



# The Red Brick Church of Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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JUNE 2023  
NEWSLETTER

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## INTO THE WARDROBE

An Invitation to a Reading Group from Pastor Chris Brauns

*Consider participating in a discussion group of The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. But to do so, you must submit a reading report to me by 7/2/23.*

I'm trying something new . . . I'm planning to host a reading discussion in late summer. I will wait to see the level of interest and commitment before designing the format.

But if you are interested, here is what you must do to participate. Submit a reading report by July 2, 2023.

- 1. On a reading report submitted to me by 7/2/23 include the following.**
  - a. A statement of how and when you read or heard. For example, "our family listened to an audio version during the week of 6/4/23," or, "I read it during the evenings of May 28-30." Better, "I read with a flashlight under my covers" after the lights were out.
  - b. Write or type out 5 favorite quotes including the chapter and page number of your edition. The quotes can be one sentence and should not be more than 2-3 sentences.
  - c. On your own, summarize the central point or aim of the book in no more than 2-3 sentence. For instance, if you were doing this exercise for the movie, "The Wizard of Oz," you might write, "*a young lady resents colorless Kansas but, in the end, realizes there's no place like home.*" Just do *your* best. The key is to attempt to summarize the central point you think C.S. Lewis is making.
- 2. This exercise is open to any age.** Children who are old enough to write out the quotes themselves and listen to a discussion are encouraged to participate.
- 3. You must own a personal copy (not electronic) of *The Lion* . . .** So, at the discussion group you can't share a copy with someone else. Ideally, you have a copy you can mark up. Don't show up with an I-pad. It's a non-electronic discussion.
- 4. Know that 7/2/2023 is a firm deadline.** I understand not everyone can complete by the assignment by then. This discussion group will be for those who can find time and are so inclined. Please don't ask for an extension. Just wait for another opportunity.
- 5. You must have read or listened to C.S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* within the last year.**
- 6. Watching the movie does not count,** nor will its existence be acknowledged in the discussion group except to say that we aren't going to discuss it.
- 7. If you have not previously read *The Chronicles*, read *The Lion* first.** Some (unfortunate) editions have *The Magicians Nephew* listed as the first book in the *Chronicles*. In our late modern age, we live in a world that is often uncivilized. One of the things that separates learned society from the barbarians is that we read *The Chronicles of Narnia* in the proper order. If you are interested in the debate, you can see Trevin Wax's post, "Why You Should Read Narnia in Publication Order." But it's better just to open up *The Lion* . . . and start reading. By the way, it is likewise a mark of spirituality if you don't say much about the movies. Movie versions should normally be mentioned in polite society.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Through May 31, 2023**

**Total Approved 2023 Budget = \$559,800**

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

Budget Giving through May 31 ..... \$236,838  
 Actual Giving through May 31 ..... \$254,324  
 Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving ..... \$17,486  
 Actual Expenses through 5/31/23 ..... \$232,391  
 Actual Giving less Actual Expenses ..... \$21,933

Answers VBS  
**Mystery Island**  
 THE RED BRICK CHURCH OF STILLMAN VALLEY  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
 June 12th - 16th, 2023  
 9:00 to 11:30 am  
 Ages 4 (potty trained) - 6th grade

Use the QR code to register or you can also register at:  
<http://bit.ly/2023RBCVBS>

Grab your sunscreen and get ready for a taste of paradise as you track down the one true God at **MYSTERY ISLAND!!**

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**To prepare for VBS,** we will be having two VBS Work Days starting at 9:00 am on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.



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. the church office.

**Summer Worship Schedule**

**Memorial Day Sunday, May 28**  
 to  
**Labor Day Sunday, September 3**  
**One Service at 9:00 am**

Join us for a time of **FELLOWSHIP**

Immediately after the 9 am worship service in the BRICK CENTER on:

- June 11th and 25th
- July 16th and 30th
- August 13th and 27th

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

## 2023 GRADUATES!



**High School Grads: Hope Wallin, Bekah Dray, Jeremiah Bogner, Jewel Holsinger.**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Grade and BIC Grad: Caleb Anderson.**

## 2023 COLLEGE GRADUATES

**Daniel Miller:** Graduated from Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois with a Bachelor of Science and Master of Professional Accountancy.

**Reece Gatz:** Graduated from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas with a Bachelor Degree in Business Marketing.

**Grace Hickey:** Graduated with an Associate Degree from the Parkland College of Champaign, IL Dental Hygiene Program.

**Heidie Senseman:** Graduated Summa Cum Laude from Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio as a Senior English Major with a concentration in Creative and Journalistic writing.

## ~ Happy Birthday ~

- June 1<sup>st</sup> - June Lewis
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Porter Griffin
- June 7<sup>th</sup> - Mason Mulrooney
- 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 13<sup>th</sup> - Paislee Watson
- June 14<sup>th</sup> - Sam Dray
- 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 25<sup>th</sup> - Noah Ross
- 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 8<sup>th</sup> - Greg and Erica Granath
- June 8<sup>th</sup> - Mike and Natalie Haugse
- 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

Sunday, July 2nd  
Immediately after the 9 am service

# BAPTISM SUNDAY

Please contact the church office  
if you are interested in baptism.

## Handicapped Parking

We are installing two additional handicapped parking spots for Sunday morning services in the back of the church. Please be courteous and leave these spots open on Sunday mornings for those who need them.

## Candy & Pop Needed for Community Connections Carnival

Our Community Connections Carnival outreach to our neighbors, friends, and family is fast approaching. July 24 and 26 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!

# FROM PASTOR DAVID ....

## Membership and Baptism

Do you believe the gospel, understand how we work as a local church, and share our vision to grow fully devoted followers of Jesus? If you regularly attend the Red Brick Church but have not pursued membership, you are encouraged to learn more this summer. Contact the church office or Pastor David to request a Membership Packet. Read it, ask questions of our leaders, and if you answer yes to the three-part question above, complete an application.

Sunday, July 2, will be a special Sunday in the life of our church family. Following the 9 o'clock service, we will have a congregational meeting to receive new members, hear testimonies by candidates for baptism, witness their baptisms, and enjoy fellowship over refreshments in the Brick Center. If you profess faith in Jesus but have not been baptized, contact the church office to arrange a meeting with one of the pastors.



**New**  
**MEMBERS**

**Sunday, July 2nd**  
**Immediately after the 9:00 am service**

*Interested in learning more about church membership?  
Contact the church office or Pastor David for a membership packet ... we'd love to talk to you about becoming a member!*



**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS  
CARNIVAL**

**FOOD, GAMES AND FAMILY FUN!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**MONDAY, JULY 24TH & WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH**  
**6:00 TO 8:00 PM BOTH EVENINGS**

Dinner served from 6:00 to 7:00 pm each night in the Brick Center.  
Ice Cream Truck both nights! Yard games, puppet shows,  
face painting throughout the evening.  
The event is free and open to the community!



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



**HAPPY**  
**Father's**  
**DAY**

The righteous man walks in his integrity...  
PROVERBS 20:7