



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

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**JUNE 2019  
NEWSLETTER**

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## A Once in a Hundred Years Month

*June will be one of the most exciting months in church history. June 2 & 9 will be a lot of fun for God's glory and our joy!*

**BRICK by BRICK**

YOU ALSO, LIKE LIVING "BRICKS", ARE BEING BUILT INTO  
A SPIRITUAL HOUSE .  
I PETER 2:5A

We need only picture the coming Sundays to realize this month will be a high-water mark for celebration in our church.

- **Commitment Sunday** is in our morning service on June 2. Together we will turn in our commitments that represent not only giving to our building project, but also that represent how we have prayed for our church, and how we will send the Michalek's off to Thailand.
- **Celebration Sunday** is in our morning service on June 9. In our morning service, we will announce the total of our commitments received thus far. I can't wait.
- **The Commissioning and Send-off Service for the Michalek's** will be at 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 9. Together, we will thank God for the Michalek's and commission them to their assignment in Thailand. Afterwards, we will enjoy a catered meal to celebrate all that God is doing in our church.

As we've discussed, the last time our church built a new building was in 1892-1893. Of course, there have been other projects. We added on in 1958 and in 2008 we did a major remodel when we moved the offices to the administrative building.

But it has been over 100 years since we put up a new building. Now, our prayer is that, as soon as next spring in 2020, we might begin construction of a new building.

So, it's been 100 years since we built, and we pray that project will influence the next 100 years.

Our church family is already aware that we are in position to exceed our lofty goal of 1.3 million dollars. The first wave of leadership commitments came in at 1.27 million. But we are praying that we will far surpass the goal of 1.3. Doing so will influence at least three major areas:

1. **The Timing of the Building Program** – The amount we raise, and the rate at which it comes in, will determine when we can actually start digging.
2. **The Size of our Building** – To the extent that we exceed our goal, we may be able to increase the size of the building we will put up.
3. **The Amount of Debt We Carry** – Our church is committed to no more than one times our annual budget for long term debt, though we would be willing to use "swing" debt over the life of the three-year campaign. But the more money we raise, the less long-term debt will be required.

## JUNE CROSSWALK MINISTRY

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Grady McCoy, Carl Jacobson  
June 9<sup>th</sup> - Grady McCoy, Carl Jacobson  
June 16<sup>th</sup> - Toby Behmer, Rob Wissinger  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lee Hickey, Don Wallin  
June 30<sup>th</sup> - Grady McCoy, Don Wallin

If you would like to be a part of Crosswalk Ministry Team, please talk with Grady McCoy.

## JUNE GREETERS

- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Roland and Lonna Nelson  
June 9<sup>th</sup> - Terrell and Terri Carby  
June 16<sup>th</sup> - Brent and Arlett Bonne  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Keith and Anne Wiltfang  
June 30<sup>th</sup> - Tom and Ashley Stahl

## JUNE NURSERY

- June 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9:00 am Deb Bonne, Tania VanBriesen,  
Rebekah Anderson
- June 9<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am Stacy Jones, Becky Bailey,  
Kari Janoski
- June 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am Chelsea Colon, Tessa Baker,  
Diane Koenig
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00 am Jamie Brauns, Jeanne Baker,  
Nancy Gelderloos
- June 30<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am Ryan Roberts, Susan Stukenberg,  
Cherri Tremble

Parents of children under the age of 5 years old are invited and encouraged to use our nursery during the 9:00 am worship service. 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**

Sunday School has wrapped up for this school year and will begin again September 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

May 2018: 72  
May 2019: 58

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

May 2018: \$9.45  
May 2019: \$2.00

## ***WORSHIP SERVICE REPORT***

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

March Average: 215  
April Average: 227  
May 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 - Average: 213  
5/26 (One Service) Attendance: 150

### **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

***July Newsletter Articles  
are due in the  
church office by  
Thursday, June 27***

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Through May 31, 2019

**Total Approved 2019 Budget = \$451,676**

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

Budget Giving through May 31 ..... \$182,406

Actual Giving through May 31 ..... \$163,478

Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving ..... \$-18,928

Actual Expenses through 5/31/19 ..... \$175,717

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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](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.

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Sign up for Church Camp!

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.

## 2019 Summer Schedule

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

### Memorial Day Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Worship Service only

Children's Church (Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

### The Month of June, July & August

9:00 am Worship Service only

Children's Church (Preschool – 1<sup>st</sup> grade)

### Labor Day Sunday, September 1<sup>st</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 2019!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Thanks once again to our leaders and helpers for their hard work this past Sunday School year. We congratulated our graduates on May 19<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 8<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 9:00 am worship service.

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## Campaign Pledge Envelopes

Those wishing to use envelopes for their campaign pledges may do so using the special envelopes in the back of the church clearly marked "**Campaign Contributions Only**". If you are doing your campaign pledges online through Breeze, please be sure that you select "*Capital Campaign Fund 01*" under the Funds drop down box menu.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The school year is winding down. Please continue to pray for the child on your heart magnet for another week. Consider sending him or her a card and let them know you prayed. Thank you for praying!

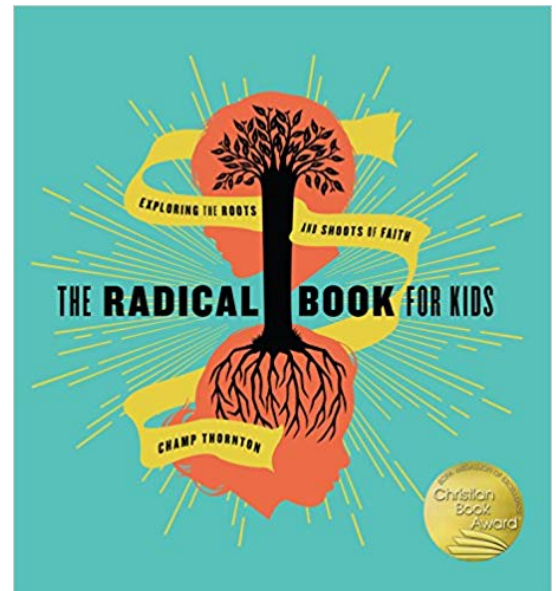
**Vacation Bible School** is ramping up. We have classes for 4-year-old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please register your child on the church website. You can sign up to volunteer on the website as well. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities. It takes many hands to make our VBS run smoothly. We look forward to fun time!

This coming Sunday is a big one. **Commitment Sunday!** Bring your Bingo sheets and your Brick by Brick banks. Kids, I hope you have been working to fill your banks. I can't wait to see how much you collected. Get to church a little early this Sunday to get everything you need for this memorable Sunday. It is going to be a lot of fun! Continue to pray this week and ask God how you can be part of this campaign.

Children attending children's church and nursery can be checked in at either of our check in stations. We have one at the nursery and one at the back of the church. Use whichever one is more convenient for you. They both have the same information. Children not attending children's church can pick up Sunday Notes on the missions table this summer. They can still be turned in to Mrs. Cara for a prize.

Our family has enjoyed The Radical Book for Kids by Champ Thornton. It's a great way to learn about the Bible in a fun way. There are even elephant jokes! We have read through it a few times and learned something new each time. I would recommend it to elementary age kids and older. I learned some new information while reading it. You can order it for about \$20 from Amazon or Christian Book Distributors. This book is on Pastor Chris's list of Accessible Books Every Brick Family Should Consider Owning.

If you have any questions about our ministries for children, please contact me. I would love to answer your questions. If you would like to get involved and serve somewhere, let me know. I can help you find a good fit.



Cara Roberts, Director of Children's Ministry  
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# SAVE THE DATE!!

**July 8 – 12**  
**9:00 to 11:30 am**

**Register online at:**  
**[www.theredbrickchurch.org](http://www.theredbrickchurch.org)**

Imagine traveling through time and meeting the most important man ever—a man who was not just a man, but also God. One who turned the world upside-down. One who existed outside of time. We'll do just that as we embark on *Time Lab*. We'll use words beginning with "C" to help us remember that Jesus, our forever faithful, loving, caring, promise-keeping Lord, has been with us always. Join us for games, snacks, crafts, worship, and learning in a week full of fun.



We are trying to get workers organized. Workers are needed in all areas, from teaching to snacks to crafts to nursery. Thanks, we couldn't do it without you! If you have any questions about VBS, please contact Tom and Ashley Stahl at 815-440-1286 or 815-520-3050 or the church office.

thank you

Dear Ladies:

Thank you so much for the wonderful brunch you prepared for me. It was such a sweet time together and the cards of encouragement were a special blessing.

Though it is hard to leave, I am grateful to have the love, support and prayers from you as we go. It has been a joy studying, learning, and serving together. I will miss each of you.

With Love,

Amy Michalek

# Commitment Sunday!

June 2nd ~ 9:00 am

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> is going to be a Sunday that you will not want to miss! It will be a very exciting & memorable day in the life of our church and congregation. We have a lot going on that Sunday!

## **Prayer Journals**

Be sure to bring in your prayer journals with you on the 2<sup>nd</sup> as a representation of how you and/or your family have prayed for our church, our church family, and our Brick by Brick Building Campaign. Tables will be set up in the back of the church for you to hand in your prayer journal.

## **Prayer Bricks**

When you arrive to church on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, everyone (all ages) is asked to come to the back of the church and grab a prayer brick. During the service, one of the special things we will be doing is building a brick prayer wall to represent the prayer that we have put into our building campaign.

## **Children's Prayer Banks**

Even our children have been working hard towards our Building Fund Campaign by filling up their Prayer Banks the past several weeks. Children, along with their parents, will come forward and be emptying their banks into a special container at the front of the church. It will be exciting to see just how much change our children have collected!

## **Commitment Cards**

We will also be turning in our sealed commitment cards during the worship service. Extra cards and envelopes can be found in the back of the church.

## **Red Mission Fund Envelopes for the Michalek's**

In your bulletin last week, there were special red envelopes for monetary gifts for the Michalek family as they leave for Thailand the middle of June. We will also be collecting these envelopes during the worship service. If you didn't get a "Michalek Mission Fund" envelope, extras can be found in the back of the church or stop by the church office during the week.

During the service, everyone will have the opportunity to come to the front and turn in their Commitment Cards, Michalek Mission Fund Envelopes, Children's Prayer Banks, and place their brick on our brick wall we will be building in front of and behind the pulpit. If you do not wish to or unable to come to the front of the church, please feel free to pass your Commitment Card, Michalek Mission Fund envelope and prayer brick on to someone to bring forward for you.

# Celebration Sunday!

June 9th ~ 9:00 am & 4:00 pm

## **9:00 am Worship Service**

When we get together at 9:00 am on the 9<sup>th</sup> for Celebration Sunday, this will be a moment you will not want to miss. We will be reporting the total amount committed in faith towards our project. It will be a time when the entire church family will celebrate because we all did this together ... we all had a piece in it ... we all participated!

## **4:00 pm Commissioning and Send-Off Service for the Michalek's**

We will meet back here at 4:00 pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary for a time to thank, encourage and pray for the Michalek Family as they prepare to head to Thailand on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Following the special service, everyone is invited to stay for a catered meal. We will have plenty of food for everyone with tables set up in the fellowship hall, preschool room and Adult SS Classroom.



- June 1<sup>st</sup> - June Lewis
- 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> - Eric Booker
- Julianna Coester
- June 11<sup>th</sup> - Elizza Easley
- Tom Stahl
- June 15<sup>th</sup> - Hazel Homman
- June 18<sup>th</sup> - Chad Gerig
- June 21<sup>st</sup> - Vicki Farbo
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Nicky Roy Schaefer
- June 24<sup>th</sup> - Harleigh Wallin
- June 25<sup>th</sup> - Noah Ross
- June 26<sup>th</sup> - Ben Brauns
- Landon McCandless
- June 27<sup>th</sup> - LaVon Willey
- 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
- 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



## FROM PASTOR TIM .....

The day October 28, 2014 (my first day working at Red Brick) seems like such a long time ago on one hand, but on the other hand it seems like only yesterday. I am so thankful to God and the Red Brick Church for the opportunity of a lifetime to serve here in the Valley. I've been honored to be your pastor, teacher, worship leader, and friend. God used each of you in unique ways to deeply challenge, encourage, and grow me as a Christian, husband, and father. I couldn't be more proud and thankful that Red Brick is our sending church to Thailand to share the gospel with those who have never heard. We are partners together in the gospel. And as Paul departed in tears from his dear friends (Acts 20), we leave with grateful sorrow in our hearts. We'll say goodbye on June 9 during our capital campaign celebration and farewell service, but we will come visit and hope you will visit us. Most of all, we look forward to our reunion at the 5<sup>th</sup> tree on our Savior's coronation day where we hope to bring many Thai nationals with us. Grace and Peace to you all.

### Youth Group Update:

We're kicking off the 2019-2020 Youth Group Calendar this Sunday, June 2 at 5:00 to 6:30 pm! You don't want to miss this one. Teens and adults are welcome to attend! We'll have a taco-bar dinner together, watch a video overview of the year, and take volunteers to host and sponsor all the events planned for this coming year. We're even adding a few new activities like laser tag and escape rooms. You can find the packet on our website under **NEWS**.

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