



AUGUST 2026 TORCH

COMING DATES TO NOTE

8-5

OCC Youth/CCYC Pool Party - 4 to 7 pm

8-9

School Prayer Walk - 4 pm

8-12

Wednesday Warriors - 8:30 am

8-19

TORCH Items due to Office - Noon
Children's Ministry Volunteer Training
- 6:30 pm

8-26

AWANA Kickoff & Meet the Leaders
- 6 pm

8-30

Brunch Mixer - 10:30 am

9-6

Sunday School Promotion

9-7

Offices Closed

9-12

Pregnancy Resources Walk for Life
- 8:30 to 10:30 am

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

A graphic for an 'END OF SUMMER SPLASH POOL PARTY'. It features a yellow sun in the top left corner and blue wavy lines representing water at the bottom. The text 'END OF SUMMER SPLASH' is in a small, blue, sans-serif font. 'POOL PARTY' is in a large, blue, bubbly font. Below this, 'WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH - 4 TO 7 PM' and 'FOOD, FUN, and MORE FUN!' are written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom, 'SNOOK HOME in CAMBRIDGE' and 'Open to all CCYC and OCC students in 6th - 12th grades' are written in a white, sans-serif font on a dark blue background.

**END OF SUMMER SPLASH
POOL PARTY**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5TH - 4 TO 7 PM
FOOD, FUN, and MORE FUN!

SNOOK HOME in CAMBRIDGE
Open to all CCYC and OCC students in 6th – 12th grades

Osco Community Church is collecting donations
of new tennis shoes and socks for this year's
SHOES for Orphan SOULS drive.

The drive will run from **August 9th – 30th**.



**SHOES for
Orphan SOULS™**

Monetary donations to help with
shipping costs will also be accepted.

A collection box is in the foyer.

For more information, see Carol Kappelman.

SCHOOL PRAYER WALK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH - OPEN TO EVERYONE

Start at Orion Sr High School at 4 pm

- Orion schools**
- Cambridge schools**

Following the prayer walk, all are invited to the Cambridge Community & Youth Center in Cambridge for a meal. A main dish, drinks, & paper products will be provided. Please bring a side dish.

August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 am Worship / Communion 10:30 am Sunday School	3	4 9 am Staff Mtg	5 4 to 7 pm OCC Youth / CCYC Pool Party	6	7	8
9  9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School 4 pm School Prayer Walk	10 6:30 pm Elder Mtg	11 9 am Staff Mtg	12 8:30 am Wednesday Warriors	13	14	15
16 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	17	18 9 am Staff Mtg	19 Noon - TORCH <i>Items</i> Due to Office 6:30 pm OCC Volunteer Training	20	21	22
23 9 am Worship 10:30 am Sunday School	24 6:30 pm Elder Mtg	25 9 am Staff Mtg	26 6 pm AWANA Kick-off & Meet the Leaders	27	28	29
30 9 am Worship 10:30 am Brunch Mixer (#4)	31					

August Birthdays

M Nilsson	1
L Britt	2
P Warren	5
W Lodge	11
L Parry	19
D McCoy	20
T Snook	20
R Vedvik	21
R Reddick	24
A White	26
G Hoste	27
H Ames	28
M Carlson	28
J (missionary)	29
S Johnson	31

August Anniversaries

B & M Allen	3
W & C Snook	9
Z & C Downing	12
R & L Britt	26

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**, & **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 - June 2026	
	June 2026	Actual Year to Date	Budget Year to Date	General	\$70,153
Tithes & Offerings	\$20,007	\$111,259		Building	\$28,069
Expenses	\$17,061	\$111,530	\$118,859	Outreach	\$4,033
Variance	\$2,946	\$272		Missions	\$13,662

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			MISSIONS BUDGET		TORCH Items are due to the Church office by August 19th at Noon.	
	Service	Sunday School	We need \$9,175 in order to meet the 2026 budget quarterly.		Just a reminder that we cannot guarantee space in the newsletter if items are sent in after the deadline!!	
7/5/26	111	74	In order to meet the 3 rd quarter of 2026 (end of September), we still need \$4,884.00.			
7/12/26	97	61				
7/19/26	128	0				
7/26/26	96	63				
Average	108	66				



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:

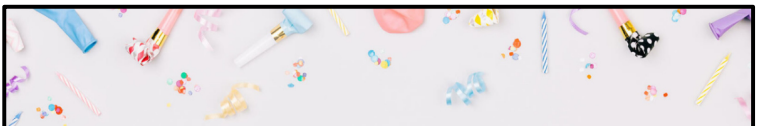
Individual bags of chips, cookies, crackers or granola bars
 Individually wrapped candies - both chocolate and non
 Cases of bottled water - both 8/9 oz and 16 oz
 Toilet paper & napkins are needed also
 If you have any gently used pool cues that need a home, we need them!

Please pray for the Center this month:

*THANK YOU for praying over our camp experiences this summer! I will be sharing more in the future, but lives were changed as decisions were made to trust Jesus!

*The Center will open Tuesday, August 18th as we start our 12th school year! Please pray for open hearts and intentional conversations.

**Thank you for faithfully praying for
and supporting the Center!**



CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 9th

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

BRUNCH MIXER

Sunday, August 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.

ADULT MINISTRY



Upcoming Sermons from Pastor Paul

August 2nd: Breakfast with Jesus (Part 1)

- John 21:1-17

August 9th: Breakfast with Jesus (Part 2)

- John 21:15-23

August 16th: A Knock at Your Door

- Revelation 3:14-22

August 23rd: The Enduring & Faithful Love of God

- Psalm 136

August 30th: When Suffering Doesn't Make Sense

- Psalm 44

FACILITY MINISTRY

The **Wednesday Warriors** will be meeting on **August 12th 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.

Elder Meeting Updates:

our **ELDERS**

Due to full schedules, we were only able to have one abbreviated meeting this month. We began our meeting by sharing prayer requests and praying for the needs of our church family and community. We discussed plans for the school prayer walk on August 9th, youth ministry volunteers for the fall, and a couple other shepherding matters.

Future Meeting Dates:

August 10th & 24th 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.

1 Corinthians - J Hatfield - Room A.1.1.

Faith & Reason Made Simple

- R & B Vedvik - Fellowship Hall



Thank
You

Dear OCC family,
Thank you to everyone who volunteered for VBS 2026 Illumination Station!! Also, thank you for all the help setting up and tearing down and working with the kids throughout the week.

Dawn Carlson



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER TRAINING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

6:30 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL



Let Pastor Paul know if you are interested in joining the OCC league!

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

AWANA KICK-OFF
AUGUST 26th, 2026
Starts at 6 pm

AUGUST OCC VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE DURING WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

GROUPS	August 2 nd	August 9 th	August 16 th	August 23 rd	August 30 th
2's - 4's 9 AM	R Tuttle C Osborne	D Carlson T Wells	C Carlson G Hoste	K Heberer T Snook	R Tuttle A Hoste
2's - 4's SS Class	M Gay K Heberer	M Gay J Franck	M Gay L Vincent	M Gay B White	Brunch Mixer - No Sunday School

SAVE THE DATE:



Pregnancy Resources
Walk for Life - 2026

September 12th
8:30 – 10:30 AM

See the Henschel family to join the church team or to
help them with a donation toward their walk goal.

BLOOD DRIVE

BLOODCENTER.ORG

Osco Community Church
September 19, 2026
7 – 10:30 am

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



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

Nick & Jennifer
Investing in Leaders in South Asia

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