



Congregational Christian Church The **Red** Brick Church in Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

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TIME OF SERVICES
Worship Service – 9:00 am
Sunday School – 9:00 am
Adult SS Class – 10:30 am

Let's continue actively loving one another. Remember this Sunday (3/3) is communion service and benevolent offering.

Watching our church family love one another through the loss of Bernice Kruse and loving the Carl and Elizabeth Jacobson family through Elizabeth's illness, I am amazed and thankful we are mortared into one another's lives.

The verse I often point to in this context is 1 Peter 2:5a. “. . . *you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house.*” The image of the verse is that God's people are “living stones” or “bricks” and God made us as bricks so that we would be mortared together in community and that we might actively love one another.

Hearing how people have actively ministered to Elizabeth – whether it is painting her nails or Grace being taken to a Disney production – these are wonderful, tangible ways we are loving. Jesus said, *“By this will all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another (John 13:34-35).”*

I am thankful for our ladies who found out on Saturday morning that we would be preparing a meal to serve 100 people on Monday for Bernice Kruse's funeral luncheon. To put together such an excellent meal in such a short period of time is a credit to the love in our congregation. I am privileged to be one of your pastors.

The Pre-Capital Campaign Assessment (PCCA) report will be given to our leaders on March 12 and the congregation on March 17.



Church Growth Services (CGS) has completed all or nearly all of the interviews of our congregation. The survey has also been conducted. Now CGS will distill and summarize the information that we have given to them and, based on their expertise, give us a red light, a yellow light, or a green light for a possible capital campaign this Spring.

If we go forward with a capital campaign, CGS will recommend a target we should set to raise over a three-year period of time.

The results of the PCCA will be given to our congregation at a meeting on 3/17 at 4:00PM. *If we do receive a green light from CGS, then we will need to formally make a decision as a congregation about whether or not to proceed with a capital campaign immediately.*

MARCH CROSS WALK MINISTRY

- March 3rd - Don Wallin, Carl Jacobson
March 10th - Steve Arnold, Don Wallin
March 17th - Toby Behmer, Rob Wissinger
March 24th - Lee Hickey, Don Wallin
March 31st - Grady McCoy, Don Wallin

MARCH GREETERS

- March 3rd: Boy and Girl Scouts
March 10th: Clyde and Nancy Gelderloos
March 17th: Randy and Susan Stukenberg
March 24th: Bruce and Deb Bonne
March 31st: Greg and Cherri Tremble

MARCH NURSERY

March 3rd

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

March 10th

- 9:00 am Chelsea Colon, Tania VanBriesen,
Jeanne Baker
10:30 am Rebekah Anderson, Ryan Roberts,
Donna Arnold

March 17th

- 9:00 am Jamie Brauns, Barb Hale,
Megan Hale
10:30 am Kari Janoski, Becky Bailey,
Hanna Wallin

March 24th

- 9:00 am Amy Michalek, Justine Loyo,
Susan Stukenberg
10:30 am Terrell & Terri Carby,
Nancy Gelderloos

March 31st

- 9:00 am Tessa Baker, Sharon Rhodes,
Ashley Rhodes
10:30 am Shannon and Lee Hickey,
Diane Koenig

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
815-645-8561

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

February 2018	78
February 2019	75

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

February 2018	\$14.25
February 2019	\$18.40

WORSHIP SERVICE REPORT

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

Dec. 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd	Worship Services: 258
Christmas Eve 4:00 pm	Attendance: 185
Dec. 30 th 9:00 am	Attendance: 189
January Average:	203
February 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th Average:	213
February 24 th :	116

CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Deacon Board – Tom Stahl 520-3050
Deaconess Board – Deb Bonne 979-0885
Trustee Board – Brad Baker 670-0039
CE Committee – Marlene Miller 289-8453
Memorial Com. – Jeff McLindsay 440-2042
Missions Com. – Cathy Midtsem 979-3715
Music – Pastor Tim Michalek 645-2526

**April Newsletter Articles are
due in the church office by
Wednesday,
March 27th**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through February 28th, 2019

Total Approved 2019 Budget = \$451,676

Divided by 52 weeks/year = \$8,686/week

Budget Giving through Feb. 28\$69,488

Actual Giving through Feb. 28.....\$73,150

Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving.....\$3,662

Actual Expenses through 2/28/19.....\$71,015



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.



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! 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.



SPARKY CAMP

All registered AWANA Sparky's are invited to our AWANA Sparky Camp on Saturday, March 9th from 9:00 – 11:30 am.

Bring your uniforms and Sparky books with you. We will be focusing on getting sections passed during camp! There will be devotions, crafts, games and snacks for the clubbers will be provided.

Should be a great morning full of memorizing, earning AWANA bucks and having an awesome time together! If you haven't turned in your registration but your clubber is still interested in attending the camp, please be sure to turn in your registration form by Wednesday, March 6th at the latest!

2019 VBS



VBS will be held on July 8th through the 12th from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Tom and Ashley Stahl are heading up our VBS again this year and will be looking for several to help out! If you are interested in serving with our VBS Team this year, please let Tom or Ashley know.

Do you have kids 5th Grade and under & need a night out?

Our Youth Group is Hosting **DATE NIGHT!**

Drop your kids off at the church
after 5:30pm and pick-up before 9:30pm

****Hot Dogs and chips will be served****

MARCH 2019						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3					8	9
10					15	16
17					22	23
24			27	28	29	30
31						

*Just a Friendly
Reminder to
Make Time for
you and your
Special Someone.*

Please sign-up your kids up
before 3/17 so we can plan
helpers and activities.

Any questions contact:
Heather Wallin or Cara Roberts

To sign up your children, please click [here](#) to register them before March 17th.



We have a new **volunteer form** on the church website. Please consider filling out the form if you are not currently serving somewhere, or if you would like to serve in additional ways. There are serving opportunities with children, youth, and adults, and we have service opportunities to fit any schedule. To access the form, go to the church website and select connect then go down to adults. On that page, you can then scroll down to see the [form](#). Once you have completed the form, you will be contacted by someone regarding serving.

FROM PASTOR TIM . . .

The Red Brick Church rallied together – we had 25 people come - to decorate cookies, make homemade cards, and arrange small bouquets for our widows and shut-ins. We are so thankful for good weather on Saturday morning! We had nineteen people deliver our goodies to 21 widows.

On top of our 2 Youth Groups, we have a big ministry activity in March that will be very fun and also count for service hours! On March 22 from 5:30-9:30 pm, the Youth Group is babysitting at church to give our young families a couple's night out. The teens will organize and play games with the kids. You won't want to miss this one! Invite a friend!

March

- 3 – Sun – Youth Group
- 17 – Sun – Youth Group
- 22 – Fri – Parent's Night Out: Serving Young Families Activity

April

- 7 – Sun – Youth Group
- 10 – LAST Bible Study
- 13 – Sat 12-2pm – Bowling Night in Byron (signup required)

May

- ? 4 – Sat – Activity @ Rhodes
- 18 – Sat – SVHS Baccalaureate
- 19 – Sun – Graduation Sunday

June

- 2 – Sun – Youth Group Wrap-Up & Planning Party





Family Game Night

Family game night was a huge success, with over 50 people in attendance. There was an abundance of laughter throughout the fellowship hall as competition was in full swing. All ages enjoyed playing games together. Thank you to all who helped and came out to participate. It was so much fun!



Please continue to pray for the child on the heart magnet you received. If you did not receive a child to pray for, or if you are willing to pray for an additional child, please take a heart from the back of the sanctuary this Sunday. They are in a red bucket on the back table. Please see me if you would like to know more about your child. I would encourage you to send your child a card this month to let him or her know you are praying for him or her.

February Sunday School Bingo sheets are due this Sunday, March 3. All sheets **MUST** be signed by a parent in order to be accepted. By signing the sheet, you are confirming that all activities marked were completed. There are multiple prize levels, so if you began the sheet, but didn't quite get a Bingo, please bring in the sheet anyway. March Bingo sheets will go home this Sunday.

Our Sunday School classes are beginning to practice for the Mother's Day choir. If you know of a child who may be interested in participating, please consider inviting him or her to join you for Sunday School.

If you have any questions regarding any of the children's ministries at Red Brick Church, please let me know. I would love to talk to you.

Cara Roberts, Director of Children's Ministry
(217)621-2460 or cararoberts32@gmail.com



- March 1st - Jamie Brauns, Christopher Brauns
- March 2nd - Brent Bonne, Sydney Gatz
- March 3rd - Kent Cronberg
- March 4th - Jana Cox, Grace VanBriesen,
Grace Jacobson
- March 5th - Shari Halsmer, Tessa Baker, Arlett Bonne
- March 6th - Sam Miller, Paisley Poliska
- March 7th - Jeff McLindsay, Chelsea Colon
- March 11th - Pastor Chris
- March 12th - Jamie Adams, John R Cox
- March 16th - Keith Wiltfang
- March 17th - Emily Houston
- March 22nd - Adrien Booker
- March 23rd - Carter McCandless
- March 25th - Seth VanBriesen, Hadley Colon
- March 26th - Shirley Thompson, Homer Bailey
- March 28th - Oliver Jones
- March 29th - Ethel DeVore
- April 1st - Avis Hall
- April 4th - Heidie Raine, Natalie McCandless



- March 11th - John and Sandra Stout
- March 15th - Steve and Donna Arnold
- March 21st - Gary and Connie Rhodes
- March 31st - Dale and Karen Friedrich



March 2019 AWANA SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 6th

It's M & M (Missionary) Night at AWANA's on the 6th. Through April, our club will continue to donate our AWANA Missionary Offerings to Bruce and Mardi Brumfield, who are our Northern Illinois AWANA Missionaries. Bring in your missionary banks on M & M Night to exchange for an individual size package of plain M & M's.

Saturday, March 9th

Our Sparky's will be having their annual Sparky Camp from 9:00 to 11:30 am on the 9th. See more information inside the newsletter.

Wednesday, March 13th

The SV Bread of Life was so appreciative of our hearty canned soup drive we did last year, we are doing it again for them on the 13th! Bring only cans of hearty soup with you to club and help out those less fortunate and earn AWANA \$\$ at the same time!

Wednesday, March 20th

It's "Wearin' O The Green Night" tonight. Let's have some fun tonight and come to club wearing as much green as you can. The more green the better!

Wednesday, March 27th

No Club tonight ... it's Spring Break!

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