



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

207 W. Roosevelt Road, PO Box 370  
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**Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns**  
**Associate Pastor David Bogner**

**JUNE 2022**  
**NEWSLETTER**

**CHURCH PHONE**  
**645-2526**

*We continue to grow our Building Fund. We need to make more improvements. But the Brick-By-Brick Campaign concludes this June (2022). We will have a morning of celebration and baptisms on 6/12/2022. Connect with a pastor or deacon as soon as possible if you are interested in baptism.*

We are ready for another Sunday of Celebration! The Brick-By-Brick campaign goal has been met. I am so thankful for how God's people have given so sacrificially. It has been such a privilege to share the joy together.

We will celebrate the Brick-By-Brick campaign as a church on **Sunday June 12, 2022, during our 9:00 A.M. morning service.** (Remember, in the summer we only have one service). After the service, we will have a time of coffee and refreshments in the Brick Center.

Regarding the amount received for the Brick-By-Brick Campaign, we will share exact numbers on June 12. But we have surpassed our commitments of over \$1.5 million dollars.

Our church family has already seen how God is using our Brick Center to make Jesus known and bring joy to our church family.

Please remember, the Brick Center is complete, but building improvements remain. We need to:

- Renovate and update our sanctuary and main building.
- Add external signage outside to show people where to go and to communicate that all three buildings are part of our campus.
- Renovate and update the Administrative Building.

If it is possible, **we do pray some will continue to give to our Building Fund.** The Building Fund balance is over \$170,000. Though we have not yet designed or planned the cost of renovations, will far exceed what we have on hand. Though we still do not have a plan. Be assured, the congregation will approve the design renovations before we go forward with a remodel.



## CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Deacon Board – Clayton Midtsem.....262-4254  
Deaconess Board – Susan Stukenberg .997-7095  
Trustee Board – Ryan Roberts.. 937-248-3044  
CE Committee – Cara Roberts.. 217-621-2460  
Memorial Com. – Jeff McLindsay .....440-2042  
Mission Com. – Clayton Midtsem.....262-4254  
Music – Lance Mennen .....985-2484

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Through May 31, 2022

**Total Approved 2022 Budget = \$495,460**

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

Budget Giving through May 31 ..... \$209,618  
Actual Giving through May 31 ..... \$253,718  
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving ..... \$44,100  
Actual Expenses through 5/31/22 ..... \$193,573  
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses ..... \$60,145

As of May 31, 2022, total capital campaign contributions received were \$1,555,599. This is 99% of total pledges made for the building program.

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## Candy & Pop Needed for Community Connections Carnival

Our Community Connections Carnival outreach to our neighbors, friends, and family is fast approaching. July 18 and 20 from 6 to 8 p.m., we look forward to our church campus buzzing with people enjoying food, games, and fellowship.

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!

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## High School Girls Bible Study

All high school girls (including incoming freshman) are invited to a Bible Study on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Baker's Home (220 Prairie Trail in SV). The group is studying "Lies Young Women Believe". Snack are provided.

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If you didn't have the opportunity to get your name on the Summer Camp Church Sign-Up Sheet for the camp scholarship, please contact the office prior to your child/children attending camp this year. A camp scholarship of \$100 will be given to your parents a week prior to camp.

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## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

*We have completed our three-year Capital Campaign pledge period. We pray people will continue to give to our Building Fund.*

Effective Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, *Fund 01 – Capital Campaign* in Breeze will be disabled. Anyone wishing to give on-line towards our building renovations should tag *Fund 012 – Building Fund*.

Those set up with an automatic recurring payment to our Capital Campaign who wish to continue giving towards the building renovations, please change your recurring giving to *Fund 012 – Building Fund*. If you need any assistance with this or have any questions, please feel free to contact Terri Carby (630-651-9962) or Jana in the church office.

Final campaign updated pledge letters were emailed out June 1, 2022. If you did not receive a letter or would like a hard copy, please contact the church office.

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**BRICK BY BRICK CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION  
THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022**



**WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE END OF OUR THREE-YEAR  
BRICK BY BRICK CAMPAIGN DURING THE  
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE.**

Following the worship service and baptism ceremony, the celebration will continue with refreshments served in the Brick Center.

This Sunday, June 12th

# BAPTISM SUNDAY

Contact the church office this week if you are interested in baptism.

## 2022 GRADUATES!



**FAITH VANBRIESEN**  
Stillman Valley High School

**2022  
HIGH  
SCHOOL  
GRADUATES**



**ESTELLE JONES**  
Byron High School

### 2022 BIC and 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE GRADUATES



**Evan Stahl, Landon McCandless, Alex Booker**  
Not Pictured: Clara Myers, Aubrey Janoski

### 2022 COLLEGE GRADUATES

Elizabeth Miller graduated from the Judson University RISE Program with a Certificate of Completion in Nutrition and Wellness.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL OUR 2022  
GRADUATES!**

## ~ Happy Birthday ~

- June 1<sup>st</sup> - June Lewis
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Porter Griffin
- June 8<sup>th</sup> - Rick Dyal
- June 9<sup>th</sup> - Nolan Adams
- June 10<sup>th</sup> - Eric Booker, Connor Colon
- June 11<sup>th</sup> - Tom Stahl
- June 15<sup>th</sup> - Trevor Svartoiien
- June 18<sup>th</sup> - Chad Gerig
- June 21<sup>st</sup> - Vicky Farbo
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Nicky Roy Schaefer
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> - Stacy Jones
- June 24<sup>th</sup> - Harleigh Wallin
- June 26<sup>th</sup> - Landon McCandless
- June 27<sup>th</sup> - LaVon Willey
- June 28<sup>th</sup> - Kay Swanson
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Adalee Brass
- July 5<sup>th</sup> - Reece Gatz  
Ashley Rhodes
- July 6<sup>th</sup> - Faith VanBriesen

## ~ Happy Anniversary ~

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



## FROM PASTOR DAVID ....

If you have believed in the Lord Jesus to be saved from punishment for sin unto life in him, here is a two-part question for you to consider: Have you been baptized and are you committed to a local church as an active member? Should “no” be the answer to either or both of those questions, read further to learn how you might change it to “yes” at The Red Brick Church.

Sunday, June 12, 2022, should be a great day of celebration. In addition to celebrating God’s wonderful provision through the Bricks in the Brick By Brick Campaign, we are having a baptism ceremony. Two teens are leading the way having met with Pastor Chris to share their testimony of faith in Jesus and intention to be baptized. Please call the church office, 815-645-2526, to arrange a meeting with a pastor or deacon if you have not been baptized.

On Sunday, June 19, 2022, we will begin a three-week **New Members Class**. We will meet three consecutive Sundays in the Adult Sunday School Room: June 19, 26, and July 3, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., immediately following the 9 o’clock service. Participation in the class does not obligate you to apply for membership, but remember, God makes bricks with a building in mind. Why not mortar yourself into the body of believers at The Red Brick Church if you believe the gospel, understand how our church works, and share our vision for growing as an extended family of fully devoted followers of Christ?

### **Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:**

Summer Wednesday Nights: June 15 and 29, July 13 and 27, and August 10

Stay tuned for times, places, and activities! The first will be June 15, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Brick Center.



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**\*\* RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED \*\***

HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU?  
**BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE;  
DO NOT BE AFRAID, NOR BE DISMAYED,  
FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU  
WHEREVER YOU GO.**

- JOSHUA 1:9 -

