



The **Red** Brick Church in Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

**207 W. Roosevelt Road, PO Box 370
Stillman Valley, Illinois 61084-0370
Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner**

**AUGUST 2023
NEWSLETTER**

**9:00 am Worship
Service**

815-645-2526

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith" (Heb. 13:7).

We will see in our study of Hebrews that Scripture encourages believers to make a special effort to remember those who shared the Word. It is appropriate to reflect on Rod and Linda Wetzig's important ministry at our church.

Pastor Rod Wetzig passed away from a neurological infection early on Friday morning, July 7, 2023. Linda was with him, and he was a wonderful witness to the grace of God to the end of his life.

Rod and Linda served at our church from January 1994 to July 2003 and was one of the longest serving pastors in our church's 165-year history.

Rod was a gifted musician who used his voice to encourage both congregationally and in private pastoral contexts.

Rod is also remembered as particularly gifted in compassion and care. He walked through some very deep valleys with our church family. I recall Leonard Carmichael sharing how Rod shepherded them through the valley of losing a son suddenly. Rod's wife, Linda, likewise, is warmly remembered for her love for the flock.

Some of our long-term members like Pete Mazanec or Carol Brauer (and a number of others) have *many* memories of Rod and Linda's time in our church.

Rod and Linda came to our church at a difficult time. The previous pastor served less than two years. The Wetzig's gently and lovingly built into people's lives and enjoyed sharing life with the flock. During their time, a great deal of healing took place.

I spoke with Linda the Monday after Rod went into the presence of the Lord. Looking back over their years of ministry, she and Rod had realized that God's particular call on their lives was to build up hurting churches. In all, Rod served in five different churches including churches in New York, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wisconsin.

It would be difficult to list right now all the ways God is currently blessing our church. Our attendance numbers are very strong. Multiple young people have been to camp or are at camp. We had a baptism service on July 2 and welcomed new members. Our constitution has been revised, the most demanding phase of the Brick-by-Brick campaign is completed, and we are in a strong place financially. The gospel is proclaimed, and God is worshiped each week. The glory belongs to God. But God works through the instrumentality of people in general and pastors in a particular way (Ephesians 4:11-12). Apart from Rod Wetzig's leadership, our church would not have been positioned to witness God's grace in the many ways we have seen it across the twenty years since he left.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- Deacon Board – Clayton Midtsem.....262-4254
- Deaconess Board – Deb Bonne979-0885
- Trustee Board – Brad Baker.....670-0039
- CE Committee – Cara Roberts.. 217-621-2460
- Memorial Com. – Jeff McLindsay440-2042
- Mission Com. – Clayton Midtsem.....262-4254
- Music – Lance Mennen985-2484

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through July 31, 2023

Total Approved 2023 Budget = \$559,800
 Divided by 52 weeks/year = **\$10,765**

- Budget Giving through July 31 \$333,727
- Actual Giving through July 31 \$341,002
- Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$7,275
- Actual Expenses through 7/31/23 \$313,959
- Actual Giving less Actual Expenses \$27,043

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SS Superintendent:


Brooke Adams ~ 815-985-3178

We are getting ready to begin our 2023-2024 Sunday School! Sunday School Registration will be open soon. We will post in the bulletin and also send an email home to all families when it is ready. Please take a moment to register your children; it helps us out greatly when we are planning for Sunday School material for each grade level.

Sunday School for all ages begins on Sunday, September 10th at 9:00 am. Adult Mortar Groups will meet at 9:00 and 10:30 am.

If you have questions, please contact Brooke Adams at 815-985-3178.

Ladies Bible Study - Register this week



BUILD YOUR BIBLICAL FOUNDATION BY STUDYING EXODUS 1-18 VERSE BY VERSE.
 Join us for this 10-session study by Jen Wilkin.

Tuesday Evening | 6:30 – 8:00 pm
 Starts August 22nd

Friday Morning | 9:00 – 10:30 am
 Starts August 25th
 Childcare provided.

Sunday, August 20th
 Immediately after the 9 am service

BAPTISM SUNDAY

If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the church office.

2023 - 2024 Youth Activity Calendar PARENT MEETING

2023 - 2024 YOUTH EVENTS						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Sunday, August 27
 10:30 am in the Adult SS Room

If you are a parent of children going into 6th grade through HS, join us to preview the youth calendar & volunteer to help with events.

We are meeting during fellowship time, so feel free to bring your refreshments to the meeting!

Baby Dedication

Sunday, August 20
 9:00 am worship service



Please contact the church office if you have a baby/child you would like to have dedicated.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER BOOK STUDY

FINAL MEETING:
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH

6:30 – 8:00 PM
 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



Worship Schedule: Through September 3rd, we only have one worship service 9:00 am. On September 10th, we will resume SS and two worship services at 9:00 and 10:30 am.

Join us for Fellowship in the Brick Center on Sunday, August 13th, 20th and 27th at 10:30 am.

Happy Birthday!

- August 1st - Lane Behmer
- August 2nd - Matt Geiseman
- August 4th - Bruce Bonne, Hanna Roberts,
- August 5th - Analiese Cox
- August 6th - Grady Poliska
- August 10th - Deb Bonne
- August 12th - Anne Wiltfang
- August 14th - Caleb Anderson
- August 13th - Ingrid Kottke
- August 15th - Michelle McCandless
- August 18th - Janet Warner, Stan Dodds
- August 19th - Bonnie Moran
- August 20th - Donna Arnold, Alex Booker
- August 21st - Dan Houston
- August 23rd - Tom Whetsel, Sam Keast
- August 25th - Lily Behmer
- August 27th - Cindy Coombes
- August 28th - Erica Granath, Clairra Myers
- August 30th - Lonna Nelson
- August 31st - Marilyn Holsinger,
Margaret Kottke
- Sept 1st - Emilia Janoski
- Sept 2nd - Paul Baker, Estelle Jones

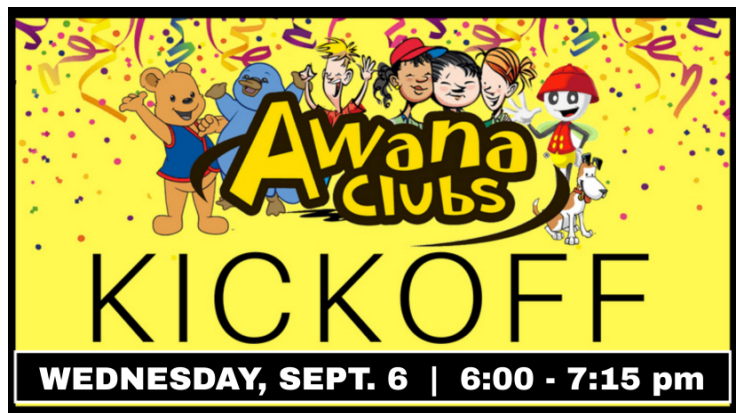
Happy Anniversary!

- August 12th - Chris and Jamie Brauns
- August 18th - Jim and Janet Warner
- August 21st - Bruce and Deb Bonne
- August 22nd - Ron and Nota Ippen
- August 25th - Jamie and Brooke Adams
- August 26th - Trevor and Bri Svartoi



LOCAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY!

Consider helping at AWANA Club this year at the Red Brick Church! We would love for you to join us on Wednesday nights starting in September through the beginning of April from 5:40 to 7:30 pm. Our Kick-Off is September 6th at 6:00 pm. Come help lead Brick children and our community's children to know who Christ our King is! Our theme this year is JOY! There is some new information this year, so we ask all leaders and helpers to attend only one of the two helper/leader meetings on Wednesday, August 23rd or 30th at 7:00 pm. Dessert will be provided. Come encourage and be encouraged midweek this year! If you have any questions, please contact Andria Brass at 815-222-8804. If you would like to help, please contact Rebekah Anderson at 815-319-2553.



— WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH —

BIBLE

STUDY on ROMANS

For all Jr and Sr High Youth

Youth Group **BIBLE** STUDY
7 to 8 PM **Adult SS Classroom**
Bible Study, FUN and Fellowship
STARTS AUGUST 16th!!!

2023 - 2024

LEADERS & HELPERS TRAINING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH

LEADERS & HELPERS SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OF THE TRAINING MEETINGS AT 7:00 PM.
THERE IS SOME NEW INFORMATION FOR THIS AWANA YEAR!
DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED.

FROM PASTOR DAVID

We've enjoyed a full summer of life together at the Red Brick Church. Normally, August and September bring with them a bump to church activity. No doubt, we have a lot of things going already and here's what is around the corner:

Sunday, August 13th

Fellowship in the Brick Center

Wednesday, August 16th, 7 to 8 p.m.

First Wednesday Night Youth Bible Study.
We will study Paul's letter to the Romans this year.

Sunday, August 20th

Baby Dedication and Baptism Service
with Fellowship in the Brick Center.

Tuesday, August 22nd – 6:30 pm

Tuesday evening Ladies Bible Study
begins. Meeting in the Brick Center.

Friday, August 25th – 9:00 am

Friday morning Ladies Bible Study begins.
Childcare is provided for this study.

Sunday, August 27th

Fellowship in the Brick Center & Youth Parent
Info Meeting in the Adult SS Room at 10:30 am.

Wednesday, September 6th – 6 to 7:15 pm

AWANA Kick-Off.

Sunday, September 10th

Sunday School Kick-Off with Adult Mortar Groups.

Sunday, September 24th

Stillman Valley Fall Festival. One service followed
by Fellowship time in the Brick Center.

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**** RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED ****

