



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

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OCT 2021
NEWSLETTER
TIME OF SERVICES
9:00 & 10:30 am

Discipline Not Desire Determines Destiny

A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls.
Proverbs 25:28

Let me stress again this month a point of emphasis throughout the Leadership and the Family series, our lives must be protected by discipline.

It doesn't matter what the arena of life, most people long to succeed. Every football player would like to hoist the state championship trophy, just as parents long to bless their children or grandchildren.

Yet the reality is that most people don't really pursue their calling. Many are not defined so much by their aspirations as they are by the day's distractions.

Proverbs emphasizes the importance of discipline. It tells us to picture our lives like a city where there are many invaders. For a city, the primary defense against invasion were walls that could be defended. But for the individual life, our primary defense is not physical walls but rather discipline or self-control.



If we are not disciplined or self-controlled, we will be distracted by our cell phones in between bites of Oreos. I know from personal experience that a row of Oreos can disappear during just one social media session.

The outcome is predictable. An Oreo here, a Fig Newton there, and both our mental and spiritual waistlines expand like the national debt.

All of which is to ask you this question. "In what areas are you seeking to grow in discipline or self-control?"

The believer who is discouraged by a lack of self-control can be encouraged by this truth. Part of the fruit of the Spirit is self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). If you are growing in the Spirit, then the limbs of your life will show the fruit of discipline and there will, in time, be a great harvest.



Grow in your spiritual disciplines (being in church, prayer, worship, Scripture reading) and you will be amazed at the fruit of the Spirit in your life.

If possible, make it a matter of personal discipline to participate in our Parenting for the Rest of Us event (October 22-24).

CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES
 Deacon Board – Stephen Brass218-5076
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 Trustee Board – Ryan Roberts.. 937-248-3044
 CE Committee – Marlene Miller289-8453
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 Music – Lance Mennen985-2484

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**SS Superintendent:
 Brooke Adams ~ 645-8561**

Sunday School is available for all ages. Our first semester is Sept. 12 through Dec. 19.

We are excited to begin using the Brick Center for our Sunday School classes. Kindergarten through Jr High will meet at the Brick Center. Our Preschooler's will continue to meet in the preschool room in the lower lever of the church. Our High School class is meeting in the adult SS classroom at the church and our Adult Mortar Group at 9:00 am is meeting in the lower level fellowship hall at the church. Our 10:30 am Adult Mortar Group is meeting in the Brick Center.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 815-985-3178.

God Bless you,
 Brooke Adams, SS Superintendent

**November Newsletter
 Articles
 are due in the
 church office by
 Wednesday, Oct 29**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through September 30, 2021

Total Approved 2021 Budget = \$491,248
 Divided by 52 weeks/year = **\$9,447**

Budget Giving through Sept 30 \$368,436
 Actual Giving through Sept 30..... \$340,014
 Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$-28,422
 Actual Expenses through 9/30/21..... \$338,159
 Actual Giving less Actual Expenses \$1,855



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 ~

- Oct 3rd - Lee Hickey
- Oct 6th - Connie Rhodes
- Oct 7th - Julie Larson, Haley Jones
- Oct 8th - Daphne Long
- Oct 10th - Amanda Geiseman, Chloe Mennen
- Oct 11th - Darren Daniels
- Oct 12th - Candy Beck
- Oct 13th - Jaden Coester, George Myers
- Greg Tremble
- Oct 17th - Atalie Gebbia
- Oct 21st - Rebekah Anderson, Lily Griffin
- Oct 23rd - Patrick Roberts, Terri Carby
- Oct 29th - Elizabeth Miller
- Oct 31st - Charlie Wilmarth

~ Happy Anniversary ~

- Oct 4th - Dean & Claudia Phil
- Oct 15th - Terrell & Terri Carby
- Oct 19th - Ben & Pat Chitwood
- Oct 28th - Elliot & Rebekah Anderson

College and Military Care Packages

If you have an away full-time college student or son/daughter in the military from the Red Brick Church, please fill out the form that was emailed to everyone with their current mailing information for them to receive a package. **We need to have all names and addresses by NOON on Friday, October 8th.** We ask that you please complete the form for those in your family asap so we know approximately how many packages we will be filling this year. The form can also be found on the church website (theredbrickchurch.org).

We are asking for donations for the care packages. Some suggestions are: Gum, mints, candy, chips, crackers, beef jerky, lip balm, small hand sanitizers, snack bars, snack cakes (Little Debbie's, Hostess) gummies, energy bars. No homemade items please. Drop off individually store bought pre-packaged items on the back porch of the office building by Noon on Friday, October 15th.

Our youth will be packing up the boxes on Saturday, October 16th from 4 – 7 pm at the Rhodes' home (2231 N Meridian Road, Chana). If you have any questions, please contact the Pastor David. This is something that our away college students and those in the military look forward to receiving each year.



All boards and committees should begin to start thinking about and working on their 2022 budgets.

The Trustee Board would like to have all budgets to them NO later than December 1st.

Parenting for the Rest of Us

We invite you to join us the weekend of October 22 - 24th as we have nationally known author, Dr. Champ Thorton, with us. Dr. Thorton will share with us tools for raising our children. We have several sessions planned; you can come for 1 or all 4 sessions. Childcare will be provided for all sessions.

Please go to our church website for the registration form. (www.theredbrickchurch.org) Additional information can also be found on the registration forms.

Cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per couple which includes lunch on Saturday for you and your family.



THEME NIGHTS

Wednesday, October 6th

Our first Missionary Night. Bring your Missionary Bank with you to club tonight in exchange for an individual pack of M & M's.

Wednesday, October 13th

It's Hat Night. Wear your favorite hat to club this week!

Wednesday, October 20th

We are going to be helping out the Rockford Pregnancy Center tonight with donations. Your clubber will be receiving a list of items to donate.

Wednesday, October 27th

We got "Super Hero Night" on the 27th! Come to club dressed as your favorite Super Hero.

Wednesday, November 3rd

It's our second M & M Night on November 3rd. Bring your missionary bank with you to club.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Our Senior Fellowship (55 and older) will meet for breakfast on Tuesday, October 26th at the Byron Sunrise Restaurant at 9:00 am. Join us for a time for fellowship!

FROM PASTOR DAVID ...

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:2

The challenge has been issued. Our youth have embarked on a mission to memorize Scripture from three key themes: the whole story of the Bible in 16 references, 21 references supporting the 7 points every Brick should never forget, and our prayer for 2021 as a church family: Ephesians 3:14-21. If you are interested in joining the youth on this Scripture memory project, please call or text me at 815-289-3246. I would be happy to share with you the details of the challenge.



The competition was fierce in our single-elimination bags tournament at youth group on October 3, 2021. Jacob and Paul held off Aiden and Jeremiah in the championship.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

Bag Lunch and Life at the Brick Center: Friday, October 8 from 11:10 am to 1 pm.

College and Military Packages: Saturday, October 16 from 4 to 7 pm.

Youth Group: Sunday, October 17 from noon to 2 pm.

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*Sing unto the LORD, all the earth: shew forth from day to day his salvation.
1 Chronicles 16:23*