@oscochurch.org,
facebook.com/OscoAwana,
or call (309) 522-5561

Important Dates:

Jan. 1st
No Awana - Christmas Break

March 26th
No Awana - Spring Break

OCC Weather Cancellation Policy

The morning worship service will not be canceled for weather on Sundays.



What if it's bad weather?
"Come if you can" is the motto. If things are looking unsafe for travel in your area, feel free to stay home and tune in from there.

What if I'm serving?
If you are serving in any capacity you are under NO obligation to come to church if you do not feel it is safe for you to do so. Simply contact Pastor Paul with your name and the area where you were scheduled to serve so he is aware.

JANUARY OCC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DURING WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

GROUPS	January 5 th	January 12 th	January 19 th	January 26 th
Nursery 9 AM	On Call	On Call	On Call	On Call
2's - 4's 9 AM	R Tuttle M Osborne	R Tuttle B Janson	C Carlson T Snook	D Carlson E Downing
Nursery 10:30 AM	L Vincent K Janson	K Akers B White	C Snook L Snook	Downing Family
2's - K SS CLASS	M Gay S Osborne	M Gay C Carlson	M Gay D Carlson	M Gay J Franck



To Know Him



To Make Him Known



To Share His Love

MISSIONS MINISTRY

As a church we have a long legacy of being passionate about investing in those who are making Him known to the nations. We are blessed to currently partner with 9 individuals or families and 6 organizations through both prayer and financial support. For more information about our missionaries, please stop by our missionary wall in the church foyer.



**Cambridge Community
& Youth Center**
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Dick & Terri Grady
One Challenge



Peter Grant
PreVision Partnership



Steve & Jill Horsman
InterAct Ministries - Alaska



Scott Johnson
YFC International



Elizabeth Mativo
Child Arise Kenya Widows
& Orphans Ministry



Beth Ann Nelson
Cru - Italy



Jay & Kathy Pinney
Reach Global Montreal City Team



Jim & Juanita
Wycliffe - Mexico

Nick & Jennifer
Investing in Leaders in South Asia

Keith & Louise
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