

# COUNTRYSIDE NEWS

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## Our New Monthly Newsletter

### We want to stay connected!

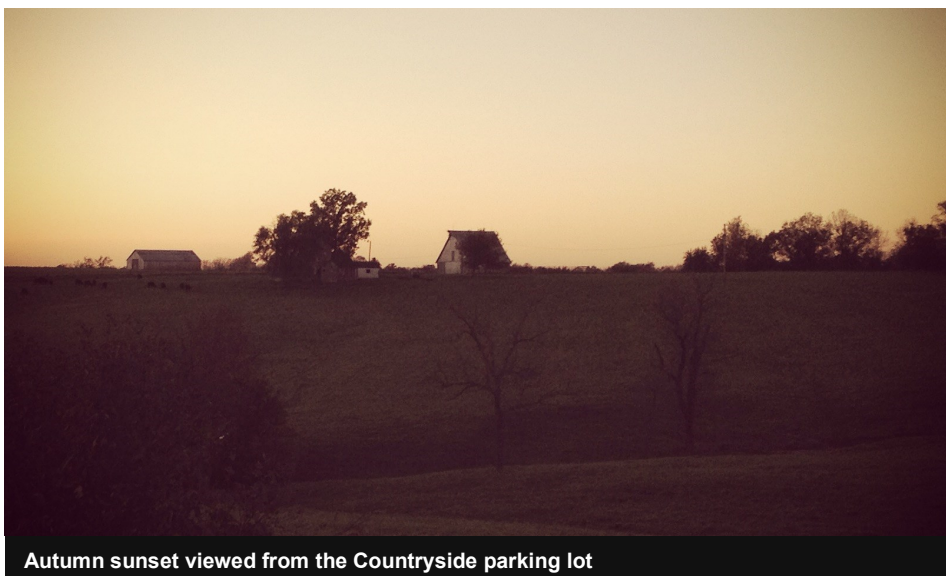
Lots of things are happening at Countryside Church of the Nazarene, and we want to stay connected. Upcoming events, celebrations, sermon series, reports from past events. Each month, it will all be collected in one place—this newsletter. Our community is spread far and wide, but lots of things bring us together, and we want to use those things to “spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” None of us are alone on this journey of faith, and we want to take advantage of every opportunity to travel together.

### How you can receive this newsletter:

- By mail, with a good, old-fashioned stamp and envelope. Hang it on your refrigerator. Keep the calendar page handy. This will be the default method of delivery.
- By email. Get our newsletter in your inbox. Scroll through and refer back to it for information.
- On our website. (Did you know we have a website? It is new! More about that below.) We will post the newsletter to the website each month.

*“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds...”*

*- Hebrews 10:23*



Autumn sunset viewed from the Countryside parking lot

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# Pastors' Corner

After a little over a year as co-lay-supply pastors, we were installed as pastors on October 25th. It was a long year of waiting for our status to change, but we are glad we waited. It is true what they say: good things come to those who wait!

The items on the table in the picture below were presented by members of the congregation as symbols of our ministry, including a pitcher of water for baptism, bread and juice for communion, a Bible to preach and teach the Word, a hymnal to lead as worshippers, and a candle to represent the presence of Christ.

It was humbling to receive tangible expressions of the ministry we have been entrusted with at Countryside, and we are honored to be here. We are looking forward to many more years together!

## Upcoming Sermon Series

November 29th is the first Sunday of Advent. We will begin an Advent sermon series on anticipation and expectation. The season of Advent ties together the Old Testament expectation of the Messiah and the New Testament expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. We will learn together how we live “between the times”—between the time of Christ’s first coming and his Second Coming.



Installation Service with Dr. Jeren Rowell



Dale Henry Egbert, 1932-2015

## In Memory: Dale Egbert

On October 1, our dear friend, Dale Egbert passed away. We miss Dale so much, especially when we come together for worship. His enthusiastic amens and cane-tapping were a wonderful part of our service. This space is way too small to give full tribute to Dale’s long life of service—to his family and his country and through the various jobs he held—but we want to just take a few lines to remember him.

Dale was a faithful servant of Christ. He was eager to share his enthusiasm for what God was doing with all those he encountered. His life also reflected his commitment to Christ.

Augustine said, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee.” We pray that Dale’s heart is at rest in his heavenly Father.

We pray also for Dale’s friends and families who are grieving deeply over his loss. May we all experience the peace of Christ as we remember Dale.

## Check out our new Website!

We have a new website at [www.countrysidenaz.com](http://www.countrysidenaz.com). This site is especially useful as a resource for visitors:

- Our service times are easy to find.
- We have a description of what visitors can expect in our services.
- We have directions and other information.

We hope to keep improving what potential visitors can learn about us! The website is part of our desire to offer the hospitality to one another as well as those who are seeking.

We also have resources for current attenders:

- Upcoming events
- Our NEW newsletter
- A link to our Facebook page

We also hope to keep adding features to our website for regular attenders. This is another way we can stay connected during the week and we miss a Sunday!



Christmas Eve Service, 2015

## Save the Date: Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24th, 6:00pm

Christmas Eve is one of the biggest services of the year for visitors: families like to attend a service together; people considering attending church for the first time might visit a Christmas Eve service. This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family to attend church.

Christmas Eve is also a wonderful, traditional time to attend church as a family. This year, we will have a simple, beautiful expression of the story of Jesus' birth through songs and readings. Our service will incorporate children and adults as participants. Join us for this wonderful tradition!

*A prayer for us to pray together:*

*"Lord, I don't ask for much today. I just ask that you give me your heart for lost people."*

# Upcoming Events and Services

## Sunday School

10:00am, every Sunday morning

## Worship Service

11:00am, every Sunday morning

## Mid-week Bible Study

7:00pm, every Wednesday evening

## Teen Breakaway

November 13-14, 8:00pm-6:00am

## Holiday Dinner (Christmas and Thanksgiving)

December 13th, immediately following morning service

## Christmas Eve Service

December 24th, 6:00pm

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