



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

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FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

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If a farmer adds a shiny new tractor, he better plow more ground! We have a new Brick Center, so we better picture what it will look like to "plow."



My goal for each newsletter article is to consider what point needs to be most in front of our church family. As one of the pastors, I ask myself the question, "What should our flock especially consider this month?"

This month – February of 2021 – it has never been easier to answer the question. *This is our time to prayerfully picture how we will leverage the Brick Center in the months to come.*

Together our leaders are ironing out specifics – and we want input from everyone – but some possible highlights include:

- A **Superbowl party for youth** that is coming right up.
- Sunday School classes! We are ramping up from the pandemic – leveraging the new space – pressing forward for the King.
- A **senior's gathering after everyone is vaccinated?**
- **Overflow on Easter?** We sure hope our technology allows more people on Easter Sunday.
- **First Day of School Events** on 8/10 (6-7:30 PM) and 8/12 (7:30-9:00 AM). Let's invite parents in as the school year begins – give them a muffin and a cup of coffee – and encourage their hearts.
- **Fall Festival Games for Children?**
- A well know **children's author** for the weekend of 10/23? We are planning on it!



What else?

Many young people gathered for our first Wednesday Night Youth Bible Study in the Brick Center on January 20, 2021.

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 2021 Newsletter.

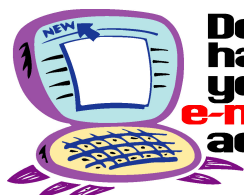
FINANCIAL REPORT

Through January 31, 2021

Total Approved 2021 Budget = \$491,248

Divided by 52 weeks/year = **\$9,447/week**

Budget Giving through Jan. 31	\$47,235
Actual Giving through Jan. 31	\$38,323
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving	\$(8,912)
Actual Expenses through 1/31/21	\$32,750
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses	\$5,573



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your
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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:

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The email address for Pastor Chris is:

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



You wouldn't know it by his calm demeanor, but Evan Jones was the other finalist against the winner of Spoons during our first Youth Group afternoon at the Brick Center on January 17, 2021. Compliments to Heather Wallin for capturing this great action shot!

Jesus is Better

Both our Ladies Bible Studies will be starting their Spring 2021 Bible Studies this month. We will be doing the study by Jen Wilken called "Better: A Study of Hebrews."

In this verse-by-verse study of the Book of Hebrews, we will explore how God "provided something better for us" in the person of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 11:40). Through stories of the Old Testament heroes and practices the author of Hebrews demonstrates how the new covenant is superior to the old and how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of every promise. Explore familiar verses in context of the entire Bible, learning how to place your hope and faith in Christ alone.

Registrations forms will be emailed to all ladies in the church to register for either study. They can also be found on our church website and church Facebook page.

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. Women of the Word will begin meeting on Tuesday, February 16th.

Mom's & More Friday Morning Zoom Study

Our Friday morning zoom Bible Study will meet at 8:00 am on Friday mornings and the in-person Friday morning Mom's and More Study will meet in the Adult SS Classroom from 9:30 to 11:00 am on Friday mornings. Marcia Bogner will be leading the Friday morning studies. Both will begin meeting on Friday, February 12th.

2020 Giving Statements have been emailed out to those with active email addresses in our database and mailed out to those without an email address.

If you haven't received a copy of your 2020 giving statement, please let Terri Carby or Jana know, and we will put one in the mail to you immediately.

FROM PASTOR DAVID

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. James 1:12

The Brick Center opened in time for life together even as we make our way through what looks to be the final months of a global pandemic. The youth enjoyed several gatherings in the Brick Center during January. Our Deacons held their monthly meeting in it on January 19. Groups have visited inside the Brick Center to plan and install furnishings. Even the kitchen is beginning to be stocked as we have plans for even more activity in February: Mortar Groups, Sunday school, Bible studies, and youth events, just to name a few.

Our youth are studying the letter of James. We are being equipped to withstand the attacks of the Evil One by clinging to Jesus and his Word. Valentine's Day weekend we will be doers of the Word through expressions of love to our widows.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Feb 1st - Shannon & Grace Hickey
- Feb 5th - Renley Svartoi
- Feb 6th - Nick Colon
- Feb 9th - Dean Pihl
- Feb 13th - Kennedy Halsmer
- Feb 14th - Lisa McCoy
- Feb 15th - Terrell Carby, Don Wallin
- Feb 18th - Linda Benton
- Feb 19th - Brooke Adams
- Feb 20th - Edward Rosko
- Feb 22nd - Lean Janoski, Janice Amundson
- Feb 23rd - Lori Houston
- Feb 25th - Allison Spors, Toby Behmer
- Feb 26th - Carol Brauer, Ophelia Mayberry
Cara Roberts
- Feb 28th - Karen Gerig, Elliette Colon
- Feb 29th - Deb Myers
- March 1st - Jamie & Christopher Brauns

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Feb 1st - Brad and Tessa Baker



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
- \$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

- \$260 - \$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 2021 AWANA SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 3rd – Ark Night

Tell your leader your favorite animal that was on the ark tonight during your zoom call.

Wednesday, February 10th – Wear **RED** Night

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

Wednesday, February 17th –PJ Night

Log onto your zoom call with your leader wearing your favorite (appropriate) warm pj's on the 17th!

Wednesday, February 24th – Crazy Hair Night

This is a favorite night with our clubbers! Get your hair wild and crazy for club on the 24th!

Wednesday, March 3rd – Duct Tape Night

Be creative and make something out of Duct Tape for club tonight. Your leaders will be excited to see over the zoom call what you have made using the duct tape!

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