



The **Red** Brick Church in Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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SEPT 2023
NEWSLETTER

Will You Complete a Hebrews Assignment?

Complete a Hebrews assignment by 10/15/23 that will serve both yourself and the preaching of the Word.

This Fall we are beginning an extended series in Hebrews. The goal is not simply that I (Pastor Chris Brauns) preach through Hebrews in a linear way. We are praying that our church family is *deeply* encouraged by meditating on the whole book.

Would you accept a challenge as a part of this project? If you participate, it will help both yourself and those preaching on Hebrews.

Here is the assignment. Electronically or physically return a sheet to me that documents you did the following:

1. **Read Hebrews three times.** Write down your dates of completion.
2. **Identified 3 favorite verses or short passages (2-3 verses) that resonate with you on some level.** Write them out.
3. **Listed 5 terms that a person should know to be able to understand the book of Hebrews.** Imagine you are reading Hebrews with no Christian background. What categories would you need to investigate to understand the book?
4. **Identified 5 people other than Jesus of interest in the book of Hebrews.**
5. **Wrote out 2-3 questions you have about the book of Hebrews.**
6. **Read the ESV Study Bible Introduction of Hebrews.** If you don't have an ESV Study Bible, copies of the Hebrews introduction (about 3 pages) will be available at church.
7. **Prayed on at least three occasions that you prayed for this series.** Write down the dates.

Your completion of this assignment (**by 10/15/23**) will serve the preaching of the Word on multiple levels! I will gain a window into your thinking. I will be encouraged that you are reading the Word. Your heart and mind will be prepared. And we will have prayed.

Who would you invite to church this Fall?

Life outside the church is as dangerous as life outside the Ark was in the days of Noah.

Reflect on the image of being *outside* the Ark. What a dreadful place.

And – likewise it is clear to be paddling around outside of a local church is to be figuratively in the “rain of a fallen world.” While it is possible that someone can be born again and not be actively involved in a local church, the local church is where God promised he would strengthen and nourish believers so that they can make their way through a fallen world.

Do you know someone who has drifted away? God might use a simple phone call in an eternal way.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Deacon Board – Clayton Midtsem.....262-4254
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Trustee Board – Brad Baker.....670-0039
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Memorial Com. – Jeff McLindsay440-2042
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Music – Lance Mennen985-2484

FINANCIAL

Through August 31, 2023

Total Approved 2023 Budget = \$559,800

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

Budget Giving through Aug 31 \$376,788
Actual Giving through Aug 31 \$411,376
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$34,588
Actual Expenses through 8/31/23..... \$372,369
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses \$39,007

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SS Superintendent:

Brooke Adams ~ 815-985-3178

Welcome to 2023 - 2024 Sunday School! We are getting ready and are anxious to get Sunday School going again this year! If by chance you haven't yet registered your children, please do so asap so we can be sure we have enough material for all students.

If you have any questions, please contact Brooke Adams at 815-985-3178. Sunday School is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 10th at 9:00 am. Classes will be available for all ages.

Sunday School Rooms Location 9/10/23:

Preschool – Lower Level of Church
K through 1st grade – Brick Center, Room 2
2nd & 3rd grade – Brick Center, Room 3
4th & 5th grade – Brick Center, Room 1
Jr High – Brick Center, Main Room
Sr High – Brick Center, Room 5

9:00 am Adult Mortar Group

Church, SS Classroom

10:30 am Adult Mortar Group

Brick Center, Main Room

God Bless, Brooke Adams, SS Superintendent



Our first AWANA Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 13th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Sparky and T & T's will meet at the Brick Center; Cubbies will meet in the preschool room at the church. All age groups will meet for awards and closing in the sanctuary. Parents will pick all clubbers up in the church.

~ Happy Birthday ~

Sept 1st - Emilia Janoski
Sept 2nd - Paul Baker, Estelle Jones
Sept 4th - Kathleen Peterson
Sept 5th - Tyler Kenyon
Sept 8th - Tarah Svartoiem
Sept 9th - Bob Hoernecke
Sept 10th - Jeanne Baker, William Kottke
Sept 11th - Shelley Herlihy, Gloria Ennenbach
Sept 14th - Ashley Stahl
Sept 15th - Tania VanBriesen
Sept 16th - Nathan Jones
Sept 19th - MyKenzie Beitel
Sept 30th - Parker Glendenning
Oct 3rd - Lee Hickey

~ Happy Anniversary ~

Sept 14th - Homer and Becky Bailey
Nick and Chelsea Colon
Sept 20th - Brent and Arlett Bonne
Sept 28th - Ray and Kay Swanson

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Our Senior Fellowship (55 and older) will meet for breakfast on Tuesday, September 26th at the Byron Sunrise Restaurant at 9:00 am. Join us for a time for fellowship!

FALL SCHEDULE
Starts Sunday, September 10!

Sunday School (for all ages)		9:00 am
Adult Mortar Group		9:00 am
Worship Service		9:00 & 10:30 am
Adult Mortar Group		10:30 am

Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Last month, a handful of Bricks sharing the same last name ventured into the Chicago suburb of Cicero to visit Inner City Impact (ICI). We were greeted by BJ Bechtel, Chief Executive Officer for the ministry. ICI serves families in the neighborhood by providing children and teenagers a safe place for them to go throughout the year. Their programming lets them engage in play, build healthy relationships, expand their self-worth, and develop life skills including tutoring. Their tag, "Learn. Live. Lead." summarizes their focus all with a goal of introducing them to Jesus, discipling young believers, and helping them find a local church.

My family served that day by packing school supply boxes. ICI planned to distribute them at an event in their parking lot the following week.

The goal of our visit was to establish a connection with the ministry for the purpose of planning a week of service on location next summer. The Evangelical Free Church of Mount Morris has brought a group of young people to ICI several times in recent years. This ministry has become a highlight of the summer for many of them.

What would a week of service at ICI look like? Living on site for the week, we will be responsible for facilitating their summer day camp. Their facility includes a full-service commercial kitchen and bathrooms with showers. Children arrive late Monday morning and move through several stations including Bible lesson, crafts, tutoring, and games, eating lunch along the way. Day camp concludes in the late afternoon. We will have time to prepare and eat dinner, debrief as a ministry team, prepare for the next day, have some fun, and get some rest.

Would you begin to pray as we seek to make this a part of our summer 2024 plans at the Red Brick Church? Perhaps you will join us. One church travels from out of state to ICI. Families with children of all ages come and they found it to be a great way to spend a week. Young children participate with neighborhood children in the day camp while parents and teens serve.



YOUTH SYATP RALLY
Sunday, September 17
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Pizza and Planning

wholehearted
SEE YOU AT THE POLE
GLOBAL DAY OF STUDENT PRAYER

Sept 27 2023

— 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
Join us this Wednesday!





One Service Sunday

Sunday, September 24th
Fall Festival Sunday

ONE SERVICE at 9:00 am

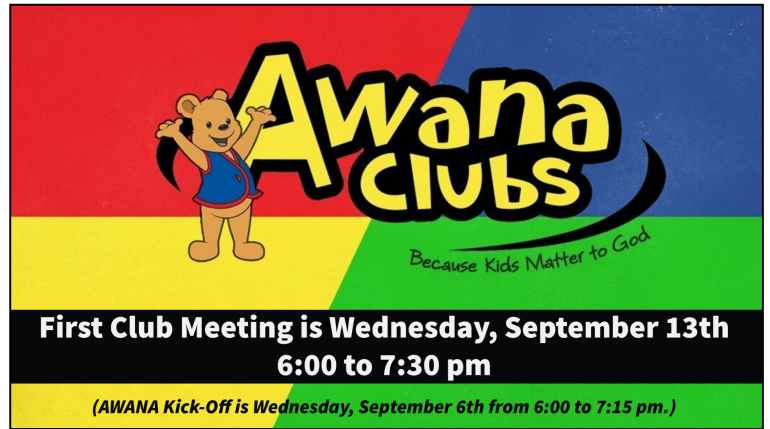


Sunday School Adult Mortar Groups

**Adult Mortar Groups
Begins on Sunday, September 10!**

9:00 am - Church Sunday School Classroom
10:30 am - Brick Center Main Room

All adults are welcome to join us!!



CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
PO Box 370
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Begins 9/10/23 at 9:00 am

sunday

BACK TO SCHOOL

For all ages!