



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

207 W. Roosevelt Road, PO Box 370
Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084-0370
Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner

SEPT 2021
NEWSLETTER

TIME OF SERVICES
9:00 & 10:30 am

Everyone wants God's blessing. Few cooperate with God's grace on a daily basis so as to receive it for them and their families. Knowing specific leadership practices is of eternal importance.

Our current sermon series is about how we can intentionally lead our families forward to enjoy God's blessing. We are all relate to others on leadership level in some way.



The goal of this sermon series is to lay out some disciplines that families – or singles – can do – to know the blessing of God.

So far, we have considered four of those disciplines.

- 1. Share Vision** – Leadership is the art of mobilizing people to want to struggle for a shared vision. This definition in mind, we see that the essence of leadership is to put forward a shared vision for which people are motivated to struggle.

Ultimately, our church talks about meeting at the 5th tree on the right side of the river as we face the throne (Revelation 22:1-5). We are going to be there soon and it is going to be a great party. I can't wait.

But remember, we also need to lay out shorter term visions. For example, I am praying that our church family really shows up for the *Parenting for the Rest of Us* conference in October. Let's be there together and let's invite others as well. God will use that time to equip.
- 2. Heal from Hurting** – If we are going to survive in life, we must know how to come back when life doesn't look the way we thought it would look. Lance's sermon on John 6:65-69 was wonderful. He laid out six very specific practices to follow to receive the words of eternal life from Jesus. **Be sure and listen to Lance's sermon.**
- 3. Weave Good News into the Fabric of Life** – We must talk about Christ with our families all throughout the week: when we sit at home and when we walk along the road, when we lie down and when we get up (Deut 6:4-9). But we will only talk about Jesus as his truth is impressed upon our hearts.
- 4. Tell Our Stories** – People learn through stories. The importance of stories should not surprise us given how much of the Bible is written in narrative form. If we are to lead our families, then we must make sure they know Bible stories. Then, building on the foundation of biblical truth, we should tell important stories about our families. These stories should include stories of God's faithfulness working through people as well as cautionary stories about family members. In all our story telling we must remember that there is finally only one hero: the Lord Jesus Christ.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

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**October Newsletter
Articles
are due in the
church office by
Wednesday, Sept 30**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through August 31, 2021

Total Approved 2021 Budget = \$491,248
Divided by 52 weeks/year = **\$9,447**

Budget Giving through Aug 31 \$330,648
Actual Giving through Aug 31 \$310,597
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$-20,051
Actual Expenses through 8/31/21 \$298,411
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses \$12,186



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 David is:
davidbogner4@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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**SS Superintendent:
Brooke Adams ~ 645-8561**

Welcome back to Sunday School!!

Hello Sunday School Families! We are so excited to be able to offer Christian Education for children ages nursery through senior high for our first semester. Our first semester is Sept. 12 through Dec. 19. It is truly a blessing to be able to join together again. It is an honor for our teachers to be able to lead classrooms once again. We are excited to begin using the Brick Center for our Sunday School classes. Kindergarten through High School will meet at the Brick Center. Our Preschooler's will continue to meet in the preschool room in the lower lever of the church.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 815-985-3178.

God Bless you,
Brooke Adams, SS Superintendent



This fall our ladies are doing the study by Jen Wilken entitled "GOD OF CREATION" (A Study of Genesis 1 – 11). Both studies have just started. If you have missed the first meeting, please feel free to join either study when you are able to.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday evening meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Brick Center. Jamie Brauns will be leading this study.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our Friday Morning Study meets on Friday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 am in the Brick Center. *Childcare will be provided for this study.* Marcia Bogner will be leading the study.

~ Happy Birthday ~

- Sept 1st - Emilia Janoski
Sept 2nd - Paul Baker, Estelle Jones
Sept 6th - Owen Dunseth
Sept 9th - Tim Halsmer, Bob Hoerneck
Sept 10th - Jeanne Baker
Sept 11th - Shelley Herlihy, Gloria Ennenbach
Sept 14th - Ashley Stahl
Sept 15th - Tania VanBriesen
Sept 16th - Nathan Jones
Sept 19th - MyKenzie Beitel
Sept 21st - Matt Homman
Sept 29th - Mitchell Hawkins
Sept 30th - Parker Glendenning
Oct 3rd - Lee Hickey

~ Happy Anniversary ~

- Sept 14th - Homer and Becky Bailey
Nick and Chelsea Colon
Sept 20th - Brent and Arlett Bonne
Sept 28th - Ray and Kay Swanson

Cookie Decorating Class



Ladies ... MARK YOUR CALENDARS! There will be a cookie decorating class on Thursday, September 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Brick Center. Cost of the class is \$40 and you will be able to register and pay for the class through Breeze or call the church office. You will go home with a dozen decorated cookies. All supplies are furnished. See Deb Bonne with any questions.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Our Senior Fellowship (55 and older) will meet for breakfast on Tuesday, September 28th at the Byron Sunrise Restaurant at 9:00 am. Join us for a time for fellowship!

FROM PASTOR DAVID

You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:5

Mortar Groups are how the Red Brick Church organizes discipleship and shared life. Group members are led forward in three specific areas:

- Assimilation - *Involve* - Go to the next level in church involvement.
- Care - *Care* - Love one another in concrete ways.
- Christian Education - *Learn* - Grow in our knowledge of the Christian faith.

Will you recommit or commit to being mortared into Christian community through Mortar Groups this fall? Two groups meet on Sunday morning, one at **9 o'clock** in the classroom next to the nursery and another at **10:30** in the Brick Center.

Upcoming Youth Events:

No Youth Bible Study: Wednesday, September 15 due to AWANA Kick-Off

See You at the Pole Rally: Sunday, September 19 (See last page for more details!)

See You at the Pole: Wednesday, September 22, meeting time determined at rally

Parenting for the Rest of Us

We invite you to join us the weekend of October 22 - 24th as we have nationally known author, Dr. Champ Thornton, with us. Dr. Thornton will share with us tools for raising our children. We have several sessions planned; you can come for 1 or all 4 sessions. Childcare will be provided for all sessions.

Please go to our church website for the registration form. (www.theredbrickchurch.org) Additional information can also be found on the registration forms.

Cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per couple which includes lunch on Saturday for you and your family.



AWANA Kick-Off Night

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 @ 6:30 – 7:30 pm
The Red Brick Church, Stillman Valley

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!

www.theredbrickchurch.org



What you can do at Kick-off Night:

- Register your kids for AWANA! Preschool – 6th grade.
- Purchase AWANA handbooks, uniforms, etc.
- Enjoy an ice cream social provided for your family.
- Meet the AWANA leaders!
- Play fun fair games with prizes!
- HAVE LOTS OF FUN!!

Questions? Contact one of our AWANA Co-Commanders:

Tessa Baker at 815-315-3696 / tessabaker333@gmail.com
Andria Brass at 815-222-8804 / andria@brassfamilyfarm.com



Our first AWANA Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22nd from 6 – 7:30 pm.

Sparky and T & T's will meet at the Brick Center; Cubbies will meet in the preschool room at the church.

Everyone will meet for closing in the sanctuary. Parents will pick all clubbers up in the church.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE
GLOBAL DAY OF STUDENT PRAYER

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SYATP PLANNING PARTY!!

Sunday, September 19th

5 – 7 pm @ the church

Pizza and Ice Cream

We will be meeting with youth from the other area churches to plan the SYATP event at flagpoles of our local schools.

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Sunday School Begins!

Sunday, September 12th

9:00 am for Preschool – Sr High

