



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

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**FEBRUARY 2023
NEWSLETTER**

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WELCOME TO THE RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY

Now it's time to be "busy bricks."

Or better said, now it is time to keep on being busy bricks at *The Red Brick Church*.

At our annual meeting on January 22, 2023, our congregation adopted a new constitution. This change does not represent a change in direction so much as solidifying the new direction our church began in the late 1970's, long before my arrival, that focused on being a church that is truly committed to being a pillar and buttress of truth (1 Timothy 3:14-16).

In part because the denominational label "congregational" so often connotes a lack of commitment to orthodox Christianity including the sufficiency and authority of Scripture and the lordship of Christ, we changed our name to The Red Brick Church of Stillman Valley.

The name The Red Brick Church gives us an opportunity to stress the biblical truth that God intends for us to be mortared together in Christian community built up on the foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living [bricks] are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

If you are part of the Red Brick Church, then you are a metaphorical Brick. And no Brick was ever made with the intent of living in isolation of a larger structure. God makes bricks with a building in mind. The purpose is that we might do life together declaring praises of Christ who called us out of darkness into his glorious light.

As "bricks" busy with the call God has given us, we have a number of priorities for the coming year. These will include continuing to shine the light of the good news of Christ in our area as we focus on the Word, sharing life together, worship, and prayer.

It is now time to take to another level leadership development as well as the second phase of our "Brick by Brick" Campaign. The second phase of the Brick by Brick campaign will focus on a plan to put new signage throughout our campus, renovate the administrative building, and renovate the sanctuary and addition.

At a time when so many local churches are in decline, I cannot express how thankful I am to be part of a church that is committed to being a pillar and buttress of the truth, that continues to defend a biblical view of marriage and the family, that is committed to sharing the good news that God so love the world that he gave his only begotten son that whoever would repent and believe in him would not perish but rather would have the right to be called his child.

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 2023 Newsletter.

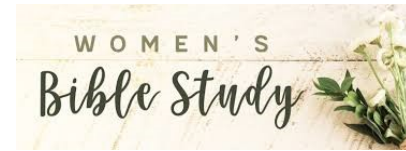
FINANCIAL REPORT

Through January 31, 2023

Total Approved 2023 Budget = \$559,800

Divided by 52 weeks/year = **\$10,765/week**

Budget Giving through Jan. 31 \$53,827
Actual Giving through Jan. 31 \$34,284
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$(19,543)
Actual Expenses through 1/31/23 \$43,887
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses \$(9,606)



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.



2022 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 2022 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.



FROM PASTOR DAVID

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

VBS returns to The Red Brick Church in 2023! Mark your calendars now for June 12-16 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Our theme is "Mystery Island: Tracking Down the One True God".

Children will be invited to encounter God as they explore his attributes in music, crafts, snacks, games, and lessons. God is great, almighty, ruler of all, Emmanuel, and trustworthy. They will learn about our separation from him as result of sin and the gospel of grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Stay tuned for registration information available in the spring, both for children and volunteers. Join us in praying now for God to raise up workers (you?) and prepare hearts to receive God's Word this June through Vacation Bible School.



Upcoming Youth Activities

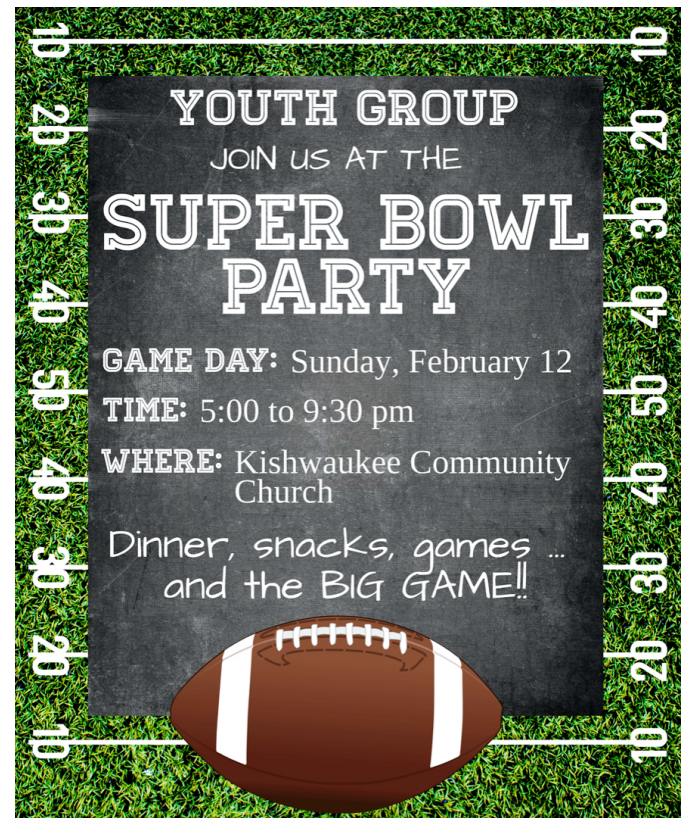
- Sunday, February 5, noon to 2 p.m.: Youth Group in the Brick Center
- Friday, February 10, 6 to 7:30 p.m.: Loving Our Widows Valentines in the Brick Center
- Saturday, February 11, 10 to noon: Loving Our Widows Visits, meet in the Brick Center
- Sunday, February 12, 5 to 9:30 p.m.: Super Bowl Party at Kishwaukee Community Church
- Tuesday, February 14, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.: Bread of Life Service Event, come for some or all of the time
- Friday, February 17 through Sunday, February 19: Winter Camp at Expeditions Unlimited in Baraboo, Wisconsin

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Feb 1st - Shannon & Grace Hickey
- Feb 5th - Renley Svartoi
- Feb 6th - Nick Colon
- Feb 7th - Dan Holsinger
- Feb 9th - Dean Pihl
- Feb 14th - Lisa McCoy
- Feb 15th - Terrell Carby, Don Wallin
- Feb 19th - Brooke Adams
- Feb 20th - Edward Rosko
- Feb 21st - Jaime Braffett
- Feb 22nd - Lena Janoski
- 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 3rd - Kent Cronberg
- March 4th - Randy Stukenberg, Jana Cox, Grace VanBriesen

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Feb 1st - Brad and Tessa Baker



FEBRUARY 2023 AWANA SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 8th – Jersey Night

Come to club wearing your favorite jersey!

Wednesday, February 15th – Wear RED Night

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

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd – Crazy Hair Night

Get your hair wild and crazy for club on the 22nd!

Wednesday, March 1st - 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 with you!



High School Girls Bible Study
Sunday, February 26th
6:30 to 8:00 pm
Bogner Home
613 Countryside Drive, SV
Dinner will be provided.




ALMOST HOME
WINTER CAMP
YOUTH GROUP WINTER CAMP
FEBRUARY
17 - 19
2023

EXPEDITIONS UNLIMITED
Baraboo, Wisconsin
\$50 per student payable to the Red Brick Church
bit.do/WinterCamp2023

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**** RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED ****



*Let us love one another,
for love comes from God.*
-1 John 4:7-9

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