



OCTOBER 2025 TORCH

COMING DATES TO NOTE

10-8

Wednesday Warriors - 8:30 am

10-12

Community Worship Service - 10 am

10-15

Women's Ministry Fellowship - 10:30 am

10-19

Soup & Prayer - 5 pm

10-20

TORCH Items Due to Office - Noon

10-25

Snook Baby Shower - 9 am

10-29

AWANA Dinner - 5:15 pm

11-2

Daylight Savings Ends - *Fall Backward*

11-22

OCC Blood Drive - 7 to 10:30 am

11-30

Brunch Mixer - 10:30 am

12-6

Cambridge Christmas on the Square
- 5 to 7 pm

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

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY BY OSCO COMMUNITY CHURCH

October 12th, 10 AM

Downing Daughters' Pumpkin Patch
200 S 1st Street, Cambridge, IL



Seating is provided
or bring your lawn chair for the worship service

Free lunch following the service

Children and family activities after lunch

Enjoy a hayride and the
corn maze at the Pumpkin Patch

LOTS OF GREAT FOOD,
FELLOWSHIP, AND FAMILY FUN!



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
collection begins Sunday, October 26th
& will run until Sunday, November 23rd.

Box labels & extra shoeboxes
will be available in the foyer.

Reminders: Toothpaste & candy are not accepted in
shoeboxes. Shipping is \$10 per box.

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6 pm AWANA 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	2	3	4
5 9 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Sunday School	6	7 9 am Staff Mtg 6:15 pm Women's Ministry Bible Study	8 8:30 am Wednesday Warriors 6 pm Elder Mtg 6 pm AWANA (Wacky Hair Night) 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	9	10 9 am – Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	11 8:30 am – Noon Membership Class
12 10 am Community Worship Service at Downing's	13	14 9 am Staff Mtg 6:15 pm Women's Ministry Bible Study	15 10:30 am Women's Ministry Fellowship 6 pm AWANA 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice	16	17 9 am – Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	18
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October Birthdays

K Lindquist	1	E Downing	10
M Osborne	2	C Stropes	14
G White	2	K Akers	18
C Kane	4	E Bolt	19
Cs Allen	5	K Heberer	20
J Brewer	5	M Kelley	20
K Janson	8	C Bolt V	26
D Schmedt	8	J Hatfield	27
T Fleming	9	W Brewer	29
C Osborne	9	L Reddick	29
G White	9	K Downing	31
E Allen	10		

October Anniversaries

J & A Brewer	2
J & N Hatfield	4

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 - August 2025	
	August 2025	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	General	\$74,182
Tithes & Offerings	\$19,942	\$147,981		Building	\$20,526
Expenses	\$19,396	\$143,344	\$152,892	Outreach	\$5,529
Variance	\$546	\$4,637		Missions	\$3,560

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>
8/31/25	115	0
9/7/25	124	78
9/14/25	127	102
9/21/25	112	82
9/28/25	<u>101</u>	<u>81</u>
Average	116	86

MISSIONS BUDGET
We need \$9,263 in order to meet the 2025 budget quarterly.
In order to meet the 4 th quarter of 2025, we need \$9,263.00.

TORCH Items are due to the Church Office by October 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 Heart of Illinois 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.

Please pray for the Center this month:

- *Thank you to the ladies who continue to provide meals! The students are so appreciative & enjoy the good food!
- *Praise God that all the Wednesday meals are covered for the rest of the calendar year! Churches & organizations have responded!
- *Pray for 5 additional monthly donors to partner with us.

Thank you for faithfully praying for and supporting the Center!

Supply needs for the Center this month:

Bottled Water - especially the 8 oz bottles
 Individually wrapped snacks, candies, & granola bars

FACILITY MINISTRY



The **Wednesday Warriors** will be meeting on **October 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.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 19th

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

ADULT MINISTRY

Upcoming Sermons from Pastor Paul

- October 5th:** Guest Speaker - Tom Akers
- October 12th:** Worship Service at Downing Daughters'
- October 19th:** How Do I Glorify God?
- Psalm 57
- October 26th:** When Suffering Doesn't Make Sense
- Psalm 44



Pastor Henschel will be out of the office September 29th - October 4th for vacation. If you need to speak to someone while he is away, please contact one of the other elders.

Elder Meeting Updates:

The elders began both of our meetings this month with prayer, lifting up the needs of our church and community to God and praying for His grace, help, and guidance. We also began our next study for elder training, discussing chapter one of A.W. Tozer's The Pursuit of God. We are grateful for the congregation's input in the elder nomination process. From those nominated, we narrowed the list down to some we approached to prayerfully consider filling out an application and meeting with us to talk about the possibility of them coming on the elder team. Please continue to pray for this process as we meet with those willing to take this next step. During our elder meetings this month we also discussed matters related to adult Sunday school plans, the recent Get to Know OCC class, relining the church parking lot, and other shepherding matters.

Future Meeting Date:

October 8th at 6:00 pm

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Saturday, October 11th @ 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Interested in learning more about our church and becoming a member?
Please sign up at the Information Center if you plan on attending.

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.

Bible Overview – L Reddick - Room A.1.1.

Voices of Influence (3-Week Parenting Class)

by Paul David Tripp – Pastor Paul - Fellowship Hall

Soup AND Prayer

Sunday at 5 – 6:30 PM

**October 19
November 9**

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



JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER IN HONOR OF LANEY SNOOK & BABY BAYLOR

Saturday, October 25th

9:00 AM

Osco Community Church

See Robin Tuttle, Diana Wallace, or Megan Kelley
if you would like to be included in a group gift by October 19th.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



AWANA Christmas Store - Wednesday, December 17th

Donations of new gifts are being accepted now for the **AWANA Christmas Store**. Gifts are needed for women, men & children of all ages. There is a large group of 3rd-6th graders so items for 9-12 years old would be helpful. See the list below if you would like to donate specific items or you can contact M or D Carlson or M Betcher. At this time we are requesting no "gently used" items be donated. Wrapping paper, tags, & tape are also needed. Donations for the store can be dropped off in the AWANA Christmas Store bin next to the AWANA closet (as you are heading to the fellowship hall) by **Sunday, December 14th**.



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

Sign up for Updates by texting @oscoAWANA to 81010

For more information, call, (309) 522-5561
or go to facebook.com/OscoAwana

Important Dates:

Nov. 26th - No Awana - Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 17th - Christmas Store

Dec. 24th & 31st - No Awana - Christmas Break

March 25th - No Awana - Spring Break

AWANA Christmas Store Ideas



KID'S ITEMS:

Sports Balls -
Soccer, Basketball,
Football, Kickballs
Large Bouncy Balls
Nerf Guns
Bags of Candy
Hot Wheels
Girls Hair ties/
Scrunchies
Nail Polish Sets
Lip Balm Sets

Football Cards
Baseball Cards
Pokémon Cards
Board Games
Card Games
Rubik's Cube
Jewelry Making Kits
Scratch Paper Art Sets
Small Lego Sets
Rock Art Kits
Wood Art Kits
Window Art Kits

MEN'S ITEMS:

Car Cleaning Supplies
Utility Knives
Carmex/Men's Lip Care
Work Gloves
Chocolate/Candy Bars
Mixed Nuts
Grilling Items/Utensils
Tools

WOMEN'S ITEMS:

Hand Soaps
(Foaming or Gel)
Kitchen Towels
Kitchen Utensils
Hand/Body Lotion
Chocolates
Cozy Winter Socks

OCTOBER OCC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DURING WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

GROUPS	October 5 th	October 12 th	October 19 th	October 26 th
2's - 4's 9 AM	K Heberer T Snook	Community Worship Service	C Carlson E Downing	D Carlson A Jewett
2's - K SS CLASS	L Vincent	Community Worship Service	A Bolt	D Carlson

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WOMEN'S
ministry

Women's Ministry Fall Bible Study

Psalm 23

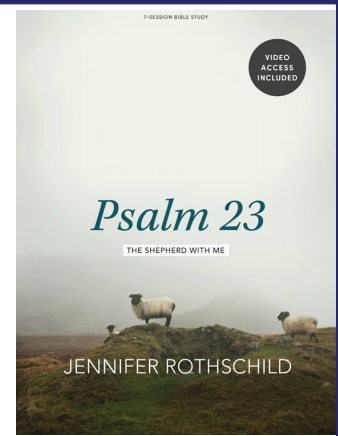
October 7th - November 18th

Tuesdays from 6:15 - 8:00 PM

Snook home in Cambridge

If you have not had a chance to order your Bible Study book yet,
please contact the church office! Cost is \$22 per book.

Open to ALL Women of OCC!! Invite a Friend!!



Women's Ministry Fellowship

Wednesday, October 15 at 10:30 am

- Soup Luncheon at L Warren's

**Bring a side to go with the soup.*

Wednesday, November 19 at 10:30 am

- Meet at L Warren's

**Bring a pumpkin dish to share.*

Wednesday, December 17 at 10:30 am

- Meet at L Warren's

**Bring some Christmas goodies to share.*

For directions & more information, contact L Warren.

Open to ALL Women of OCC!!

turn
your
eyes
SEEING THE SAVIOR
IN THE PSALMS

June 11 - 13, 2026

Indianapolis, Indiana

THE GOSPEL COALITION WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Opening Rate:
\$229 (until Oct 31)

Other costs to consider:
hotel, food, travel, any books
you might want to purchase

If interested, sign up in foyer
and register yourself at
www.tgcw26.com



Awana Dinner

October 29th at 5:15 PM

Walking Tacos, Watermelon, & Cookies

Don't forget to wear your trick or treating costume.

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.

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SAVE THE DATE



Daylight Savings Time ends early Sunday, Nov. 2nd. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before bed on Nov. 1st.



BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Osco Community Church
November 22, 2025
7 - 10:30 am

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

ImpactLife

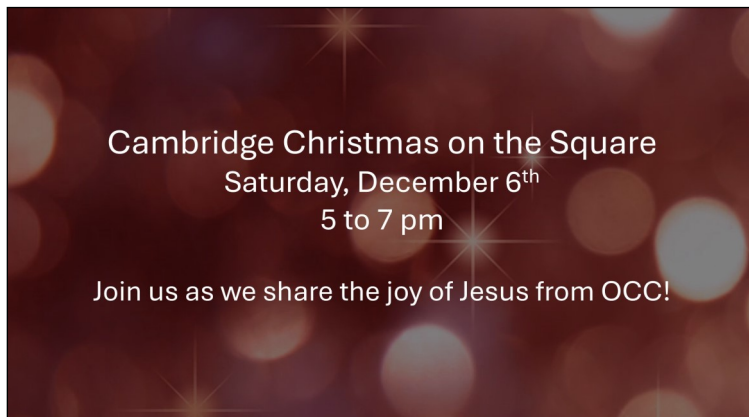
BRUNCH MIXER

Sunday, November 30th 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.



Cambridge Christmas on the Square
Saturday, December 6th
5 to 7 pm

Join us as we share the joy of Jesus from OCC!



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**
facebook.com/CYCcambridgell



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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