

COMING DATES TO NOTE

- 5-4**
Soup & Prayer - 5 pm
- 5-11**
Mother's Day / Graduation Sunday
- 5-14**
Wednesday Warriors - 8:30 am
Women's Ministry Fellowship
- 10:30 am
- 5-17**
T Snook Graduation Party - 4 to 8 pm
- 5-19**
TORCH Items Due to Office - Noon
- 5-26**
Offices Closed
- 5-28**
Women's Ministry P.I.E. Event - 6 pm
- 6-8**
Women's Ministry "Joseph ...
Dreamcoat" - 2 pm
- 6-10**
Women's Ministry Bible Study begins
- 6:30 pm
- 6-15**
All-Church Potluck/Kickball in the Park
- 5 pm
- 6-22**
J and K Pinney Visiting
- 6-29**
Brunch Mixer - 10:30 am
- 7-13 to 7-17**
VBS 2025

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

Soup AND Prayer

May 4

5 – 6:30 PM

Come for some soup & fellowship followed by a time of prayer. (Soup will be provided!)



Upcoming OCC Summer Dates to Know:

- June 15 at 5 PM – Potluck in the Park
- June 29 – Sunday School Brunch Mixer
- July 13-17 – VBS
- July 20 – Sunday School Brunch Mixer
- July 20-25 – Royal Family Kids Camp

REGISTER TODAY for VBS

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



**VBS 2025
JULY 13 – 17**

**Dinner @ 5:15 pm
VBS runs 6 to 8 pm**

For Children Ages 3 to Finishing 5th Grade
Youth Bible Study for those who just finished 6th – 12th grade with an opportunity to serve during VBS.

We are in need of television or oversized cardboard boxes to start prepping scenery for VBS 2025. Boxes can be left in the entryway by the offices.

Thank you, OCC Staff

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 7 pm A Boyd Concert for World Orphans @ Black Ridge	3
4 9 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Sunday School 5 pm Soup & Prayer	5	6 9 am Staff Mtg 5:30 - 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	7 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	8	9	10
Happy Mother's Day 11 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	12 5:30 - 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball	13 9 am Staff Mtg 6:30 pm Elder Mtg	14 8:30 am Wednesday Warriors 10:30 am Women's Ministry Fellowship 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice	15	16	17 4 - 8 pm T Snook Graduation Party
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May Birthdays

L Stropes	3
D Rehn	8
V Snook	10
A Osborne	13
R Tuttle	13
C Carlson	18
J Jewett	20
T Snook	22
E Fuller	25
N Hatfield	25
G Osborne	25
V Sloan	28
S Rehn	30

May Anniversaries

K & M Kelley	22
L & A White	23
S & R Tuttle	30

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

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.

FINANCE MINISTRY

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE - General Fund				Fund Balances - March 2025	
	March 2025	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	General	\$73,253
Tithes & Offerings	\$17,421	\$57,508		Building	\$23,707
Expenses	\$16,480	\$54,453	\$57,335	Outreach	\$5,629
Variance	\$941	\$3,056		Missions	\$8,919

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 - 4 Weeks		
	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
4/6/25	124	78
4/13/25	115	84
4/20/25	158	0
4/27/25	<u>128</u>	<u>83</u>
Average	131	82

MISSIONS BUDGET

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

In order to meet the 2nd quarter of 2025 (end of June), we need \$4,785.00.

TORCH Items are due to the Church Office by **May 19th 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/CYCcambridgeIL

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 (8-10 oz and 16 oz)
- Freezer Pops

Please pray for the Center this month:

- *Thank you to the "amazon angels" who have had center supplies delivered to my house!! Bless you!!
- *We are in the last month of this school year. Please pray that we finish strong and that we continue to build relationships with our students!
- *Praise! We have successfully completed 5 major fundraisers to send kids to camp. Thank you to all who have participated & supported this ministry!! Numbers are being finalized, a final total coming soon!

Thank you for faithfully praying for and supporting the Center!

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Thanks to all who participated in the Easter services with readings, instrumental or vocal selections. All combined to make those services very special!!

FACILITY MINISTRY



The **Wednesday Warriors** will be meeting on **May 14th 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.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



Thank you to all of our leaders who give their time and share the Gospel with our students each week. Also, thank you to our church family for supporting the Spring AWANA Store with your donations. The kids enjoy shopping at the end of their AWANA year and spending their AWANA “bucks” they earned.

M & D Carlson, A Osborne, & M Betcher

MAY OCC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DURING WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

GROUPS	May 4 th	May 11 th	May 18 th	May 25 th
2's - 4's 9 AM	D Carlson E Akers	R Tuttle M Osborne	C Carlson B Janson	K Heberer T Snook
2's - K SS CLASS	C Carlson K Heberer	C Carlson S Osborne	M Gay J Franck	C Carlson D Carlson

Graduating Students

If you know of any students that will be graduating this May, please let the church office know who is graduating, when they are graduating, and what school or college (and degree) they are graduating from so we can recognize their accomplishments on **Sunday, May 11th**.

**A photo of the graduate could also be included!*

The church family is invited to a **Graduation Party** for **T Snook** on Saturday, May 17th from 4 to 8 pm at the Snook home, Cambridge, IL.

The church family is invited to a **Graduation Party** for **B & T Vedvik** on Saturday, June 14th from 12 - 4 pm at the large pavilion in Indian Bluff Golf Course, Milan, IL.



SUMMER CAMP

Youth for Christ
(YFC) Camp

Information about camp opportunities can be found at the Information Center in the foyer.

Camp
Timber-lee

Osco Community Church is also offering scholarships of \$100 to students that attend OCC or one of our regular programs (ex: Awana) and are attending a Christian camp this summer.

Rock River Christian Camp



The church offices will be closed on **Monday, May 26th** for **Memorial Day**.



2025-2026 Osco Elder Goals

Three Month Goals

1. Recruit a viable list of substitute volunteers for both nursery and Sunday School.
2. Recruit a viable list of door greeters and bulletin dispersers and set up a serving schedule.

Six Month Goals

1. Reline the church parking lot.
2. Encourage and foster the start of various small groups for discipleship.
3. Develop and create a family/elderly person care ministry.

One Year

1. Develop a better discipleship pipeline for potential future leaders in our church (elders, ministry team leaders, etc).
2. Encourage "Adopt-a-Missionary" connections for Sunday school classes.
3. Recruit a new treasurer.
4. Host another community worship service.
5. Send a group of teens to the Challenge July 13 - 17, 2026 EFCA Youth Conference.

Three Years

1. Continued growth and revitalization of youth group and ministry to teens.
2. Be in a financial position to:
 - a. Employ a part time youth or assistant pastor.
 - b. Renovate sanctuary lights/sound/sound panels.

SAVE THE DATE



**All-Church Potluck/
Kickball in the Park**
Sunday, June 15th at 5 pm -
Andover Park

Please bring a meat/main dish and a side dish to share. Table service and drinks will be furnished. We would love to have the entire church family join us for this evening of fun and fellowship!

BRUNCH MIXER

Sunday, June 29th at 10:30 am

We will be taking a break from our normal Sunday school classes & having a time of food and connecting in the Fellowship Hall instead.



Sign up at the Information Center to help provide a casserole, fruit, or pastry for the brunch. For more information, contact the church office.

ADULT MINISTRY

PHILIPPIANS

Your Life in Christ

Upcoming Sermons from Pastor Paul

- May 4th:** Still on the Throne
- Ephesians 1:18-23
- May 11th:** Diligent Dependence
- Philippians 2:12-13
- May 18th:** The Big Deal About Harmony
- Philippians 2:14-16
- May 25th:** Lives Worth Imitating
- Philippians 2:17-30



Oscos Community Church ADULT VOLLEYBALL

May 6, 12, 20, 27
5:30-8:00 PM

Questions? See Heidi Hoste
or Carter Snook

our ELDERS

Elder Meeting Updates:

We began both meetings with sharing praises and prayer requests and praying for our church family and community. During our first meeting, we met with leaders from Royal Family Kids Camp and talked through different ways we could better partner with and support them as they look ahead to camp this summer (July 20-25). More information will be coming on this when they share an update on Sunday, May 4. Also be on the lookout for a table with more information and ways to pray and get involved coming soon in the foyer! During our second meeting we studied and discussed chapter two of 2 Timothy as a part of our ongoing elder training. Over the course of both meetings we also finalized the goals for the church (see below) and discussed next steps on those as well as talked through different upcoming events and opportunities and some different shepherding concerns. Thank you for your continued prayers for this team of elders and the church!

Future Meeting Dates:

May 12th at 6:30 pm
May 27th at 6:30 pm

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.
Church History – J Hatfield - Room A.1.1.
“The Art of Parenting” DVD Series by
Dennis & Barbara Rainey – W & C Snook - Fellowship Hall

Have you checked out our library lately?

We have a great collection of fiction, nonfiction, children's, & young adult books for checkout as well as many DVD's.

Stop in the library, just off the fellowship hall, & check it out today!



Women's Ministry Fellowship

May 14 at 10:30 am:

Coffee & Soup at L Warren's

**L will have the favorite tomato soup (& maybe one other), Carol is bringing dessert. Feel free to bring food to go with it.*

June 11 at 10:30 am:

Coffee at L Warren's

**L will have the coffee. Feel free to bring a goodie to go with it.*

July 9 at 10:30 am:

Picnic at the College Square Park

**Bring your own lunch! Families are welcome to join us for a play day at the park.*

August 13 at 10:30 am:

Brunch at L Warren's

**Brunch casserole & drinks provided. Feel free to bring food to go with it.*

For directions & more information, contact L Warren.

Open to ALL Women of OCC!!

Women's Ministry Events

May 28 at 6 pm - P.I.E. Fellowship at OCC

**Feel free to bring a pie if you would like.*

For more information, contact C Fleming.

June 8 at 2 pm - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at Quad City Music Guild

**Tickets are \$20 for adults. Closer to the date we can make plans for transportation and lunch.*

For more information or to order tickets, contact N Hatfield, C Fleming, or L Britt.

Open to ALL Women of OCC!!

Women's Ministry Summer Bible Study

MARK

**Tuesday Nights at 6:30 pm
Every Other Week**

Location: TBD

Tuesday, June 10 - Intro, Chapters 1 & 2

Tuesday, June 24 - Chapters 3, 4, 5

Tuesday, July 8 - Chapters 6, 7, & 8

Tuesday, July 22 - Chapters 9, 10, & 11

Tuesday, August 5 - Chapters 12, 13, & 14

Tuesday, August 19 - Chapters 15 & 16

Please sign up if you are interested in joining us this summer, even if you can't make it every time.

Sign up is available at the Information Center.

Invite a Friend!!



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 8 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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