



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

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**OCT 2019 NEWSLETER**

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**TIME OF SERVICES**  
**Worship Service**  
**at 9:00 and 10:30 am**  
**Sunday School – 9:00 am**  
**Preschool thru Adults**

*One of the biggest takeaways from our 9/22 congregational meeting was that we need to raise the level of concern regarding giving to our general budget.*

Thirty-two youth and leaders packed into the conference room of the administration building is great incentive for our church to move forward with the building program. It's actually a wonderful atmosphere – the teens have had a tremendous attitude and our leaders have enjoyed the time – but wow are we excited about more space.

There is great reason to believe that we will break ground on the Brick Center in the spring of 2019. As we updated you on Sunday night, our building fund is at \$679,000. We are off and going.



Both interaction during the meeting --- and the feedback through surveys – indicate a very, very strong consensus amongst our congregation that we: (1) Go forward this spring (2) That we continue with our conservative approach financially. (3) That a free-standing building is the first priority – though we continue to be very concerned about our current building.

We are spending money now to repair the bricks. And we plan a face lift on the inside once a new building is completed.

A large percentage of those survey indicated that we need to raise the level of concern about our general budget giving. Please review the numbers given later in the newsletter that our general budget giving is less than our expenses thus far in 2019. It is, of course, vital that we have a strong fourth quarter as we anticipate a very exciting 2020.

# OCTOBER CROSSWALK MINISTRY

- Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - Grady McCoy, Carl Jacobson  
Oct 13<sup>th</sup> - Carl Jacobson, Steve Arnold  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup> - Toby Behmer, Rob Wissinger  
Oct 27<sup>th</sup> - Lee Hickey, Don Wallin

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

## OCTOBER GREETERS

- Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - Roland and Lonna Nelson  
Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - Brent and Arlett Bonne  
Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - Keith and Anne Wiltfang  
Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> - Tom and Ashley Stahl

## OCTOBER NURSERY

### Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>

Nursery Greeter: Marlene Miller

9:00 am - Mandy Poliska, Jeanne Baker,  
Nancy Gelderloos

10:30 am - Shannon and Lee Hickey,  
Ryan Roberts

### Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>

Nursery Greeter: Erica Dobson

9:00 am - Chelsea Colon, Tessa Baker,  
Arlett Bonne

10:30 am - Anne Wiltfang, Betts Carby,  
Donna Arnold

### Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>

Nursery Greeter: Kari Janoski

9:00 am - Sharon and Ashley Rhodes,  
Deb Bonne

10:30 am - Becky Bailey, LucyBeth Sierra,  
Hanna Wallin

### Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>

Nursery Greeter: Tessa Baker

9:00 am - Jamie Brauns, Barb Hale,  
Tania VanBriesen

10:30 am - Kari and Aubrey Janoski,  
Cherri Tremble

## *SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS*

### SS Superintendent:

**Brooke Adams ~ 815-645-8561**

Our average weekly **Attendance** for the month of September is listed below for Nursery through High School Sunday School.

September 2019: 55

**Sunday School** is available for all ages. Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the lower level of the church. Jr and Sr High meet in the administration building and both adult classes meet in the classroom next to the nursery.

## **WORSHIP SERVICE REPORT**

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

July Average: 169

August: 161

Labor Day Worship Service: 153

Fall Festival Worship Service: 175

9/8, 9/15, 9/22 Worship Services: 197

### **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

**November Newsletter  
Articles are due in the  
church office by  
Friday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>**

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Through September 30, 2019

Total Approved 2019 Budget = \$451,676

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

Budget Giving through Sept 30 ..... \$338,754

Actual Giving through Sept 30 ..... \$299,075

Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving ..... \$-39,679

Actual Expenses through 9/30/19 ..... \$293,783



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)

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.

## 2020 BUDGET

All boards and committees should begin to start thinking about and working on their 2020 budgets.

The Trustee Board would like to have all budgets to them NO later than December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS ....

We hosted a "See You at the Pole" Rally here at our church on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Several Jr and Sr high area youth attended the rally and spent time planning the event at their respective flag poles. Several youth showed up at all schools on Wednesday morning, September 25<sup>th</sup> to pray for their schools.



Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Both Worship Services

COMMUNION  
Sunday

"Do this in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19 (NIV)

# YOUTH GROUP NEWS ....

## Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Youth Group in the Church Fellowship Hall.  
Noon to 2:00 pm.  
Jr and Sr High Youth.  
Dinner, devotions, games.

## Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> **Note DATE CHANGE!!**

College/Military Care Packages, dinner, hayride and bonfire at Ashley and Jacob Rhodes house. (2231 N Meridian Road, Chana).  
4:00 – 7:00 pm

## Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Around the Table with Seniors and Teens.  
Noon to 2:00 pm.  
Jr and Sr High Youth and Seniors in the church.  
Dinner, games and building relationships.  
\*\* We need a host for this event. If you would be willing to host, please contact the church office.

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## Sunday School NEWS . . .

Sunday School is off to a great start. A new check-in station has been set up at the administrative building to make check-in convenient for our junior high and senior high students.

Donation boxes for Bread of Life will be available October 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday School is assisting AWANA's in collecting hearty soups for the Bread of Life in the month of October.

Preschool through fifth grade students will soon be practicing music for our Christmas program which will be Sunday, December 8th, during both worship services.

Children's church is available during the 10:30 worship service for children in preschool through 1st grade.

## College and Military Care Packages

If you have an away full-time college student or son/daughter in the military from the Red Brick Church, please fill out this [FORM](#) with their current mailing information for them to receive a package. **We need to have all names and addresses by NOON on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.** We ask that you please complete the form for those in your family asap so we know approximately how many packages we will be filling this year.

**We also need donations for our boxes!!** Please leave donations (*individually wrapped* store bought or homemade goods only please) on the front or back porch of the administration building or with Jana in the church office. Please drop off donations no later than Noon on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our youth will be packing up the boxes on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 7 pm. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. This is something that our away college students and those in the military look forward to receiving each year.

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## Women's Bible Studies

M&M (Moms and More) and WOW (Women of the Word Evening Bible Study) have started meeting. Both groups are doing a study called "**No Other Gods**" by Kelly Minter. The groups meet in the Adult SS Classroom. Mom's and More Bible Study meets from 9:00 to 10:30 am on Friday mornings and is led by Jeanne Baker. Women of the Word meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm and Jamie Brauns is leading the Tuesday evening study. Childcare is provided at the Friday morning study.

# HOLIDAY PLANTER CLASS

**All Ladies Invited! Bring a Friend!**



Looking ahead to the Christmas holidays, the deaconess board will be hosting a holiday planter class. It will be on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The cost of the class will be \$25 if you bring your own container, or \$30 if you would like a container with the arrangement. (Container should be no larger than 7 X 12). Planter can be used inside or outside.

A sign-up sheet will be placed in the back of the sanctuary as the date gets closer. Any questions see Deb Bonne or give her a call at 815-979-0885.



## FALL FESTIVAL PARADE

Thank you to all the clubbers, parents, leaders, LITS's who braved the misty weather and participated in the AWANA Fall Festival Parade float this year!



Our Teen Bible Study for all Jr and Sr High youth meets on Wednesday evenings in the Admin. Building from 7:00 – 7:45 pm. We are averaging about 30 youth each Wednesday night, but there is still room for more! Join us on Wednesday evenings!

## Capital Campaign Envelopes

Envelopes can be found in the back of the church. If you are doing your campaign contributions online through Breeze, please be sure that you select "Capital Campaign Fund 01" under the Funds drop down box menu.

We want to be sure your contribution gets to the fund you wish it to go to.

## Missionary Banks Needed!

Our AWANA Club is need of empty, clean frosting containers to use for our AWANA Missionary Banks. Each clubber gets a bank ... so we are in need of several containers!

Please save them and drop them off on the back or front porch of the Administration Building.



October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Lee Hickey
October 4 <sup>th</sup>	-	Bruce Carby
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Connie Rhodes, Kylie Paulson
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	-	Julie Larson
	-	Haley Jones
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Daphne Long
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	-	Gary Larson, Amanda Geiseman
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Darren Daniels
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	-	Candy Beck
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	-	Jaden Coester, George Myers
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	-	Atalie Gebbia
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	-	Rebekah Anderson
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Patrick Roberts, Terri Carby
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	-	Elizabeth Miller
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Sebastian Cardenas



October 4 <sup>th</sup>	-	Dean and Claudia Pihl
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	-	Terrell and Terri Carby
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Ben and Pat Chitwood
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	-	Dick and Shirley Johann
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	-	Chuck and Shirley Thompson
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	-	Elliot and Rebekah Anderson



# OCTOBER 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday School 9:00 am <b>Worship Services at 9:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> <b>YOUTH GROUP at Noon</b>		<b>Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm</b>	<b>AWANA 6:00 pm</b> <b>Youth Bible Study 7:00 - 7:45 pm</b>		<b>NO Mom's and More Bible Study</b>	
Sunday School 9:00 am <b>Worship Services at 9:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b>		<b>Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm</b> <b>Deacon Bd Meeting 6:30 pm</b> <b>Trustee Bd Meeting 6:30 pm</b>	<b>AWANA 6:00 pm</b> <b>Youth Bible Study 7:00 - 7:45 pm</b>		<b>NO Mom's and More Bible Study</b>	
Sunday School 9:00 am <b>Worship Services at 9:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> <b>Youth Group at Rhodes Home 4:00 pm</b>		<b>Sr. Fellowship 9:00 am</b> <b>Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm</b> <b>Building Committee Meeting 6:30 pm</b>	<b>AWANA 6:00 pm</b> <b><u>NO YOUTH BIBLE STUDY!</u></b>		<b>M &amp; M 9:00 - 10:30 am</b>	
Sunday School 9:00 am <b>Worship Services at 9:00 &amp; 10:30 am</b> Youth w/Seniors at Noon		<b>Ladies Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm</b>	<b>AWANA 6:00 pm</b> <b>Youth Bible Study 7:00 - 7:45 pm</b>		<b>M &amp; M 9:00 - 10:30 am</b>	



## OCTOBER 2019 AWANA SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>:** AWANA had their first M & M Night on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year our offerings will go to support Tim and Amy Michalek, as they continue to study the Thai language in preparation for teaching next fall. The Michalek's will be providing us with a video for all of our upcoming M & M Nights. M & M Night is the first Wednesday of every month. Clubbers should bring their missionary banks with them to club in exchange for an individual size package of plain M & M's.

**Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>:** It's "Hawaiian Night" at AWANA. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, wear your favorite Hawaiian outfit to club. Participating in theme nights will earn you AWANA dollars to use at our AWANA store!

**Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>:** Tonight is "Solid as a Rock Night" at club. Tonight, the clubbers bring a favorite rock with them to club.

**Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>:** It's "Give Thanks Night" at club!! On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, we are doing a CANNED SOUP DRIVE for the Bread of Life, the local food pantry here in SV. They are in need of "hearty" canned soup (the kind that is a whole meal in a can). Let's help the BOL stock their shelves with enough canned soup for the winter. ***Please bring ONLY hearty cans of soup for the pantry.***

**Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>:** Tonight is "Hat Night". Every clubber has a favorite hat! Pick out your favorite hat and wear it to club on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

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**\*\* RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED \*\***

