



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

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FEBRUARY 2019
NEWSLETTER

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TIME OF SERVICES
Worship Service
9:00 and 10:30 am
Sunday School
9:00 and 10:30 am



P-L-E-S Pray!

Pray for one another (1) Physically (2) Logistically (3) Emotionally (4) Spiritually.

As a pastor it's far too easy to dismissively say, "I'm praying," without following through. I have to work at being disciplined in prayer.

I'm sure most of us find it easy to talk about praying without following through. Recently, I've used a new acronym, "**P-L-E-S**", to remind me of ways to intercede for our flock.

Physically: I pray that our people will be *comfortable* – that they will be healed – that they will recover.

Logistically: Even when our people are getting chemotherapy, the details of life continue. Children must be fed. Snow needs shoveled. Bills have to be paid. I pray that God will grant grace and strength for the details of life.

Emotionally: Leading our emotions is a battle. I ask that God will give the strength to beat the blues and be filled with joy.

Spiritually: I pray that the God of all hope will fill our people with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit they will abound in hope (Romans 15:13).

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Don't forget our **benevolent** offering on the first Sunday of the month. As I mentioned Sunday, Galatians 6:9-10 are a wonderful reminder.

⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Gal 6:9-10

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We are off and going on the **Pre-Capital Campaign Assessment (PCCA)**. A number of our congregation will be interviewed. We will all be surveyed. It looks as though our survey will be at church on February 24. We will attempt to make provision for people who are not there to complete surveys either in written form or online.

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Do **pray for our church**. This is a year of strategic importance that could influence generations to come.

FEBRUARY CROSS WALK MINISTRY

February 3rd - Grady McCoy, Carl Jacobson
February 10th - Steve Arnold, Grady McCoy
February 17th - Toby Behmer, Rob Wissinger
February 24th - Lee Hickey, Don Wallin

FEBRUARY GREETERS

February 3rd - Bruce and Betts Carby
February 10th - Dan and Lori Houston
February 17th - Grady and Millie McCoy
February 24th - Tom and Ashley Stahl

FEBRUARY NURSERY

February 3rd
9:00 am - Chelsea Colon, Deb Bonne,
Tessa Baker
10:30 am - Stacy Jones, Cherri Tremble,
Hanna Wallin

February 10th
9:00 am - Barb and Megan Hale,
Jamie Brauns
10:30 am - Lee and Shannon Hickey,
Nancy Gelderloos

February 17th
9:00 am - Sharon and Ashley Rhodes,
Donna Arnold
10:30 am - Becky Bailey, Ryan Roberts,
Betts Carby

February 24th
9:00 am - Justine Loyo, Amy Michalek,
Susan Stukenberg
10:30 am - Diane Koenig, LucyBeth Sierra,
Tessa Baker

March 3rd
9:00 am - Shari and Kennedy Halsmer,
Mandy Poliska
10:30 am - Cherri Tremble, Aly Behmer,
Vicki Boyd

Parents of children under the age of 5 years old are invited and encouraged to use our nursery during the 9:00 & 10:30 am worship services. If you would like to be a part of the nursery rotation, please talk to Kari Janoski.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS . . .

SS Superintendent:
Brooke Adams

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

January 2018: 64
January 2019: 64

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

January 2018: \$9.75
January 2019: \$12.15

WORSHIP SERVICE REPORT

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

Nov. 4th, 11th, 18th Worship Services: 237
Nov. 25th Worship Service: 152
Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
Worship Services: 258
Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Attendance: 185
Dec. 30th 9:00 am Attendance: 189
January Average: 203

CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

All Boards and Committees will be meeting in February to elect new officers and chairmen. Chairmen of all committees and phone numbers will be printed in the March 2019 Newsletter.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through January 31, 2019

Total Approved 2019 Budget = \$451,676
Divided by 52 weeks/year = **\$8,686/week**

Budget Giving through Jan. 31 \$37,744
Actual Giving through Jan. 31 \$47,794
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$10,050
Actual Expenses through 1/31/19 \$34,683



IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER . . .

We will cancel AWANA if there is NO school that day or if school is let out early due to bad weather. If the Meridian

School District 223 should cancel evening activities, AWANA will also be cancelled.

Updated cancellation messages will be left on the church office answering machine (645-2526) and our AWANA Commanders will send out an email and post it also on our Facebook page.



Do we have your e-mail address?

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.

SCOUT SUNDAY



All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts are invited to participate in our Scout Sunday Celebration on Sunday, March 3rd. Scouts will be greeters at both services on that Sunday. Please dress in uniform and arrive no later than 8:40 am. After greeting, scouts will go directly to their Sunday School classes.

If you have any questions contact Stacy Jones at 815-520-9642.

1 PETER

A LIVING HOPE IN CHRIST

Both our Ladies Bible Studies are just starting up their studies and will be doing the Jen Wilkin study called "A Living Hope in Christ".

All ladies are encouraged to come and study the book of 1 Peter in this 9-session Bible Study. Peter, a man of faith and flaws and an eyewitness to the life of Christ, challenges us to look beyond our current circumstances to a future inheritance. In 1 Peter, he shares concerns about issues for the early believers and points us to humility and submission.

Each week's study contains five days of personal study, group discussion questions, and a page for taking notes from the video.

Women of the Word

Our Tuesday evening study meets from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Adult SS Classroom. Please contact Jamie Brauns if you have any questions about the Tuesday evening study.

Mom's and More

Our Friday morning study meets from 9:00 to 10:30 am in the Adult SS Classroom. Amy Michalek is leading this study. Childcare is provided for the Mom's and More bible study.



Parents are reminded to be sure and pre-register their child / children for Summer camp this summer! Both Camp Forest Springs and Camp Timberlee are registering! CFS has a multi-child discount and a refer a friend reward, and Camp Timberlee has a \$55 discount if you register before March 21st! The CE Board offers \$100 scholarship for summer church camp and both camps also have scholarships available. Sign-up sheet will be on the back bulletin board.



START YOUR ENGINES! The annual AWANA Grand Prix Derby will be held on Saturday, February 16th. Check in is 1:30 – 2:30 pm, with the racing beginning promptly at 3:00 pm in the church fellowship hall.

We will run a double-elimination bracket with Cubbies/Sparks first and then T&Ters. We will have free popcorn, water, and juice boxes as refreshments. Trophies will be given out to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for Speed AND Design for Cubbies/Sparks and T & T. Each clubber participating will receive a treat bag and \$5 AWANA dollars.

This is a fun, family event and the congregation is invited to come and cheer on their favorite race car!!

FROM PASTOR TIM . . .

The Youth Winter Camp (our 4th!) brought almost 100 teens and 27 sponsors to the LOMC for a weekend of good food, fun games, and great preaching. The Red Brick Church had 26 teens and 7 sponsors join Mt. Morris Evangelical Free, Rock Valley Bible, and Morning Star Church. Our first night we survived several inches of snow during our trip to the coliseum. We all made it back safely to camp, but only a few of the vehicles were able to make it up the hill to the cabins. The teens listened to 6 messages from the Psalms encouraging them to make the Psalms a part of their daily life. Other than our musicians who came back to Red Brick to lead worship, our teens went to Mt. Morris for Church on Sunday. Thanks to our sponsors who helped with transportation Terrell Carby and Pete Mazanec, and those who stayed all weekend helping the camp run smoothly: Hope Hickey, Heather Wallin, Ben Brauns, & Lori Houston.

This month we also had a great crew of 18 people on our ministry activity to the Rockford Rescue Mission. We arrived (very early) at 10, prepared a fruit salad and served three meals to the needy. Everyone had a great time and many mentioned that we should try to do it again soon.

We look forward to visiting our widows in February and pray for good weather! On Friday, Feb 8 we will bake cookies and deliver them on Saturday, Feb 9. If you are a widow and won't be home on Feb 9 in the morning, please let the church office know.



Sunday, February 3rd at Noon

Youth group meet for lunch in the fellowship hall after second service.

Friday, February 8th at 6:00 pm

We will be baking our cookies for delivery on Saturday.

Saturday, February 9th at 10:00 am

We will be delivering our Valentine cookies to all the widows in our church family.

Sunday, February 17th at Noon

Youth group meet for lunch in the fellowship hall after second service.

Sunday, March 3rd at Noon

Youth group meet for lunch in the fellowship hall after second service.

Saturday, March 23rd

Parent's Night Out: Serving Young Families Activity





Family Game Night

We will be hosting a family board game night on Friday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 pm at the church. There will be light snacks and drinks provided. Feel free to bring your own game and gather a crowd or join in a game already there. There will be games for all ages. Please invite your friends.

Mother's Day Choir

The preschool and elementary students will once again be singing for Mother's Day. We are working on picking out the songs and will be starting to practice in March. This is a great chance to invite your friends to join you at church. There will be a flyer coming home very soon that you can take to school, dance, scouts, etc., and use it to invite your friends to come and be a part of the Mother's Day Choir. No singing experience required. Practices are Sunday mornings during Sunday School.



EASTER EGG HUNT



Easter Egg Hunt

If this cold weather is getting you down, let's talk about Easter. We can almost guarantee that the weather on Easter Sunday will be warmer than this past week. Two families are leading an Easter egg hunt for all the children. It will be a great time to invite your friends and family to join you at church for a celebration of our Savior's resurrection and have fun at church. More information will be available closer to the date.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of our children's ministries, please contact Cara Roberts (217)621-2460 or cararoberts32@gmail.com.



We are thankful January's weather is behind us, and we are looking forward to February. During praise and worship time in 9:00 am Sunday School, PreK through 5th grades are beginning their children's choir practice for both Palm Sunday and for a Mother's Day performance. As we approach Valentine's Day, read 1 Corinthians, chapter 13 with your children. Talk about what God's love is like and how we are called to love. This may have some interesting comparisons to what culture tells us. As always, a huge thank you to our faithful leaders in Children's ministry.

Brooke Adams, SS Superintendent



February 1 st	-	Shannon and Grace Hickey
February 6 th	-	Nick Colon
February 9 th	-	Dean Pihl
February 13 th	-	Kennedy Halsmer
	-	Katelynn Clinton
February 14 th	-	Lisa McCoy
February 15 th	-	Terrell Carby
	-	Don Wallin
February 18 th	-	Linda Benton
February 19 th	-	Brooke Adams
February 22 nd	-	Janice Amundson
	-	Lena Janoski
February 23 rd	-	Lori Houston
February 24 th	-	Verna Seymour
February 25 th	-	Allison Spors
	-	Toby Behmer
February 26 th	-	Carol Brauer
	-	Ophelia Mayberry
	-	Cara Roberts
February 28 th	-	Amos Michalek
	-	Karen Gerig
	-	Elliette Colon
February 29 th	-	Deb Myers
March 1 st	-	Jaime Brauns
	-	Christopher Brauns
March 2 nd	-	Sydney Gatz
	-	Brent Bonne



February 1 st	-	Brad and Tessa Baker
February 10 th	-	Tom and Paula Hufford



FEBRUARY 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
COMMUNION Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am <i>Youth Group at Noon</i>			AWANA 6:00 Youth Bible Study 7 pm		Mom's & More 9:00 am	AWANA Derby Cut-Out Clinic 9:00 am
3	4	Mission Committee Meeting 6:30 pm WOMEN OF THE WORD 7:00 pm	5		<i>Mom's and More</i> Sr. High Bake Valentine's Cookies 6:00 pm	Youth Group "Loving our Widows" Project - 10:00 am
6	7	WOMEN OF THE WORD 7:00 pm	8		Mom's & More 9:00 am	AWANA GRAND PRIX 3:00 pm
9	10	Deacon Board 6:30 pm Trustee Board 6:30 pm CE Board 6:30 pm NO Women of the Word Bible Study	11		Mom's & More 9:00 am FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6:30 pm	12
12	13	AWANA 6:00 Youth Bible Study 7 pm	14	15	16	
17	18	Sr. Fellowship 9:00 am WOMEN OF THE WORD 7:00 pm	19	20	21	22
23	24	Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am	25		26	27
28	29	Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am	30	31	32	33



FEBRUARY 2019 AWANA SCHEDULE

Feb. 6th – M and M Night

Clubbers are reminded to bring their missionary banks with them to club on the 6th. Since due to the inclement weather we have missed the previous two AWANA clubs, **clubbers can earn credits for 3 theme nights** on the 6th if they 1) bring an item for the Rockford Pregnancy Center, 2) wear a sports jersey, and 3) bring in their M & M Bank!

Wednesday, February 13th – Pit Crew Night and Valentines

Clubbers can get their Derby Cars inspected and pre-checked in for the Grand Prix. Cars will be left with us this night and they will be kept safe and sound until the derby on the 16th. In addition, clubbers are asked to wear **RED** tonight in celebration of Valentine's Day.

Saturday, February 16th - AWANA Grand Prix

Today is our Grand Prix with races kicking off at 3:00 pm, and derby car check-in from 1:30 to 2:30 pm. The congregation is invited to attend!

Wednesday, Feb. 20th – Inside Out Night

Come to club tonight with your clothes on inside out or on backwards!

Wednesday, Feb. 27th – Crazy Hair Night

This is one of our clubber's favorite nights! Make your hair as wild and crazy as possible before coming to club on the 27th!

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**** RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED ****

