

# Christmas Country Church and Cookie Trail

## December 12, 2025

This wonderful holiday tour takes you by motor coach to four Osage County country churches. As we visit these churches you will enjoy Christmas music, beautiful decorations, and learn their history. Despite their differences, each sanctuary is united in joyful purpose. They usher in the yuletide just as they have for over a hundred years – with warmth, generosity, and tidings of comfort and joy. The tour bonus is the Cookie Trail...at each church you will receive a dozen cookies!

8:30am **Depart from Community Christian Church**, 1598 Hwy. 50 E, Linn, MO  
– restrooms available.

9:00 Arrive at **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** in Rich Fountain. The parish was founded in 1838 and a spacious and artistic church was built by parishioners in 1880. The church displays vernacular Gothic Revival and Romanesque Revival design elements. Inside the church you will admire the beautiful stained glass windows. After visiting the church we will visit their rectory and be inspired by the beautiful decorations.



11:00 Arrive at **Pilot Knob Baptist Church** in rural Belle. Organized on January 10, 1863, the church moved to its present location in 1881. Enjoy Christmas music, their beautifully decorated church and hear their history. After visiting the church we will enjoy lunch in their fellowship hall. Don't forget to pick up your cookies!



1:30 In the rural countryside of Osage County the Mt. Zion Baptist Church celebrates the Christmas season with the Hanging of the Greens. You will see this small county church decorated in this old English custom and hear how each ornament symbolizes something about Christ's birth.

3:00 Over 140 years ago **Evangel St. Paul's Church** in Cooper Hill was organized through the efforts of German and Swiss families who settled among the hills and valleys of central Missouri. In 1882 the Cooper Hill congregation was formed and church services were first held in a log building. The present sanctuary was quickly constructed after the congregation was formed. Inside the church, suspended from the ceiling, you will find a beautiful brass chandelier dating back to the original log church.



4:30 Return to Community Christian Church.



Reservation Form – cost \$65 per person. (The tour cost includes a \$3 per person donation to each church on the tour.)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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