



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

**207 W. Roosevelt Road, PO Box 370**  
**Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084-0370**

*We will install David Bogner as Associate Pastor at a special service on February 16 at 4:00 PM. Pizza and dessert will follow.*

**FEBRUARY 2020**  
**NEWSLETTER**

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645-2526

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cccoffice1@comcast.net

TIME OF SERVICES  
Worship Service – 9:00 and  
10:30 am  
Sunday School – 9:00 and  
10:30 am

Regarding **attendance at the installation service**, I put the pressure on our young people. I want to make sure our whole church family is feeling it too.

This is an important service to attend.



Wednesday nights with teens continues to be a highlight for Jamie and me. We look forward to meeting with our teens while they crinkle their snack packages and talking about life's really big questions.

Where did we come from?

Why is the world so broken?

How can we find healing?

Why should I be motivated to live the Christian life?

What will happen in the future?

Right now, on Wednesday nights, we are reviewing the seven points I tell our teens --- and our whole church family – that I pray they will never forget. As much as Jamie and I are enjoying Wednesdays, we are even more thankful that Pastor David Bogner will soon begin as associate pastor. There is too much for any one pastor to do!

Pastor Bogner's installation service will be at 4:00 PM on Sunday, February 16, 2020. A time of pizza and fellowship will follow.

The service is going to be a great blessing. It will include singing, special music, Scripture reading, and we will hear from both Pastor Scott Nesse (Stonebridge Church) and Pastor Bruce McKanna (Mt. Morris Evangelical Free Church).

## FEBRUARY CROSSWALK MINISTRY

- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Don Wallin, Carl Jacobson  
 Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> - Carl Jacobson, Steve Arnold  
 Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - Toby Behmer, Rob Wissinger  
 Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lee Hickey, Grady McCoy  
 If you would like to be a part of Crosswalk Ministry Team, please talk with Grady McCoy.

## FEBRUARY GREETERS

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

- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Boys and Girl Scouts  
 Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>: Greg and Erica Granath  
 Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>: Roland and Lonna Nelson  
 Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Brent and Arlett Bonne  
 March 1<sup>st</sup>: Dave and Pat Ewald

## FEBRUARY NURSERY

- February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 9:00 am Anne Wiltfang, Barb Hale, Susan Stukenberg  
 10:30 am Lee and Shannon Hickey, Hanna Wallin
- February 9<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00 am Chelsea Colon, Jamie Brauns, Mandy Poliska  
 10:30 am Donna Arnold, Hope Wallin, LucyBeth Sierra
- February 16<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00 am Deb Bonne, Tessa Baker, Tania VanBriesen  
 10:30 am Kari and Aubrey Janoski, Betts Carby
- February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 9:00 am Sharon and Ashley Rhodes, Jeanne Baker  
 10:30 am Becky Bailey, Diane Koenig, Nancy Gelderloos

The best way to reach our Nursery Coordinator, Kari Janoski, is via texting at 815-297-3459. New volunteers are always needed in the nursery! Contact Kari for more information

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS . . .**

SS Superintendent:

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

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

January 2020: 52

**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:

- November Worship Services: 231  
 Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Worship Services: 232  
 Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Attendance: 212  
 December 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Attendance: 122  
 January Worship Services: 191

## **CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

All Boards and Committees will be meeting in February to elect new officers and chairmen. Chairmen of all committees and phone numbers will be printed in the March 2020 Newsletter.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Through January 31, 2020**

**Total Approved 2020 Budget = \$453,848**

Divided by 52 weeks/year = **\$8,728/week**

- Budget Giving through Jan. 31 ..... \$34,912  
 Actual Giving through Jan. 31 ..... \$32,327  
 Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving ..... \$(2,585)  
 Actual Expenses through 1/31/20 ..... \$26,003

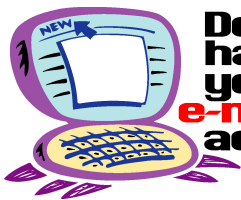


## IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER . . .

We will cancel AWANA if there is NO school that day or if school is let out early due to bad weather. If the Meridian

School District 223 should cancel evening activities, AWANA will also be cancelled.

Updated cancellation messages will be left on the church office answering machine (645-2526) and our AWANA Commanders will send out an email and post it also on our Facebook page.



**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)

We will be emailing out announcements, news articles, coming events, etc., so don't miss out!! Be sure we have your email address.

## SCOUT SUNDAY



All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts are invited to participate in our Scout Sunday Celebration on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Scouts will be greeters at both services on that Sunday. Please dress in uniform and arrive no later than 8:40 am. After greeting, scouts will go directly to their Sunday School classes.

If you have any questions contact Stacy Jones at 815-520-9642.

## The Armor of God

Both our Ladies Bible Studies are currently meeting, with both groups doing the study by Priscilla Shirer called "The Armor of God".

The Enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. **The Armor of God**, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory. Workbooks will be available for purchase for \$16 at either study.

### Women of the Word

Our Tuesday evening study meets from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Adult SS Classroom. Please contact Jamie Brauns if you have any questions about the Tuesday evening study.

### Mom's and More

Our Friday morning study meets from 9:00 to 10:30 pm in the Adult SS Classroom. Jeanne Baker is leading this study. Childcare is provided for the Mom's and More bible study.



We will be doing a Succulent Class on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. Cost for the class is \$20 if you bring your own container or \$40 if you would like a container. (Containers may vary from the picture above.) Payment can be made the day of the class.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Talk to Deb Bonne if you have any questions. All ladies are invited and feel free to bring a friend! Cut-off date to sign up is Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.



**START YOUR ENGINES!** The annual AWANA Grand Prix Derby will be held on Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Check in is 1:30 – 2:30 pm, with the racing beginning promptly at 3:00 pm in the church fellowship hall.

We will run a double-elimination bracket with Cubbies/Sparks first and then T&Ters. We will have free popcorn, water, and juice boxes as refreshments. Trophies will be given out to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Speed AND Design for Cubbies/Sparks and T & T. Each clubber participating will receive a treat bag and \$5 AWANA dollars.

This is a fun, family event and the congregation is invited to come and cheer on their favorite race car!!



Sunday School and Children's Church continue to be busy and engaging. In the preschool through 5th grade classes, we are practicing for our children's choir performance on Mother's Day. You will receive a note or email from your worship leader/teacher regarding songs to practice at home. Consistent attendance is important across all levels of instruction and is necessary for your child to learn music with his peers.

Here are a few important dates to remember:

4/5: Palm Sunday (Sunday School children will participate in service by waving palms and singing.)

4/5: Easter Sunday (More information to follow about an Easter egg hunt.)

5/10: Children's choir (Pre-K - 5th grade) will perform during both church services.

5/17: Last Sunday School class until fall.



**Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon**

Both Jr and Sr High youth will meet for lunch and fellowship following the second service in the church fellowship hall.

**Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

We will be decorating cookies and making valentine day cards for our widows tonight. All youth are invited to come and help get things ready for delivery tomorrow!

**Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm**

We will be delivering our Valentine cookies and cards to all the widows in our church family. If you would like to help with delivery, please contact Marlene Miller.

**Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

We will not be having Youth Group today. Please join us at the Installation Service for Associate Pastor David Bogner at 4:00 pm.

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Both Jr and Sr High youth will meet for lunch and fellowship following the second service in the church fellowship hall.



# Installation SERVICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 pm



Please plan on joining us at the Installation Service for our new Associate Pastor, David Bogner, on Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. We are looking forward to hearing from several guest speakers and also some special music.

Following the Installation Service, everyone is invited down to the church fellowship hall for pizza and an opportunity to visit with the Bogner Family.

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## Rec Night

Plans are under way for an all church Rec Night at Nash in Oregon. The tentative date is Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

We will have the pool, racquetball and basketball courts available. Also, there will be snacks available in the party room.

A sign-up sheet posted in the back of the sanctuary. Everyone is invited and friends are welcome. More details to follow as soon as plans are finalized.

# SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

It's time to register for summer camp! Our CE committee loves providing \$100 camp scholarships to kids attending camp from our church. Children as young as entering 2nd grade all the way up to 12th grade can attend camp. Camp can be such an important part of our children's spiritual walk.

Their camp experience will emphasize a personal relationship with Christ, being strong for Christ in their schools and will help develop their personal quiet time. Camps fill up **VERY** quickly. Visit their websites by googling their names and register soon.

Please sign up on the bulletin board with your camper's name and camp week to receive a scholarship.

We endorse the following camps:

### Camp Forest Springs

- \$204 - \$436 per week
- Transportation available from Janesville for \$35 one way
- \$50 / child discount for multiple children at 6-day camp
- Located in Westboro, WI; 4.25 hour drive

### Lake Lundgren Bible Camp

- \$174 - \$290 per week
- Located in Pembine, WI; 4.5 hour drive

### Timber-lee Christian Center

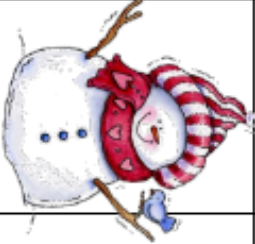




- \$254 - \$690 per week
- Located in East Troy, WI; 1.5 hour drive

To request a scholarship for a different camp, please send a request to the CE committee or Marlene Miller.



# FEBRUARY 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Worship Services at 9:00 &amp; 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am Youth Group Noon - 2pm SCOUT SUNDAY <i>Constitution</i></p>		<p>Women's Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm</p>	<p>AWANA 6:00 to 7:15 pm Teen Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>		<p>Mom's &amp; More Bible Study 9:00 am Youth Decorate Cookies &amp; Cards for Widows 6 - 7 pm</p>	<p>"Loving Our Widows" visits. 2 - 4 pm</p>
<p>Worship Services at 9:00 &amp; 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am AWANA DERBY CUT-OUT CLINIC 1 - 3 pm</p>	<p>AWANA DERBY CUT-OUT CLINIC 9:00 - 11:00 am</p>	<p>Women's Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm</p>	<p>AWANA 6:00 to 7:15 pm Teen Bible Study</p> 		<p>NO Mom's &amp; More Bible Study</p>	
<p>Worship Services at 9:00 &amp; 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID BOGNER at 4:00 pm.</p>		<p>Deacon Board Meeting 6:30 pm Trustee Board Meeting 6:30 pm Women's Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm</p>	<p>AWANA 6:00 to 7:15 pm Teen Bible Study 7:00 pm</p> 		<p>Mom's &amp; More Bible Study 9:00 am</p>	<p>AWANA GRAND PRIZ 3:00 pm</p>
<p>Worship Services at 9:00 &amp; 10:30 am Sunday School 9:00 am</p>		<p>Sr. Fellowship 9:00 am Women's Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm</p>	<p>AWANA 6:00 to 7:15 pm Teen Bible Study 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Deaconess Bd Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Mom's &amp; More Bible Study 9:00 am</p>	<p>SPARKS CAMP 9 - 11:30 am</p>



February 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Shannon and Grace Hickey
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	-	Renley Svartoién
February 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Nick Colon
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Dean Pihl
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	-	Kennedy Halsmer
February 14 <sup>th</sup>	-	Lisa McCoy
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	-	Terrell Carby
	-	Don Wallin
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	-	Linda Benton
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	-	Brooke Adams
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Janice Amundson
	-	Lena Janoski
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Lori Houston
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	-	Verna Seymour
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Allison Spors
	-	Toby Behmer
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	-	Carol Brauer
	-	Ophelia Mayberry
	-	Cara Roberts
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	-	Marian Wiltfang
February 28 <sup>th</sup>	-	Amos Michalek
	-	Karen Gerig
	-	Elliette Colon
February 29 <sup>th</sup>	-	Deb Myers
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Jaime Brauns
	-	Christopher Brauns
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Sydney Gatz
	-	Brent Bonne



February 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Brad and Tessa Baker
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	-	Tom and Paula Hufford



## FEBRUARY 2020 AWANA SCHEDULE

### **Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – M and M Night**

Clubbers are reminded to bring their missionary banks with them to club on the 5<sup>th</sup>. We will watch another video from Tim and Amy Michalek and their family in Thailand.

### **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – Derby Cutout Clinic**

Get some help cutting out the design of your Grand Prix car by bringing the kit along with your design drawn out to our Pit Crew Experts on the 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

### **Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – Wear **RED** Night**

Clubbers should wear red to club tonight in celebration of Valentine's Day.

### **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – Pit Crew Night and PJ Night**

Clubbers can get their Derby Cars inspected and pre-checked in for the Grand Prix. Cars will be left with us this night and they will be kept safe and sound until the derby on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, clubbers can wear their favorite (appropriate) warm pj's to club on the 19<sup>th</sup>!

### **Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> - AWANA Grand Prix**

Today is our Grand Prix with races kicking off at 3:00 pm. The congregation is invited to attend!

### **Wednesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> – Crazy Hair Night**

This is a favorite night with our clubbers! Get your hair wild and crazy for club on the 26<sup>th</sup>!

### **Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> – Sparks Camp**

We will be having our annual Sparks Camp on the 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:30 am. More information will be sent home with the clubbers prior to camp.

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

