



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

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Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns
Associate Pastor David Bogner

MARCH 2020
NEWSLETTER
CHURCH PHONE
 645-2526
TIME OF SERVICES
 Worship Service – 9:00 am
 Sunday School – 9:00 am
 Adult SS Class – 10:30 am

Our building program is about to get very “concrete.” This is only possible because God has used so many different people to be part of the effort. Let’s continue to press forward with our Brick by Brick commitments.

In the included pictures, some of our church leaders are meeting with our architect to talk about final drawing details. This



means we are about to call for bids.

Finally! We hope to break ground this spring.

Could it be that we crowded into the church basement for the AWANA Pinewood Derby for the last time?

You’ve heard me trace the beginning of our building program to the early 70’s when our church first dreamed about purchasing adjacent properties. To be sure, it’s taken a lot of patience to get this far, but we are very close!

So many of you all --- and so many people who went before us --- are involved in this project. I cannot begin to count the number of meetings. I think of all the money that was invested *before* we even got to this project to buy houses and add parking. **I am thankful for your faithfulness.**



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Invitations continue to be a priority. **Easter** is coming up and there are people who know they need to try a church but are unsure to go. It is so simple for one of us to say, **“We would love for you to be our guest for Easter Sunday.”**

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As anticipated, the **installation service** for Pastor David Bogner was a great blessing. It was wonderful to see so many other churches represented. We were all challenged by the words from Pastor Scott Nesse (Stonebridge) and Pastor Bruce McKanna (Evangelical Free Church of Mt. Morris).

MARCH CROSS WALK MINISTRY

- March 1st - Grady McCoy, Carl Jacobson
March 8th - Steve Arnold, Carl Jacobson
March 15th - Toby Behmer, Rob Wissinger
March 22nd - Lee Hickey, Don Wallin
March 29th - Grady McCoy, Don Wallin

MARCH GREETERS

- March 1st: Dave and Pat Ewald
March 8th: Clyde and Nancy Gelderloos
March 15th: Bruce and Deb Bonne
March 22nd: Terrell and Terri Carby
March 29th: Greg and Cherri Tremble

MARCH NURSERY

March 1st

- 9:00 am Kari Janoski, Barb Hale,
Jeanne Baker
10:30 am Lee & Shannon Hickey,
Hope Wallin

March 8th

- 9:00 am Chelsea Colon, Tania VanBriesen,
Deb Bonne
10:30 am Cherri Tremble, Becky Bailey
Donna Arnold

March 15th

- 9:00 am Jamie Brauns, Diane Koenig,
Susan Stukenberg
10:30 am Kari & Aubrey Janoski,
Betts Carby

March 22nd

- 9:00 am Sharon & Ashley Rhodes,
Tessa Baker
10:30 am LucyBeth Sierra, Hanna Wallin,
Nancy Gelderloos

March 29th

- 9:00 am Barb Hale, Jeanne Baker,
Mandy Poliska
10:30 am Stacy & Haley Jones,
Becky Bailey

Parents of children under the age of 5 years old are invited and encouraged to use our nursery during the 9:00 & 10:30 am worship services. 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

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

February 2020: 47

Sunday School is available for all ages. Preschool through 5th 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:

Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

Worship Services: 232

Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Attendance: 212

December 29th 9:00 am Attendance: 122

January Worship Services: 191

February: 186

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 Committee – Lance Mennen	985-2484

**April Newsletter Articles
are due in the church
office by Thursday,
March 26th**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through February 29, 2020

Total Approved 2020 Budget = \$453,848

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

Budget Giving through Feb 29th \$69,824

Actual Giving through Feb 29th \$62,461

Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$-7,363

Actual Expenses through 2/29/20 \$59,613



Parents are reminded to be sure and pre-register their child / children for Summer camp this summer! 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 Camp Forest Springs, Lake Lundgren Bible Camp and Timber-lee Christian Center. To request a scholarship for a different camp, please send a request to the CE Committee or Marlene Miller.



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

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.



2020 VBS



VBS will be held on July 6th through the 10th from 9:00 to 11:30 am. Tom and Ashley Stahl are heading up our VBS again this year and will be looking for several to help out! If you are interested in serving with our VBS Team this year, please let Tom or Ashley know.

SCOUT SUNDAY



Haley Jones, Evan Jones, Kyle Breon, Alex Booker, Kaitlyn Adams

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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.

Rec Night

We are excited to be having an all church Rec Night at Nash in Oregon. The date is Saturday, March 21st 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. Be sure to sign up if you are planning on attending!

SUCCULENT CLASS

Ladies who have pre-registered for the Succulent Arrangement Class will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 2nd in the church fellowship hall.

Installation SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who attended the Installation Service for Pastor David Bogner on Sunday, February 16th. We were blessed to have several area Pastors and Leaders in attendance at the service!



Thank you also the Deaconess Board for heading up the fellowship time after the service with pizza, dessert and beverages.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID BOGNER

Thank you for warmly welcoming our family at the installation service on February 16. I am grateful for your gift of Bible software. This is a treasure trove of Truth!

Youth, invite your friends and come to our Escape Rooms Night at the Red Brick Church, March 14 from 6 to 8 pm. Sign up Wednesday night at Bible study or youth group on March 1.

We are starting to envision youth activities for Summer 2020 with our purpose in mind: to glorify God and maximize our joy by growing an extended family of fully devoted followers of Jesus.

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25

AWANA DERBY WINNERS



Sparks / Cubbies Speed

1 – Zeke Janoski, 2 – Levi Creek, 3 – John Anderson



Sparks / Cubbies Design

1 – Lilly Constantinescu-Lungu
2 – Kylie Paulson, 3 – Havah Gebbia



T & T Speed

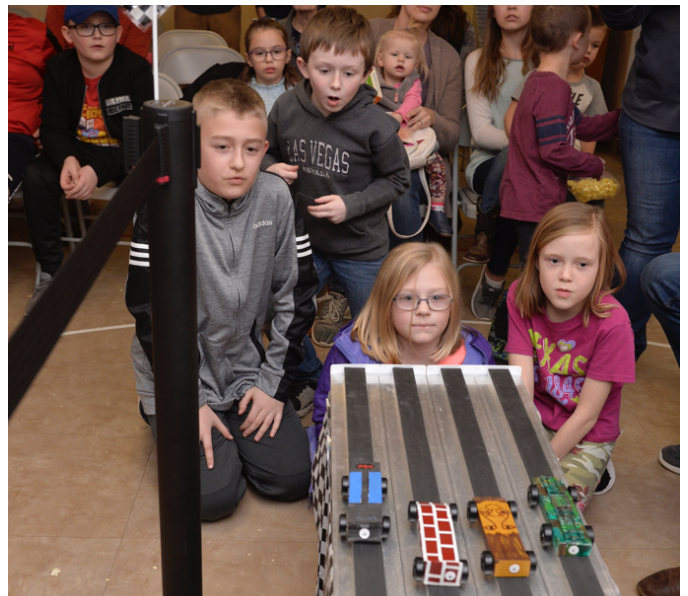
1 – Lena Janoski, 2 – Aubrey Janoski, 3 – Liam Stahl



T & T Design

1 – Abigail Bogner, 2 – Evan Stahl, 3 – Adrian Booker

DERBY PICTURES





March 1 st	-	Jamie Brauns Christopher Brauns
March 2 nd	-	Brent Bonne Sydney Gatz
March 3 rd	-	Kent Cronberg
March 4 th	-	Jana Cox Grace VanBriesen Grace Jacobson Randy Stukenberg
March 5 th	-	Shari Halsmer Tessa Baker Arlett Bonne
March 6 th	-	Sam Miller Paisley Poliska
March 7 th	-	Jeff McLindsay Chelsea Colon
March 11 th	-	Pastor Chris
March 12 th	-	Jamie Adams
March 16 th	-	Keith Wiltfang
March 17 th	-	Emily Houston
March 22 nd	-	Adrien Booker
March 23 rd	-	Carter McCandless
March 25 th	-	Seth VanBriesen Hadley Colon
March 26 th	-	Homer Bailey
March 28 th	-	Oliver Jones
March 29 th	-	Jeremiah Bogner
April 1 st	-	Avis Hall
April 4 th	-	Heidie Raine Natalie McCandless



March 11 th	-	John and Sandra Stout
March 15 th	-	Steve and Donna Arnold
March 21 st	-	Gary and Connie Rhodes



March 2020 AWANA SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 4th

It's M & M Night at AWANA's on the 4th. Through April, our club will continue to donate our AWANA Missionary Offerings to Tim and Amy Michalek, who are studying the Thai language in Thailand in preparation for teaching this fall.

Friday, March 6th

We will be having our annual T & T Lock-In from 6:00 to 11:00 pm for our registered T & T clubbers. This is a great opportunity for our clubbers to work towards finishing their book. We will have extended book sessions, praise and worship/devotional time, food, and a BIG game event! We will also be having our Variety Show from 6:00 to 7:15 pm for our clubbers to participate in. You must sign up if you wish to be included in the Variety Show. Parents & the congregation are invited to attend the Variety Show.

Wednesday, March 11th

Tonight is "Neon Night". Clubbers should wear some neon to club on the 11th.

Wednesday, March 18th

It's "Wearin' O The Green Night" tonight. Let's have some fun tonight and come to club wearing as much green as you can. The more green the better!

Wednesday, March 25th

Tonight we are doing a PB & J / Mac and Cheese drive for the Bread of Life Food Pantry here in Stillman Valley. Please only bring these items for the Bread of Life. We will have boxes set out to put your food products in. This is a great way to help out those less fortunate than we are locally.

Wednesday, April 1st

No AWANA Club on the 1st ... this is Spring Break week.

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