



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

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**AUGUST 2021
NEWSLETTER**

**How Intentional Are You Being with
Family Relationships?**

*Leading our families is one of the most difficult things we do. Yet too often we are not intentional in how we seek to be equipped to influence the people we love. This must change. We must be intentional in seeking to lead. I (Pastor Chris) have spent much time preparing for this series and I'm praying it will be used greatly in families. **Please be encouraged: this is not just a series for parents of young children. All of us relate to a family one way or another.***

Do we want our children and grandchildren to be blessed? Do we want to experience the favor of God?

We do!

Or so we say.

Yet, many times we presume that we will receive the blessing of God apart from actively pursuing God's blessing. And though God is a gracious, gift-giving God, we must choose to cooperate with his grace. We must receive the blessings God offers.

I (Pastor Chris) would encourage you to take a few minutes to write out some notes. What have I done in the last 6 months to be better equipped to think about my role in my family?

Thinking through your role in the family is not just an activity for parents of young children. All of us – singles included – relate in some way to extended families and church families.

We are praying that this series will consider the truth of Scripture so that we as Christians can be used to influence those we love.

Beginning August 15, 2021, the Red Brick Church will begin a new series, "Intentional Leadership and the Family." This series will outline seven biblical practices to know the blessing of God and receive the grace that he offers.



CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Deacon Board – Stephen Brass218-5076
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Music – Lance Mennen985-2484

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SS Superintendent:

Brooke Adams ~ 815-645-8561

Welcome to 2021-2022 Sunday School and nursery registration. Our final plans are still a work in progress, but we are asking families to register asap so we can plan accordingly for Sunday School material for each classroom.

If you have questions, please contact Brooke Adams at 815-985-3178. **Please register soon, as registration will be open for two weeks (8/9/21 – 8/21/21)** to allow us to prepare and order materials. Sunday School for elementary-aged students is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 12, during the 9:00 worship service.

God Bless, Brooke Adams, SS Superintendent

**September Newsletter
Articles
are due in the
church office by
Monday, August 30th**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through July 31, 2021

Total Approved 2021 Budget = \$491,248

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

Budget Giving through July 31 \$283,412
Actual Giving through July 31 \$282,854
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$-558
Actual Expenses through 7/31/21 \$254,274
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses \$28,580

Campaign Pledge Envelopes

Those wishing to use envelopes for their campaign pledges may do so using the special envelopes in the back of the church clearly marked "**Campaign Contributions Only**". If you are doing your campaign pledges online through Breeze, please be sure that you select "*Capital Campaign Fund 01*" under the Funds drop down box menu.



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.

RED BRICK CHURCH YOUTH GROUP
Water Games!
SATURDAY, August 14
3:00 to 5:00 pm
Outside at the Church
Invite your friends!

SWIMSUITS:

Guys must be trunk style.
Girls must be one-piece or cover the midriff.

BRING:

Sunscreen, towel and dry clothes.
Snacks and drinks will be provided.



Happy Birthday!



- August 1st - Lane Behmer
- August 2nd - Cherry Lewis, Matt Geiseman
- August 4th - Bruce Bonne, Hanna Roberts,
- August 5th - Analiese Cox
- August 6th - Grady Poliska
- August 7th - Amelia Dunseth
- August 9th - Fiona Long
- August 10th - Deb Bonne
- August 12th - Anne Wiltfang
- August 14th - Caleb Anderson, Joanna Easley
- August 15th - Michelle McCandless
- August 18th - Janet Warner
- August 19th - Bonnie Moran
- August 20th - Donna Arnold, Alex Booker
- August 21st - Dan Houston
- August 23rd - Tom Whetsel, Sam Keast
- August 25th - Lily Behmer
- August 27th - Cindy Coombes
- August 28th - Erica Granath, Clairra Myers
- August 30th - Lonna Nelson
- August 31st - Marilyn Holsinger
- Sept 1st - Emilia Janoski
- Sept 2nd - Paul Baker, Estelle Jones

Happy Anniversary

- August 12th - Chris and Jamie Brauns
- August 18th - Dave and Pat Ewald
- Jim and Janet Warner
- August 21st - Bruce and Deb Bonne
- August 22nd - Ron and Nota Ippen
- August 25th - Jamie and Brooke Adams



REGISTRATION OPEN!

Please register your child/children today for our AWANA program. Registration forms can be found on our website or Red Brick Church AWANA facebook page.

Our AWANA Kick-Off is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8th from 6:30 to 7:30 with an Ice Cream Social. Stop by and purchase your AWANA handbooks and uniforms and to play some fun fair games!

FROM PASTOR DAVID

You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many. 2 Corinthians 1:11

In a single verse, we learn much about prayer. We are joined with others in Kingdom work through prayer. Though not necessarily on the frontlines, we co-labor when we pray for missionaries, ministry leaders, and workers. As we pray for others, those who serve far away and right alongside us, we have occasion to give thanks to God for blessing those for whom we pray. Even more people offer praise to God for working in their lives as God answers our prayers according to his will.

Jesus set the example by rising early to pray alone in a quiet place. You may not be in Thailand but pray for our missionaries. You may not teach but pray for our Sunday school teachers. You may not preach but pray for Pastor Chris and others who labor to bring us the Word from the pulpit each Lord's Day. You may not work behind the scenes to maintain our facilities, utilize technology, or set up and tear down but pray for those who do. All of us can join God at work through intercessory prayer.

Of course, where you are called to serve, pray the Lord establishes the work of your hands and those of your teammates. Let us be a praying church family.



LIT & LISTENERS AWANA MEETINGS

August 31st & September 1st at 6:00 pm

All AWANA Listeners and LITS are encouraged to attend one of the meetings. We could still use MORE listeners; any one interested can feel free to just show up to one of the meetings. Please let Tessa know if you can not attend either of the meetings.

Cookie Decorating Class



Ladies ... MARK YOUR CALENDARS! There will be a cookie decorating class on Thursday, September 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Brick Center. Cost of the class is \$40 and you will be able to register and pay for the class through Breeze or call the church office. You will go home with a dozen decorated cookies. All supplies are furnished. See Deb Bonne with any questions.



This fall our ladies will be doing the study by Jen Wilken entitled "GOD OF CREATION" (A Study of Genesis 1 – 11). Registration forms for the Bible Studies can be found on our website and church facebook page.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY
Our Tuesday evening study kicks off on Tuesday, September 7th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Brick Center. Jamie Brauns will be leading this study.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
Our Friday Morning Study begins on Friday, September 10th from 9:00 to 10:30 am in the Brick Center. *Childcare will be provided for this study.* Marcia Bogner will be leading the study.

Summer Worship Schedule

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

(Two services resume on Sunday, September 12th)

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SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Our Senior Fellowship (55 and older) will meet for breakfast on Tuesday, August 24th at the Byron Sunrise Restaurant at 9:00 am. Join us for a time for fellowship!

