



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

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JULY 2019
NEWSLETTER

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TIME OF SERVICES
Worship Service – 9:00 am

Brick by Brick: Goals Accomplished!

Our leaders are meeting on July 14 to keep the building bulldozers moving forward. We will update you about the process soon. First, however, we need to reflect on the wonderful celebration we enjoyed in June.



We threw quite a party on June 9, the day we saw how God has provided in incredible ways through our congregation's generosity.

- Our children gave \$432 to the Brick by Brick Campaign through their banks.
- Our congregation surpassed our goal of \$1.3 million by pledging \$1,543,142.00!
- The Michalek family completed their time as associate pastor at the Red Brick Church and has left for Thailand. They more than accomplished their goal of raising \$50,000 and well over half of that amount came through our church either directly from our missions offering or from other gifts received.
- We ate a lot as well.

Pledges are coming in. More than 10% of the commitments have been received. Our building fund account balance is \$264,488.00!

As an added bonus, the children were able to see our brick blocks fall on me. They enjoyed that moment way too much.

The heart of why we made such lavish commitments is that, "we are adding bricks so we can add Bricks." We believe that adding space will be a game changer in reaching people of all ages with the good news of Christ.

I am so thankful to be the pastor of a church where people serve so wholeheartedly in so many different ways. What a day it is going to be when we get to the 5th tree on the right side of the river and celebrate how God has used our Brick By Brick campaign. We may even build a brick wall around the tree to make the point.

As for the future, depending on how quickly our pledges come in, there is a chance we could begin construction as early as next Spring. Pray that the pledges will come in so that we can move forward as soon as possible.

JULY CROSSWALK MINISTRY

- July 7th - Grady McCoy, Carl Jacobson
July 14th - Grady McCoy, Carl Jacobson
July 21st - Toby Behmer, Rob Wissinger
July 28th - Lee Hickey, Don Wallin

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

JULY GREETERS

If you are interested in being on our "Greeter Team", please contact Susan Stukenberg at 815-997-7095.

- July 7th: Dave and Pat Ewald
July 14th: Clyde and Nancy Gelderloos
July 21st: Bruce and Deb Bonne
July 28th: Greg and Cherri Tremble

JULY NURSERY

One Service at 9:00 am.

- July 7th: Shari & Kennedy Halsmer,
Vicki Boyd
July 14th: Lee & Shannon Hickey,
LucyBeth Sierra
July 21st: Aly Behmer, Kari Janoski,
Hanna Wallin
July 28th: Sharon & Ashley Rhodes,
Mandy Poliska
Aug. 4th: Chelsea Colon, Justine Loyo,
Becky Bailey

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, Kari Janoski.

*August Newsletter
Articles are due in the
church office by
Thursday, July 25th*

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SS Superintendent:

Brooke Adams ~ 815-645-8561

Sunday School has concluded and will resume on September 8th. Children's Church is available for children preschool through 1st grade during the summer months and also during the second worship service September through May. We are in need of a couple of teachers 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: 227
May 5/5, 5/12, 5/19 - Average: 213
5/26 (One Service) Attendance: 150
June Average: 172

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 – Lance Mennen	985-2484

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through June 30, 2019

Total Approved 2019 Budget = \$451,676

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

Budget Giving through June 30 \$225,836

Actual Giving through June 30 \$195,971

Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$-29,865

Actual Expenses through 6/30/19 \$205,269



**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

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.

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.

Thank you!

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

2019 Summer Schedule

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

The Month of June, July & August

9:00 am Worship Service only

Children's Church (Preschool – 1st grade)

Labor Day Sunday, September 1st

9:00 am Service only

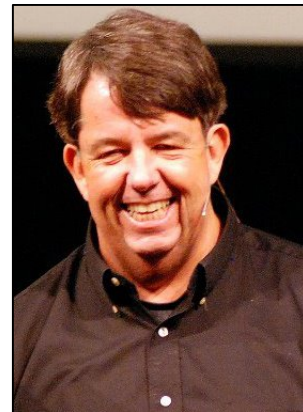
Children's Church (Preschool – 1st grade)

Please be sure to note these on your home calendar for 2019!

GREG SPECK

Sunday, August 11th at 9:00 am

We are excited to have Greg Speck with us on Sunday, August 11th at 9:00 am. Greg will be bringing us the message on the 11th. Most of our youth will know Greg from Camp Forest Springs where Greg has been the camp speaker several times!



Our adults, as well as our youth, will definitely enjoy hearing Greg speak, so please be sure to mark this down on your calendar and invite your friends and family! This would be an awesome Sunday for our youth to bring their friends with them to church!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

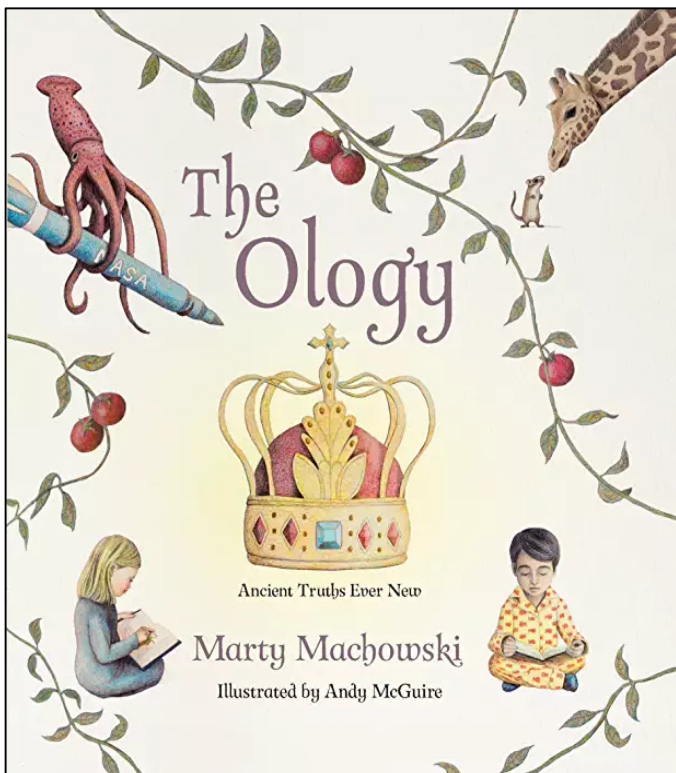
Wow! Kids, you did an amazing job collecting money for our church building program. You raised \$432! You should be very proud of yourselves. I know God is pleased with your sacrifices. We are excited to see how God uses our church to teach more people about Jesus. Please be praying about who you can talk to about Jesus and who you could invite to church. You could invite someone to VBS, Awana, Sunday School, or any other church event.



We are busily preparing for Vacation Bible School. It is sure to be a fun-filled week. We have well over 100 kids registered, but we are still hoping for more kids to join the fun. If you haven't registered your child, please do that today. You can find the link on the church website. If you are able to help, please register yourself as a volunteer. We still need quite a few Lays Stax containers for a craft project. If you are able to donate a couple of containers, please do so this weekend.

We still need a few volunteers to teach Children's Church in August. If you haven't signed up yet, and you would like a week to teach, please call Kendra Booker to get on the schedule. (217)741-1076. The lesson is provided for you. We can arrange teenage helpers for you if needed.

Children's Book Spotlight of the Month: The Ology by Marty Machowski

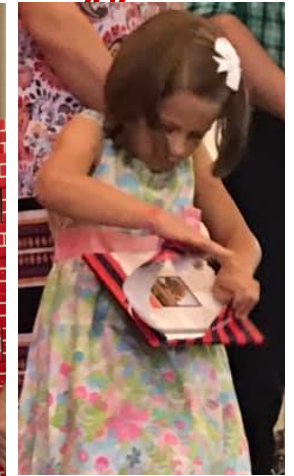


Summer is a busy time for all families, but I would challenge you to continue reading the Bible together as a family and praying together. The Ology is a book is on Pastor Chris's list of Accessible Books Every Brick Family Should Consider Owning. It is suitable for elementary children, teens, and even adults. It helps provide a solid Biblical worldview and expand theological vocabulary. Each session is only a couple of pages long. You can preview it or borrow it in our new church resource area (more information to come), located in the back of the sanctuary. You can order a copy for yourself on Amazon or Christianbook.com. It is about \$22.

Please contact me with any questions or for more information regarding our children's ministries at Red Brick Church. I would love to chat with you. My phone number is (217)621-2460 or you can email me at cararoberts32@gmail.com

Celebration Sunday!

Amount Pledged to Building Campaign!



2019 VBS!

July 8 – 12
9:00 to 11:30 am

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.

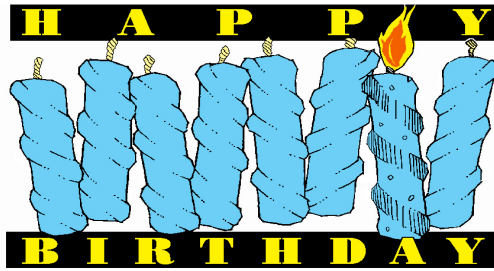


2019 VBS OFFERING

This year, our VBS kids will be collecting their offerings for missionaries Jeremy and Bonnie Ruth Farmer, who are missionaries with EMU International serving in Cambodia since May 2011. They are currently living in Stung Treng to help the Cambodian-Laotian people establish Laotian churches. Jeremy and Bonnie Ruth have eight children: Abi, Isa, Gloria, Eden, Judson, Salem, Henry and Elisha.

The Farmer's are in desperate need of a new stove ... and our VBS offerings are going to go to help the Farmer's with this need! Each day, the boys and girls will be asked to bring in an offering. Like we have done in past years, we will keep track of who brings in the most offering daily – the boys or the girls!!

We will do a special announcement of how much offerings our VBS kids actually brought in on Sunday, July 14th during the 9:00 am worship service. We will also be singing several of our VBS songs, so we would like to ask that our VBS kids and their families plan on attending the 9:00 am worship service on the 14th! It will be very exciting just to see how much our kids have brought in to help the Farmer family!



- 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
- July 16th - Jeff Coester
- July 20th - Shirley Johann
- July 22nd - Elijah Hanson, Jaime Wrasse
- July 27th - Cherri Tremble
- July 29th - Karissa Dobson, Jackson Halsmer,
 - 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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