



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

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**JUNE 2021
 NEWSLETTER**

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All Smiles This Summer at the Red Brick Church

Fewer face masks mean more smiles. I've looked for a word and decided that our summer promises to be "*scintillating*." Scintillating means – and I looked this up -- "sparkling or shining brightly." What shines more brightly than smiles?

There are several moments when the Bricks can anticipate smiles:

- June 6 we will begin a new nine-part sermon **series on Galatians**.
- July 19 and 21 we will have a **Community Connections Carnival** in the evenings. This will be an evening picnic full of activities and a chance to open the doors of the Brick Center to our community.
- August 8 will be our dedication of the **Brick Center**. We will have a special service in the afternoon with dinner afterwards.
- August 15 we will begin a new series: **Intentional Leadership and the Family: Seven practices for families to be blessed.**

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The Brauns family is all smiles. Jamie and I are excited to announce our first grandchild. **Jenna Jamie Spors** was born early in the morning on 6/3/2021. Everyone is doing well. Jamie and I look forward to holding this little girl as soon as possible.

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Below are the summary points regarding how we are adjusting the morning services to reflect relaxed guidelines for masks.

- We are ending the mask mandate June 6. If anyone wants to wear a mask, they are welcome to do so.
- We are also ending registration for the morning services. In June, we ask the congregation to social distance as they are seated.
- Overflow and balcony are available if you desire or need more space. If we hear from several people who want a Brick Center simulcast, leadership will consider doing so.
- Our current plan is that on July 4, we will go to one service without social distancing. We will continue to stream the service for those who aren't comfortable for health reasons being here. We will also continue to monitor pandemic developments and feedback as events unfold.
- Do understand, there will be non-vaccinated people in our church without masks.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Deacon Board – Stephen Brass218-5076
Deaconess Board – Deb Bonne979-0885
Trustee Board – Ryan Roberts.. 937-248-3044
CE Committee – Marlene Miller289-8453
Memorial Com. – Jeff McLindsay440-2042
Mission Com. – Clayton Midtsem262-4254
Music – Lance Mennen985-2484



A sign-up sheet for camp scholarships has been placed on the back bulletin board. Please sign up for what camp you will be attending along with the week. A camp scholarship of \$100 will be given to your parents a week prior to camp.

**July Newsletter Articles
are due in the
church office by
Monday, June 28**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through May 31, 2021

Total Approved 2021 Budget = \$491,248

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

Budget Giving through May 31 \$207,836
Actual Giving through May 31 \$184,930
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$-22,906
Actual Expenses through 5/31/21 \$188,294
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses \$-3,364



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.

~ Happy Birthday ~

June 1st - June Lewis
June 3rd - Porter Griffin
Taylor Vossen
June 8th - Rick Dyal
June 9th - Nolan Adams
June 10th - Eric Booker
Julianna Coester
June 11th - Elizza Easley
Tom Stahl
June 15th - Hazel Homman
Trevor Svartoiien
June 16th - Alaina Carby
June 18th - Chad Gerig
June 21st - Vicky Farbo
June 22nd - Nicky Roy Schaefer
June 23rd - Stacy Jones
June 24th - Harleigh Wallin
June 26th - Ben Brauns
Landon McCandless
June 27th - LaVon Willey
June 28th - Kay Swanson
July 2nd - Adalee Brass
July 5th - Reece Gatz
Ashley Rhodes
July 6th - Faith VanBriesen

~ Happy Anniversary ~

June 1st - Don and Heather Wallin
June 4th - Rick and Donna Dyal
June 10th - Tim and Shari Halsmer
June 17th - David and Marcia Bogner
June 18th - Lee and Shannon Hickey
June 26th - Tim and Amy Michalek

Summer Worship Schedule

Memorial Day Sunday, May 30th
Two Services at 9:00 and 10:30 am

Month of June
Two Services at 9:00 and 10:30 am

July 4th to September 5th
One Service at 9:00 am

Candy and Pop Needed for Our Community Connections Carnival

Our Community Connections Carnival outreach to our neighbors, friends, and family is fast approaching. July 19 and 21 from 6 to 8 p.m., we look forward to our church campus buzzing with people enjoying food, games, and fellowship. Would you prayerfully extend invitations over the next several weeks? Invitations are available on the porches of the Admin Building and on the missions table at the back of the church.

Also, we are in need of candy and 2-liter bottles of soda for the event. You may drop off your donations on either porch of the Admin Building. Please avoid candy with chocolate (warm nights + chocolate = melted). Instead consider individually wrapped hard or chewy candies such as Jolly Ranchers, Skittles, Starburst, Smarties, or gum. Thank you!

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ...



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CARNIVAL

JULY 19 & 21

Monday, July 19

- taco's & nacho's
- yard games for all ages
- candy cloud company
- gourmet cotton candy cart

BRICK CENTER
110 N PINE STREET
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Wed, July 21

- hot dogs, chips, drinks
- yard games for all ages
- grandpa's ice cream truck

CONGRATS to OUR 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

On Sunday, May 16th, we celebrated our 2021 high school graduates during the worship service and presented them each with an ESV Student Study Bible from the church.

Our graduates this year were: Mary Beth Brauns, Chad Gerig, Matt Homman, Vicky Horton, Samuel Keast, Hanna Wallin.

Congratulations to our graduates!



(Hanna Wallin, Mary Beth Brauns, Evan Jones, Chad Gerig)

BRICK CENTER DEDICATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021



4:00 pm – Program in the Church
Ribbon cutting following the program
5:00 pm – CATERED dinner served in Brick Center

Dinner tickets are \$5/person OR \$20 /family.
Tickets can be purchased on Sundays at church or in the church office during the week.

Be sure to purchase your catered dinner tickets on Sunday in the back of the church before and after worship services, or in the church office during the week.

FROM PASTOR DAVID

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Having just committed to memory 1 Corinthians 12:13, reading it in context recently has impressed upon my heart an appreciation for the various ways the Father has gifted the Body of Christ through the Holy Spirit. Each new creation in Christ has at least one spiritual gift not to make much of the individual but to glorify Jesus and to serve the Body.

I am thankful for those who serve both in obvious ways up front on Sunday mornings – teachers, musicians, and greeters. But also, those who work hard behind the scenes visiting others, running the slides, and maintaining church property. Each of us honor Jesus when we serve giving our best with an aim of excellence and joyful hearts.

As we make plans for the fall, would you consider using your gifts in a new ministry? If you are unsure where you fit, talk with a pastor, deacon, or deaconess. We would love to help you faithfully steward the gifts God has given.

Upcoming Youth Events

June 13, 4-7 p.m. Youth Activity at the Rhodes home, 2231 N Meridian Road, Chana
Dinner provided
All incoming 6th grade students are invited

June 27, Noon to 1:30 p.m. Youth Activity Calendar Parent Meeting
Lunch provided
Yard games for the youth while parents plan for the 2021-2022 school year

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**** RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED ****

