

COMING DATES TO NOTE

4-3

Good Friday Service - 6 pm

4-5

Easter Sunday Service - 9 am

4-6

Offices Closed

4-8

Wednesday Warriors - 8:30 am
Leader Appreciation/AWANA Spring Store
- 6 to 7:30 pm

4-13

CCYC Blood Drive - 3 to 7 pm
Men's Huddle Bible study begins - 7 pm

4-15

Women's Ministry Fellowship - 10:30 am
AWANA Awards Night/Pizza Party
- 6 to 7:30 pm

4-18

Men's Huddle Bible study begins - 7 am
Women's Iron Sharpens Iron Conference
- 8:30 am to 4 pm

4-20

TORCH Items due to Office - Noon

5-10

CCYC Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser
- 11 am to 1 pm

5-31

Brunch Mixer - 10:30 am

7-12 to 7-16

VBS 2026 - Illumination Station

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



Good
Friday
Services

Good Friday Service & Communion

Friday, April 3rd at 6 pm

Come for a time of remembering our Savior's death
through song, prayer, Scripture, and communion.



**Easter Worship Service at
Osco Community Church**

Join us for Easter as we celebrate Jesus, who died
on the cross in our place and was raised to life for our
salvation. Our service is open to all, lasts just over an hour,
and is a wonderful time of worship through music, prayer,
and hearing from God's Word, the Bible. Come find out more
about how Jesus has given us the greatest possible gift and
the difference He can make in your life today & for eternity!

Childcare available for ages 0 - 4 years old.
There will be no Sunday School or evening activities.

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			6 pm Awana		6 pm Good Friday Service	
5 9 am Easter Worship No Sunday School or Evening Activities	6 Offices Closed	7 9 am Staff Mtg	8 8:30 am Wednesday Warriors	9	10 9 am - Noon F.A.I.T.H. Homeschool Group	11
	5:30 - 8 pm Adult Coed Volleyball 6:30 pm Elder Mtg	6:15 pm Women's Ministry Spring Bible Study	6 pm Awana Leader Appreciation / Spring Store			
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April Birthdays

A Ames	3
C Snook	9
S Wells	16
M Betcher	21
S Heberer	22
D Burk	23
C Keeney	23
T Henschel	30

April Anniversaries

M & D Carlson	2
E & C Carlson	3
P & B Grant	6
A & S Osborne	7
B & J Franck	13
S & T Scott	28
S & K Janson	29



The church offices will be closed on **Monday, April 6th** for Easter.

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 - February 2026	
	February 2026	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	General	\$70,139
Tithes & Offerings	\$26,270	\$42,097		Building	\$26,435
Expenses	\$26,668	\$42,358	\$39,620	Outreach	\$3,513
Variance	-\$399	-\$262		Missions	\$11,700

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		
	Service	Sunday School
3/1/26	110	82
3/8/26	101	73
3/15/26	120	92
3/22/26	111	83
3/29/26	99	0
Average	108	83

MISSIONS BUDGET

We need \$9,175 in order to meet the 2026 budget quarterly.

In order to meet the 2nd quarter of 2026, we still need \$7300.00.

TORCH Items are due to the Church office by April 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/CYCcambridgeIL](https://www.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:

- Cases of small, bottled water - 8-10 oz
- Individually wrapped candies, snack size candy bars - non chocolate items too
- Granola bars or peanut butter crackers

Please pray for the Center this month:

*THANK YOU - for your continued support of the Center! Puzzle Palooza was so fun! Congrats to the Henschel's for their 2nd victory!!!

Camp prayer requests:

- *Please pray for the upcoming fundraisers, that they will not only be helpful in getting kids to camp, but they will provide more opportunities to meet new people & share the story of the Center.
- *Please pray a female leader can be found for the junior high camp.
- *Pray for travel details to be worked out.



**Cambridge Community & Youth Center
BLOOD DRIVE**

Monday, April 13th, 2026

3:00 – 7:00 pm

407 N West Street, Cambridge, IL

Contact Doreen Vincent at 309-945-6936
 or vinfarmerservice@gmail.com to sign up today!



Cambridge Community & Youth Center Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser

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

Sunday, May 10th 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.



ADULT MINISTRY



Upcoming Sermons from Pastor Paul

April 5th: What's at Stake with the Resurrection?

- 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

April 12th: Bad Company

- Luke 5:27-32

April 19th: An Unexpected Guest

- Luke 7:36-50

April 26th: A Big Picnic Miracle

- Luke 9:10-17

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.

What We Believe & Why It Matters

- Pastor Paul - Fellowship Hall

The 7 I AM's & 7 Signs in John

- L Roach - Room A.1.1.

Elder Meeting Updates:

our **ELDERS**

We began both of our meetings this month by sharing praise and prayer requests and praying for the needs of our church family and community. During our meetings we also discussed and finalized goals for the year ahead, selected a book for our ongoing elder training (Mission Creep by Larry Osborne), moved forward with the development of a church safety plan for emergencies, and talked through what the plan will be regarding a men's Bible study after meeting with many men from the congregation. We also discussed some details regarding Good Friday and Easter, the ongoing treasurer position transition, the sermon schedule for the next few months, as well as some other shepherding matters. Regarding youth ministry, we also talked about renting out the arcade in Cambridge for the youth as an end of the year event for our teens and discussed a youth camping retreat, scheduled for June 19-20. The elders would also like to thank everyone that came out to help with the church's spring clean-up days. It was wonderful to see the church working together in this way and get so much done!

Future Meeting Dates:

April 6th at 6:30 pm & April 20th at 7:00 pm

FACILITY MINISTRY

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



There are two goals for this group:
1) replenishing of every man attending, &
2) repair projects around the church.
For more information, please contact D Gay, D Rehn, or P Warren.

CARING MINISTRY



Oscos Community Church
ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Mondays
5:30-8:00 PM

Questions? See Heidi Hoste

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 12th

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

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

Sign up for Updates by texting @oscoAWANA to 81010

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

Important Dates:

April 8th - Leader Appreciation / AWANA Store
April 15th - Awards Night / Pizza Party



April 8th

We are having an Awana Store coming up in April for the kids to end their year in a fun way & shop for themselves.

Would you consider a cash donation to help purchase small items for kids to "buy" with their Awana bucks or \$5 gift cards to Casey's or Whitey's?

If you would like ideas for specific items, you can contact Matt or Dawn Carlson or Michelle Betcher.

AWANA Spring Store Ideas

- 5 – 10 oz bags of candy
 - *Chocolate
 - *Nerd clusters
 - *Starbursts
 - *Swedish fish
 - *Jelly Beans
- Football or Baseball Cards
 - *Multipacks to split into 5 card/packs
- \$5 Lego Kits
- Small Nerf guns
- \$5 Squish Mallows (6" size)
- Journals
- Sports Balls
 - *Soccer Ball
 - *Kickball
 - *Football
 - *Basketball
- Girl's hair claw clips
- Girl's nail colors
- Girl's hair brushes & accessories
- Jump Ropes
- Needoh/Fidget Toys

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 5th at OSCOCHURCH.ORG



VBS 2026
JULY 12 – 16
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.

APRIL OCC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DURING WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

GROUPS	April 5 th	April 12 th	April 19 th	April 26 th
2's - 4's 9 AM	K Heberer B McCoy	C Carlson A Hoste	D Carlson M Osborne	R Tuttle E Akers
2's - 4's SS Class	Easter - No SS	K Heberer L Newman	C Carlson D Carlson	M Gay C Carlson

ADULT MINISTRY

Women's Ministry Spring Bible Study

God of the Ordinary:

A Study in the Book of Ruth

March 24th - April 28th

Tuesdays from 6:15 - 8 PM

Oscos Community Church

Open to ALL Women of OCC!!



Women's Ministry Fellowship

April 15th - 10:30 AM

We will be meeting at L Warren's

Open to ALL Women of OCC!!

For directions or more information, contact L Warren.

Men's Ministry Huddle Bible Study

B BETTERMAN® 11-week Bible study

Meeting weekly with 2 options:

Mondays 7-8:15 PM - Starts April 13th

Saturdays 7-8:15 AM - Starts April 18th

Sign up at the Information Center

(Please let us know if you prefer Mondays or Saturdays,
& if you would be willing to facilitate discussion, host, or provide food.)

Free and open to ALL Men of OCC!!

For more information, contact Pastor Paul.



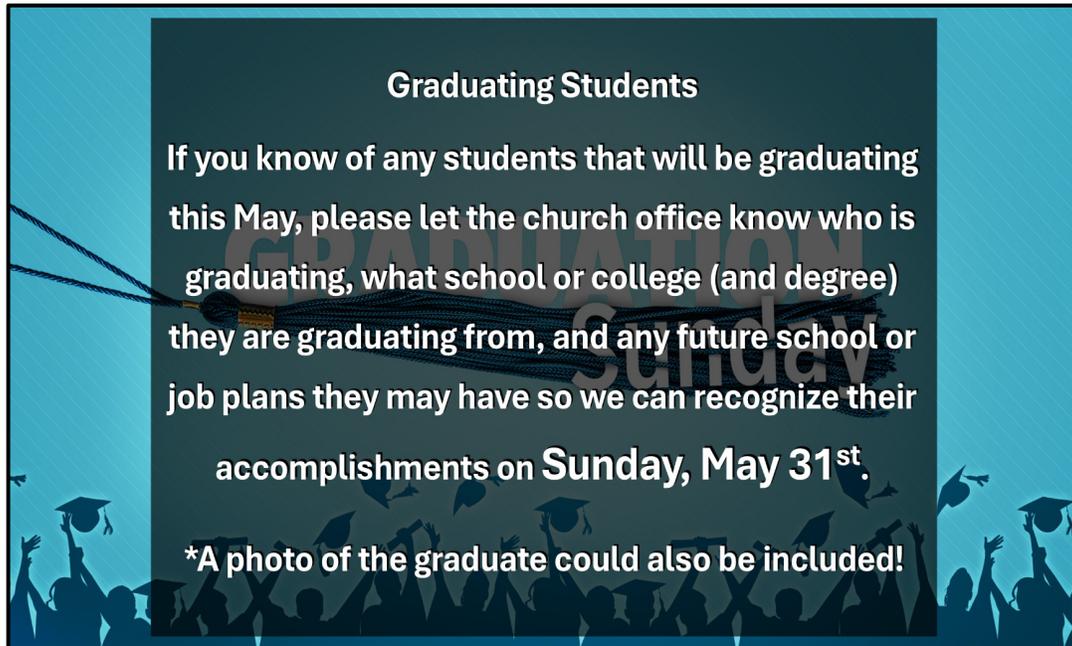
Did you miss a **Sunday** due to vacation or illness?
Recent copies of the sermons, sermon notes
& the current bulletin is available to
download from our website, **oscochurch.org**.

SAVE THE DATE

Graduating Students

If you know of any students that will be graduating this May, please let the church office know who is graduating, what school or college (and degree) they are graduating from, and any future school or job plans they may have so we can recognize their accomplishments on **Sunday, May 31st**.

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



SUMMER CAMP

Interested in learning more about
camp opportunities for your children?

*Youth for Christ
(YFC) Camp*

*Camp
Timber-lee*

Check out the Information Center
for camp brochures or contact Pastor.

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



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 investin in those who are making Him Know 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

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Investing in Leaders in South Asia

Keith & Louise
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