



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

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FEBRUARY 2022
NEWSLETTER

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Submit Constitution and By-Laws questions by Friday, March 11, 2022. Pastor Chris and the Deacons will continue to work on the revisions. We will update the congregation at the business meeting (4/24/22 @ 4:00 PM). An electronic file (PDF format) of the current draft of proposed edits is available from the church office.

At our annual meeting (1/30/21) we distributed a draft of proposed edits to the church constitution. We reminded the congregation that we will continue working on revisions in 2022 and plan to vote on the final version at the annual meeting in 2023.

We stressed at the annual meeting that our objective is to lead our congregation in making a shared and owned decision to revise and update the church by-laws and constitution.

Pursuing this goal of being unified in updating the constitution includes receiving input from you. To that end, we ask that those who are interested to give us any feedback in writing – you can either email me (cdbrauns@gmail.com) or submit written materials to the office. We will then consider the input and respond one way or another about our progress at the special church business meeting (4/24/22).

To be clear, the meeting of the entire congregation in April will not be a working meeting in which we try and wordsmith or do fine edits on the document. Rather, the point of the meeting will be to be updated about the process but also for people to submit any feedback they believe should be heard in a congregational context.

For those unable to make the annual meeting, here are *some* of the reasons we are revising our constitution. Due to space limitations, I will not reprise the entire list that we covered at the annual meeting. But the reasons include: (1) In the late modern age, there are pressures on the definition of marriage that could not have been foreseen in previous years. We need to formally define what the Bible teaches about marriage and the family. (2) There are other points where what we practice as a church is inconsistent with what is in the constitution. This would include, for example, the idea of “cabinet meetings.” We follow the principle of this requirement, though not the letter. (3) The section for calling a lead pastor needs to be revised so that a smaller committee serves as the pastoral nominating committee.

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At the annual meeting our congregation voted to be “**mask-optional**” at church programs. Previously, we asked people to wear them but did not enforce a position.

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Enjoy 1 Timothy. I’m blessed to be preaching through this wonderful segment of God’s Word. And in the context of revising our constitution, it is beautiful to study a segment of God’s Word that has so much to say relative to leadership and the local church protecting and upholding sound doctrine.

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 2022 Newsletter.

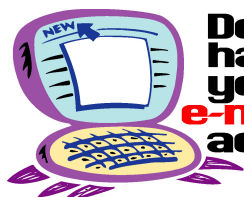
FINANCIAL REPORT

Through January 31, 2022

Total Approved 2021 Budget = \$495,460

Divided by 52 weeks/year = **\$9,528/week**

Budget Giving through Jan. 31 \$47,640
Actual Giving through Jan. 31 \$29,020
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$(18,620)
Actual Expenses through 1/31/22 \$33,307
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses \$(4,287)



**Do we
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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:

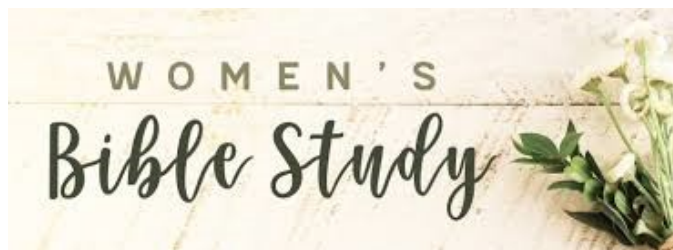
ccoffice1@comcast.net

The email address for Pastor Chris is:

cdbrauns@gmail.com

The email address for Pastor David is:

davidbogner4@gmail.com



Women of the Word

Our Tuesday evening study meets from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Brick Center. Please contact Jamie Brauns if you have any questions about the Tuesday evening study.

Mom's & More Friday Morning Zoom Study

Our Friday Mom's and More Study meets in the Brick Center from 9:00 to 10:30 am on Friday mornings. Marcia Bogner is leading the Friday morning study. Childcare provided.



2021 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 2021 giving statement or if you would like a hard copy of the statement, please let Terri Carby or Jana know, and we will put one in the mail to you immediately.

CONSTITUTION REVISIONS

Our church is working in 2022 on revising the constitution and by-laws. A draft of changes was distributed at the annual meeting. If you have any questions or input about the progress thus far, please submit those in writing to the church office by March 11, 2022. The input will then be considered prior to our church business meeting on April 24, 2022.

Youth Group
"LOVING OUR WIDOWS"

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11 ~ FROM 6:30 TO 7:30 PM
IN THE BRICK CENTER
PREPARE VALENTINE CARDS & PACKAGES
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 ~ 10:00 AM TO NOON
DELIVER VALENTINES TO OUR WIDOWS

FROM PASTOR DAVID

Summer camps will fill fast, so now is the time to register.



5 Reasons to Make Summer Camp Plans a Priority Now:

1. Camps fill fast. Each week of camp has only so many openings for campers. In recent years, some weeks are full by March for summer camp.
2. Draw close to Jesus and make new friends with Christians from other places. Many campers make commitments to follow Jesus or rededicate their lives at camp.
3. Enjoy Creation in a variety of ways: water sports, hiking, campfires, ninja warrior courses, ropes courses, crafts, paintball, field sports, climbing walls, and much, much more!
4. The people of Red Brick Church love sponsoring campers. **\$100 scholarships** are available for children attending Camp Forest Springs, Timber-lee, or Lake Lundgren Bible Camp.
5. Pray and build anticipation for camp: ask God to give your child ears to hear his Word and eyes to see his mighty works in Creation.

Camps attended by Red Brick children and families include:

Camp Forest Springs in Westboro, Wisconsin: <https://forestsprings.us>

Lake Lundgren Bible Camp in Pembine, Wisconsin: <http://www.llbc.org/new>

There will be a camp sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board beginning in May for those going to camp. Scholarships are sent to parents the week prior to camp.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Feb 1st - Shannon & Grace Hickey
- Feb 5th - Renley Svartoi
- Feb 6th - Nick Colon
- Feb 7th - Dan Holsinger
- 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, Arabella Cox
- Feb 25th - Toby Behmer
- Feb 26th - Carol Brauer, Ophelia Mayberry, Cara Roberts
- Feb 28th - Karen Gerig, Elliette Colon
- Feb 29th - Deb Myers
- March 1st - Jamie Brauns
- March 2nd - Brent Bonne
- March 4th - Randy Stukenberg, Jana Cox, Grace VanBriesen

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Feb 1st - Brad and Tessa Baker



FEBRUARY 2022 AWANA SCHEDULE



Wednesday, February 9th – When I Grow Up Night

Come to club dressed as something you might want to be when you grow up ... firefighter, doctor, nurse, chef, etc.

Wednesday, February 16th – Wear RED Night

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

Wednesday, Feb. 23rd – Dress Like Bible Character Night

Dress up like a Bible Character tonight for club!

Wednesday, March 2nd - Missionary Night

This will be our last M & M Night! Be sure to fill your missionary bank with lots of change and bring it to club.



1st – Beaux Alderson, 2nd – Isaiah Braffett, 3 – Carter Hobson



1st – Stella Christiansen, 2nd – Abby Bogner, 3rd – Kaitlyn Adams



1st – Noah Myers, 2nd – Lena Janoski, 3rd – Charlie Christiansen



1st – Zeke Janoski, 2nd – Nolan Adams, 3rd – Logan Peterson

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AWANA

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