



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

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JULY 2018
NEWSLETTER

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TIME OF SERVICES
Worship Service – 9:00 am

*The mundane matters.
Facilities are part of what
God uses to reach the
hearts of children.*

If igloos mean anything, we are headed for a July deep freeze at the Red Brick Church. Preparations for this year's VBS included making a life-sized igloo out



of milk containers. And an igloo was only the tip of iceberg preparations . . .

Even as the VBS decorations make us shiver in July, let's remember that part of what God uses to make VBS possible is the upkeep and expansion of facilities. The need for facilities in mind, our leaders continue to work on the Master Plan process. Our Master Plan Committee will meet with our architect on 7/12/18 to begin the process of evaluating our needs.

The Master Plan Committee includes Brooke Adams, Brad Baker, Chris Brauns, Terri Carby, Clyde Gelderloos, Dan Houston, Matt Rhodes, Randy Stukenberg. Some of our leaders also recently toured the now vacant 221 W. Roosevelt property (the house immediately west of the administrative building). That property would need a considerable investment to rent it out again. Our leaders will be discussing what to do with it at a special congregation meeting on 8/5 at 10:15 AM following the morning service.

Remember, your help is needed with our master plan process. Here are ways you can be of assistance.

Pray! Our facilities are only a tool to be used for reaching people with the good news of Jesus Christ. Throughout our history, our church has seen God use our space in that way. Let's pray with the urgency of those who know eternity is at stake.

Ask questions! Be encouraged to talk to the MPC, Deacons, Trustees, or pastors.

Share your input or thoughts in written form. We will survey our congregation in the days to come. At the same time, we are asking different areas of ministry to submit to us their thoughts on the need for improvements in facilities.

Understand: The Master Plan Process will require a great deal from our leadership including our pastors.

Give! God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7).

JULY GREETERS

If you are interested in being on our "Greeter Team", please contact Deb Bonne at 815-979-0885.

- July 1st: Bernice Kruse, Eunice Aden
July 8th: Ken and Kathy Mrozek
July 15th: Brent and Arlett Bonne
July 22nd: Clyde and Nancy Gelderloos
July 29th: Bruce and Deb Bonne
August 5th: Carl and Elizabeth Jacobson

JULY NURSERY

- July 1st: Tessa Baker, Betts Carby,
Anne Wiltfang
July 8th: Lee and Shannon Hickey,
Susan Stukenberg
July 15th: Donna Arnold, Deb Bonne,
LucyBeth Sierra
July 22nd: Jamie Brauns, Mandy Poliska,
Vicki Boyd (Rocker)
July 29th: Aly Behmer, Alice Daniels,
Nancy Gelderloos (Rocker)
Aug. 5th: Jeanne Baker, Chelsea Colon,
Ryan Roberts

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 coordinator, Tessa Baker at (815-315-3696).

***August Newsletter
Articles are due in the
church office by
Thursday, July 26th***

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SS Superintendent:

Brooke Adams ~ 815-645-8561

Sunday School has concluded and will resume on September 9th. Children's Church is available for children preschool through 1st grade during the summer months and during second service in the fall. We are in need of a couple of more helpers for Sunday School this fall. Prayerfully consider how you can humbly serve and encourage others in our church family. Please contact Brooke Adams if you're interested in serving in Sunday School. If you are interested in teaching on a less regular basis for Children's Church, contact Kendra Booker.

~ Brooke Adams

WORSHIP SERVICE REPORT

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

April Average: 270

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

June Average: 176

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through June 30, 2018

Total Approved 2018 Budget = \$430,907

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

Budget Giving through June 30	\$207,167
Actual Giving through June 30	\$200,015
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving	\$-7,152
Actual Expenses through 6/30/18	\$192,313



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

The email address for Pastor Chris is:
cdbrauns@gmail.com

The email address for Pastor Tim is:
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.



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

Baptism

A baptism service will be held on Sunday, August 12^h following the 9:00 am worship service. Contact the office to schedule a meeting with Pastor Chris or Pastor Tim if you are interested in being baptized.

2017 Summer Schedule

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

The Month of July through August 12th

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

August 12th and August 19th

9:00 am Worship Service
10:30 am Worship Service
Children's Church (Preschool – 1st grade)
for both services

Labor Day Sunday, September 2nd

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

Beginning Sunday, September 10th

9:00 am Worship Service
9:00 am Sunday School for all ages
10:30 am Worship Service
10:30 am Children's Church (PS – 1st grade)

Fall Festival Sunday, September 23rd

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

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

thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated craft supplies for our Vacation Bible School!! Most of the items off of our Amazon Wish List were purchased. This was a great help to our VBS!



Preparing For Take Off

Our missions board cleared the way for takeoff by sponsoring this **first ever** Red Brick exclusive MAF Fly-in Friday, July 20th from 2:00 to 7:00 pm.



This idea was born from a video clip John Hook sent us for M&M night in December. In that clip the kids were motivated to ask the Hooks if we could have a fly-in similar to what took place at Africa's International Airport Day. Now we're in the final stages preparing for takeoff for that day. This not only a first ever but may be a once in a lifetime chance for our church to have such close contact with the airplanes and pilots that travel to isolated places in the world to share the good news of Jesus! John & Nancy Hook along with several other key staff members at MAF and a few pilots from Wycliffe's training center will be there greeting us and sharing about the ministry of MAF that day. Don't miss that this is also a chance to encourage the missionaries from MAF and Wycliffe with a strong showing from Red Brick Church!

However, this isn't the only runway being cleared for takeoff. Our "pilots" in AWANA, our 40+ volunteers, piloting almost 100 children are gearing up too. We want to encourage all our volunteers as they ready themselves for a new year. The biggest way we do this is through prayer. Will you join us as we pray for strength and commitment to another full year of AWANA. Also consider what your part may be this year. Just like missions, some are senders (praying and faithful support) and some are goers (weekly volunteers).

Each year leaders find themselves in the position of evaluating schedules and family commitments. This often means filling new leader openings. You don't have to travel in a plane across the world to reach unharvested souls. Though we have plentiful access to the gospel and many seeds are dropping all over (we've been reached), we still need laborers for the fields white unto the harvest. Whether you would be new or returning, AWANA is a great place to serve our King!



We have started a region-wide college and career group as part of our Gmini project. We held our first event on Sunday, July 1st in the church fellowship hall and had a great turnout with just over 50 people attending!

Several local churches were represented, including EFC of Mt Morris, RockValley Bible, Maywood Evangelical Free, Park Hills EFC Freeport, Morningstar Church.

Our Gmini College and Career group is for all college-age Christians excited about the gospel movement in Northern Illinois.



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 9th – 13th from 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Ages 4 (potty-trained) through 6th Grade

OPERATION
ARTIC

Answers **VBS**

REGISTER AT: theredbrickchurch.org



CHURCH
BUSINESS
MEETING

Sunday, August 5 at 10:15 am

We will be having a church business meeting on Sunday, August 5th at 10:15 am. The purpose of the meeting will be to give a Master Plan update and anticipate upcoming decisions. All members and active non-members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Join us for a Red Brick exclusive



Mission Aviation Fellowship

Fly-In at the Rockford Airport!

Friday, July 20th ~ OPEN HOUSE
2:00 to 7:00 pm

- **Meet & Greet with MAF Missionaries John & Nancy Hook and Staff**
- **Sign-up for rides in the MAF Plane**
(the same one our AWANA kids saw in video updates)
- **Get up close with *amazing* aircraft**
- **Enjoy fun outdoor activities & games**

(Go to www.theredbrickchurch.org or our Facebook page for more info.)





- July 2nd - Adalee Brass, Mason Meline
- July 5th - Reece Gatz
- Ashley Rhodes
- July 6th - Faith VanBriesen
- July 9th - Andria Brass
- July 12th - Chuck Thompson, Eden Anderson
- July 13th - Liam Stahl
- July 15th - David Gatz, Hanna Wallin
- Trevor Gerig, Ken Mrozek
- July 16th - Jeff Coester
- July 20th - Shirley Johann
- July 22nd - Elijah Hanson, Jaime Wrasse
- July 23rd - Tyler Mrozek
- July 27th - Cherri Tremble
- July 29th - Karissa Dobson, Jackson Halsmer,
- Preston Mrozek, JoAnn Southwick
- July 30th - Ron Lewis
- Mary Jane McNames
- August 1st - Lane Behmer
- August 2nd - Matt Geiseman
- August 3rd - Michael Arnold
- August 4th - Bruce Bonne, Hanna Roberts, Dawson Meline
- August 6th - Grady Poliska

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

- July 5th - Ryan and Cara Roberts
- July 18th - Keith and Anne Wiltfang
- July 21st - Tom and Ashley Stahl

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Kids



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