



**Congregational Christian Church**  
**The Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley**  
(Evangelical, Independent)

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**JUNE 2018  
NEWSLETTER**

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## Greetings from the Master Plan Committee!

We been busy over the past several months and want to let you know what has been happening, what is happening and what will be happening soon.

Late last year and early this year, several committee and congregation members visited a few area churches that had undergone some type of remodeling or building program. The goal was to get ideas on how their process worked, year what went right, and what went wrong and to get ideas on how we might build in the future at Red Brick Church.

After collecting names of architects, we narrowed the field down to four that we chose to interview. In February we began holding formal interviews. After these meetings, checking references and much discussion, we narrowed it down to two architects for a second, more in-depth interview. During this second round, we asked them to tell us more about how they gather information from the congregation to determine our needs. These interviews were held Monday, May 21. After talking with each firm for about an hour, and much discussion afterwards, the committee voted overwhelmingly to hire Saavedra Gelhausen Architects from Rockford. A large part of their business is working with churches and the MPC felt they would be the best fit for working with our congregation. They have a well-established program for meeting with groups of members, surveys, and site visits to develop and lay out a phased plan according to what they hear from our congregation.

Dan Saavedra is originally from Columbia. He came to the US to study, met a farm girl from Morrison, got married and now lives in the area. Guy Gelhausen is a Rockford area native and University of Illinois graduate. They have been in business in Rockford for over twenty years and have won many design awards for church design and even the Anderson Gardens visitor center. You will be hearing form them soon as we begin the process of developing a Master Plan.

Soon we will be meeting with them to lay out a timeline on how and when we will proceed. There will be meetings with all of the mission groups, there will be surveys to complete, a couple of town hall meetings and many opportunities to submit your ideas for the growth of our church. If for some reason you miss one of the opportunities, please feel free to contact one of the MPC members. We want everyone to have a chance to provide input. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Randy Stukenberg  
Master Plan Committee Member

## JUNE GREETERS

- June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Dave and Pat Ewald  
June 10<sup>th</sup>: Randy and Susan Stukenberg  
June 17<sup>th</sup>: Roland and Lonna Nelson  
June 24<sup>th</sup>: Terrell and Terri Carby  
July 1<sup>st</sup>: Bernice Kruse, Doris Dye

## JUNE NURSERY

### June 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 9:00 am – Chelsea Colon, Deb Bonne,  
Nancy Gelderloos (Rocker)  
  
10:30 am – Susan Stukenberg, Alice Daniels,  
Vicki Boyd (Rocker)

### June 10<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am – Sharon Rhodes, Ashley Rhodes,  
Ryan Roberts  
  
10:30 am – Amy Michalek, Stacy Jones,  
Dawn Clinton

### June 17<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:00 am – Barb Hale, Tania VanBriesen,  
Rebekah Anderson  
  
10:30 am – Carl and Elizabeth Jacobson,  
Amy Michalek

### June 24<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 am – Diane and Carly Koenig,  
Justine Loyo  
  
10:30 am – Terrell and Terri Carby,  
Amy Michalek

### July 1<sup>st</sup>

- 9:00 am – Tessa Baker, Betts Carby,  
Anne Wiltfang

## NURSERY NEWS

Parents with children under the age of 5 years are invited and encouraged to use our nursery during either of the worship services. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help in the nursery, please contact our nursery coordinators, Tessa Baker (815-315-3696).

## ***SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS***

### **SS Superintendent:**

**Brooke Adams ~ 815-645-8561**

Sunday School has wrapped up for this school year and will begin again September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our average weekly Sunday School **Attendance** for the past two years during the month of May is listed below:

May 2017: 69  
May 2018: 72

Our average weekly Sunday School **Offerings** for the past two years during the month of May are listed below:

May 2017: \$8.75  
May 2018: \$9.45

## ***WORSHIP SERVICE REPORT***

Our average attendance at Worship Services for the past three months is listed below:

March Average: 251  
April Average: 270  
May 5/6, 5/13, 5/20 Average: 255  
5/27 (One Service) Attendance: 125

### **CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

Deacon Board – Tom Stahl 520-3050  
Deaconess Board – Jeanne Baker 391-4634  
Trustee Board – Jeff McLindsay 440-2042  
CE Committee – Marlene Miller 289-8453  
Memorial Committee – Jeff McLindsay 440-2042  
Missions Committee – Cathy Midtsem 979-3715  
Missions Committee – Joe Clinton 904-3382  
Music – Pastor Tim Michalek 645-2526

*July Newsletter Articles  
are due in the  
church office by  
Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>!*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Through May 31, 2018

Total Approved 2018 Budget = \$430,907

Divided by 52 weeks/year = \$8,287/week

Budget Giving through May 31 ..... \$174,027  
Actual Giving through May 31 ..... \$167,935  
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving ..... \$-6,092  
Actual Expenses through 5/31/18 ..... \$163,073



If the church office does not have your email address, please be sure to email your address to the office at the following email address:

[cccoffice1@comcast.net](mailto:cccoffice1@comcast.net)

The email address for Pastor Chris is:

[cdbrauns@gmail.com](mailto:cdbrauns@gmail.com)

The email address for Pastor Tim is:

[timothymichalek@gmail.com](mailto:timothymichalek@gmail.com)

We will be emailing out announcements, news articles, coming events, etc., so don't miss out!! Be sure we have your email address.

You may also email into the office any prayer requests you might have, any announcements for the bulletins, etc. We will be sure the prayer requests are passed on to the prayer chains and all announcements get into the bulletin.

## Baptism

A baptism service will be held on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> following the 9:00 am worship service. Contact the office to schedule a meeting with a pastor if you are interested in being baptized.

## JUNE 2018 BLENDED BIBLE READINGS FROM "BACK TO THE BIBLE"

- 01 Hosea 1-4 ; Matthew 18:1-20
- 02 Hosea 5-8 ; Matthew 18:21-35
- 03 Hosea 9-11 ; Matthew 19
- 04 Hosea 12-14 ; Matthew 20:1-16
- 05 Jeremiah 1-2 ; Matthew 20:17-34
- 06 Jeremiah 3-5 ; Matthew 21:1-22
- 07 Jeremiah 6-8 ; Matthew 21:23-46
- 08 Jeremiah 9-11 ; Matthew 22:1-22
- 09 Jeremiah 12-14 ; Matthew 22:23-46
- 10 Jeremiah 15-17 ; Matthew 23:1-22
- 11 Jeremiah 18-19 ; Matthew 23:23-39
- 12 Jeremiah 20-21 ; Matthew 24:1-28
- 13 Jeremiah 22-23 ; Matthew 24:29-51
- 14 Jeremiah 24-26 ; Matthew 25:1-30
- 15 Jeremiah 27-29 ; Matthew 25:31-46
- 16 Jeremiah 30-31 ; Matthew 26:1-25
- 17 Jeremiah 32-33 ; Matthew 26:26-50
- 18 Jeremiah 34-36 ; Matthew 26:51-75
- 19 Jeremiah 37-39 ; Matthew 27:1-26
- 20 Jeremiah 40-42 ; Matthew 27:27-50
- 21 Jeremiah 43-45 ; Matthew 27:51-66
- 22 Jeremiah 46-47 ; Matthew 28
- 23 Jeremiah 48-49 ; Philippians 1
- 24 Jeremiah 50 ; Philippians 2
- 25 Jeremiah 51-52 ; Philippians 3
- 26 Joel ; Philippians 4
- 27 Deuteronomy 1-3 ; Acts 1
- 28 Deuteronomy 4-6 ; Acts 2:1-21
- 29 Deuteronomy 7-9 ; Acts 2:22-47
- 30 Deuteronomy 10-12 ; Acts 3



The CE Board will be providing a \$100 camp scholarship for any youth from our church attending a CE approved church camp.

**A Church Camp Sign-Up Sheet is on the back bulletin board.** Sign up for where and what week you will be attending camp and the CE Board will get your scholarship to you before you leave! Have a great week at church camp! Parents will be receiving the scholarship the week prior to camp.

## 2018 Summer Schedule

Our Deacon Board has revised our Summer Worship Schedule. Please note the service times and changes as follows:

### Memorial Day Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Service only  
Children's Church (Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

### The Month of June

9:00 and 10:30 am Worship Services  
Children's Church (Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> grade)  
during both services

### The Month of July through August 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Service only  
Children's Church (Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

### August 19<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 and 10:30 am Worship Services  
Children's Church (Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> grade)  
during both services

### Labor Day Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 am Service only  
Children's Church (Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

### Fall Festival Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am Service only  
Children's Church (Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

**Please be sure to note  
these on your home  
calendar for 2018**



We are tentatively planning to have a Baby Dedication service on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have a child you would like to have dedicated, please contact the church office.



## 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade SS Class

**F – FULLY**

**R – RELY**

**O – ON**

**G – GOD**

FROG adventures are over until fall. Ms. Carol's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade SS class had a great time studying God's names this year. The class has been collecting pennies in a large jar since September. At the end of the SS year, they had collected \$75.79 in pennies and as a class decided to donate the monetary gift to The Bread of Life Food Pantry in Stillman Valley. They enjoyed their annual feast on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> on the Administration Building porch.



Thanks once again to our leaders and helpers for their hard work this past Sunday School year. We congratulated our graduates on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Children's Church, for children ages Pre-K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade, will continue throughout the summer months during the worship services. We are in need of Children's Church teachers for the month of August. Please contact Kendra Booker (217-741-1076) if you are available to serve.





**Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 – 7:30 pm**

**At the Red Brick Church**

A special event for area church pastors and leaders to build momentum for what God is doing through gospel centered ministries in northern Illinois.

This event is for all area leaders (and spouses) with whom our ecclesiology (credobaptist, complementarian, expository) resonates. The point of these parameters is not that we think these are the only gospel focused ministries -- rather, these are churches with whom we would potentially be comfortable planting churches.

The dream is that each of the pastors invited might bring leaders and influencers in our churches and ministries who need to be more aware of what God is doing through other like-minded ministries. We encourage all current and former leaders and board members consider attending this event.

We will introduce ministries represented. We will then interview a cross-section of leaders who are planting churches and involved in other ministries. Refreshments in the fellowship hall afterwards. \*No child care provided.

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**2018 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates**



**Preston Mrozek, Elizza Easley**  
**(Absent: Estelle Jones)**  
Dan and Lori Houston, BIC Instructors



**Prepare  
for Take  
Off!**

School, including graduations, are coming to a close if not already in the books. This means for many of you new "summer" activities and schedules are already on the runway or have taken off!

One activity we are excited about this summer and want our AWANA and church



families to set aside on your calendars is the MAF Fly-in set for **Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**! We learned about this possibility at our AWANA closing where we skyped one last time with John and Nancy Hook at MAF to say good bye. At our annual AWANA kick-off the Hooks surprised us with a live skype in the hanger at MAF in Idaho where they informed the kids how excited they were to begin sharing via monthly video clips about the work MAF is doing and how kids can and should start thinking about missions. During the December clip, that depicted how MAF involves children and their parents at the airport, we were inspired to ask John and Nancy about the possibility of MAF putting on a similar event right here at the Rockford airport. We are still working on the details; but to be sure this is going to be an **EXCITING** day. So please mark this date on your calendars and look for more info via church email and announcements on how you can take part in the fun that day!

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**2018 High School Graduates**



**Reece Gatz, Brianna Mrozek, Will Keast**  
**(Absent: Amanda Schabacker)**

## WELCOME TO OPERATION ARTIC!!

Everyday our kids are bombarded with the message that the Bible isn't the true Word of God ... that it can't be trusted to tell us the truth about the past or, more importantly, about how we can receive the gift of eternal life.

With the OPERATION VBS 2018 theme, your kids will warm up to the Word as they explore the coolest Book on the planet and discover how we can know for sure that the Bible is God's written word to us!

Please just us at our 2018 VBS at the Red Brick Church!

July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Ages 4 (potty-trained) through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



**REGISTER AT: [theredbrickchurch.org](http://theredbrickchurch.org)**

Operation Artic VBS is right around the corner! Please be sure to register your children on the RBC website, and also register yourself as a worker if you are available. It is a fun and rewarding week of serving God through our children. Also be watching the bulletin for information on how you can donate supplies to help make our VBS a huge success.



**A Gospel Movement in Northern Illinois: College & Career**

**Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm**

**9203 Hayrack Trail, Stillman Valley, IL 61084**

A special event for college-age Christians to build momentum and inspire vision for a gospel movement in Northern Illinois. It is an extension of Gmini, an event hosted by The Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley, IL for pastors and church leaders on June 10, 2018. The event is free and will be a time for casual conversations, barbecue, and some biblical teaching from Pastor Chris Brauns.

We are targeting all college-age Christians excited about the gospel movement in NI and committed to churches who believe in (1) believer's baptism, (2) complementing roles for men and women, and (3) the value of expository preaching.



- June 1<sup>st</sup> - June Lewis
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Brittany Raber
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Bailey Wiltfang
- June 4<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Cialkowski
- June 7<sup>th</sup> - Lucy Daniels
- June 8<sup>th</sup> - Rick Dyal
- June 9<sup>th</sup> - Nolan Adams
- June 10<sup>th</sup> - David Lewis
- Eric Booker
- Julianna Coester
- Royston Schaefer
- June 11<sup>th</sup> - Elizza Easley
- Tom Stahl
- June 18<sup>th</sup> - Chad Gerig
- June 21<sup>st</sup> - Vicki Farbo
- June 25<sup>th</sup> - Noah Ross
- June 24<sup>th</sup> - Harleigh Wallin
- Alice Daniels
- June 25<sup>th</sup> - Noah Ross
- June 26<sup>th</sup> - Ben Brauns
- Landon McCandless
- June 27<sup>th</sup> - LaVon Willey
- Eli Roemen
- June 28<sup>th</sup> - Judah Loyo
- Kay Swanson
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mason Meline
- Adalee Brass
- July 5<sup>th</sup> - Reece Gatz
- Ashley Rhodes
- July 6<sup>th</sup> - Faith VanBriesen
- Lori Miuccio



- June 1<sup>st</sup> - Don and Heather Wallin
- June 4<sup>th</sup> - Rick and Donna Dyal
- June 10<sup>th</sup> - Tim and Shari Halsmer
- Jonathan and Brittany Raber
- June 14<sup>th</sup> - Ken and Kathy Mrozek
- June 18<sup>th</sup> - Lee and Shannon Hickey
- June 26<sup>th</sup> - Tim and Amy Michalek
- June 30<sup>th</sup> - Bob and Brenda Haye
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> - John and Sandy Cox



# JR and SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP



Thank you to the Rhode's Family for hosting our Youth Group on Saturday, May 5th! The group enjoyed several games of Capture the Flag, dinner, bon fire and s'mores!

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**\*\* RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED \*\***

