



# The Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner**

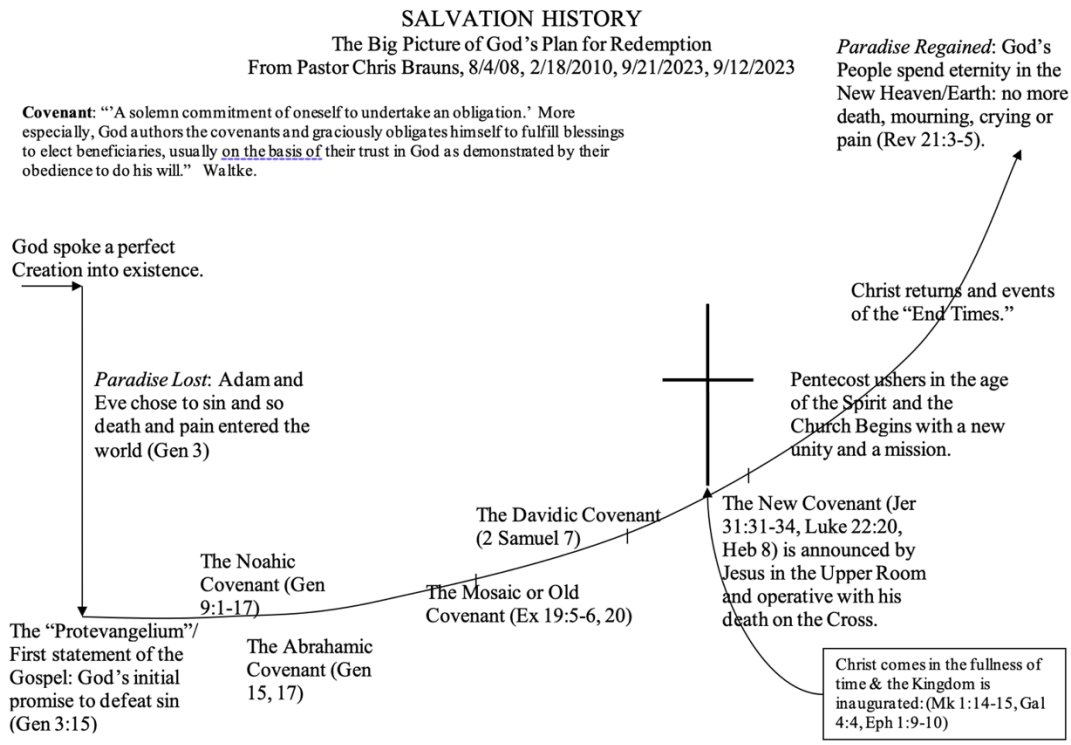
**OCT 2023  
NEWSLETTER**  
TIME OF SERVICES  
**9:00 & 10:30 am**

*Keep a 3-ring binder or folder for your Hebrews notes.*

R.C. Sproul once said that if he were stranded on an island with a book of the Bible, he would choose Hebrews. Sproul explained that Hebrews teaches us so much about how all the Bible fits together. At the same time, it is immensely practical encouraging us to not quit.

Given that Hebrews teaches so much about the Bible, we should not be surprised that there is a great deal of content to study.

To help us understand the book of Hebrews, I am providing summary resources in the sermon notes. If you keep track of these it will help you to review them.



But more important than the diagrams or notes I provide for you is your own personal notes where you journal what the Spirit has impressed on your heart as you hear his Word preached and hide Scripture in your heart.

Meditate on passages like Hebrews 1:1-4, 4:14-16, 11:6, 24-28, 12:1-3 and many others this will strengthen your heart and bring you great joy. Make Hebrews your own.

**CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES**

- Deacon Board – Clayton Midtsem.....262-4254
- Deaconess Board – Deb Bonne .....979-0885
- Trustee Board – Brad Baker.....670-0039
- CE Committee – Cara Roberts.. 217-621-2460
- Memorial Com. – Jeff McLindsay .....440-2042
- Mission Com. – Clayton Midtsem.....262-4254
- Music – Lance Mennen .....985-2484

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Through September 30, 2023**

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

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

- Budget Giving through Sept 30 ..... \$419,850
- Actual Giving through Sept 30..... \$442,596
- Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving ..... \$22,746
- Actual Expenses through 9/30/23 .....\$412,817
- Actual Giving less Actual Expenses ..... \$29,779

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

**SS Superintendent:**

**Brooke Adams ~ 985-3178**

Sunday School started up in September and is going great! If you or your children haven't been a part of our Sunday School, we encourage you to plug in on Sunday mornings!

**Sunday School Room Locations:**

- Preschool** – Lower Level of Church
- K through 1<sup>st</sup> grade** – Brick Center, Room 2
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade** – Brick Center, Room 3
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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

\*\* Our K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School choir will be singing at the beginning of both worship services on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

*~ Happy Birthday ~*

- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> - Lee Hickey
- Oct 6<sup>th</sup> - Connie Rhodes
- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> - Julie Larson, Haley Jones
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> - Daphne Long
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> - Amanda Geiseman, Chloe Mennen
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - Darren Daniels
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> - George Myers
- Greg Tremble
- Oct 17<sup>th</sup> - Atalie Gebbia
- Oct 21<sup>st</sup> - Rebekah Anderson, Lily Griffin
- Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> - Patrick Roberts, Terri Carby
- Jack Scholl
- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> - Elizabeth Miller
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup> - Charlie Wilmarth

*~ Happy Anniversary ~*

- Oct 4<sup>th</sup> - Dean & Claudia Phil
- Oct 8<sup>th</sup> - Lance & Laura Mennen
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - Jay and Jamie Braffett
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - Terrell & Terri Carby
- Oct 28<sup>th</sup> - Elliot & Rebekah Anderson

**SENIOR FELLOWSHIP**

Our Senior Fellowship (55 and older) will meet for breakfast on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Byron Sunrise Restaurant at 9:00 am. Join us for a time for fellowship!



**THEME NIGHTS**

**Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>**

Favorite Sport Team Apparel Night. Wear your favorite sport team hat, jersey, t-shirt, etc. to club.

**Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

It's Crazy Hair Night at club tonight ... come with some wild and crazy hair to club!

**Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

We got Western Night going on tonight! Dress up for club in your best western attire.

**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

It's our second M & M Night on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Bring your missionary bank with you to club.



All boards and committees should begin to start thinking about and working on their 2024 budgets.

The Trustee Board would like to have all budgets to them NO later than December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## College and Military Care Packages

Our youth are putting together packages for those in our church family who are actively serving away in the military or are away at college. Jr & Sr High Youth will be meeting from 4:30 to 7:30 pm on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Rhodes Home.

We are asking for donations for the care packages. Some suggestions are: Gum, mints, candy, chips, crackers, beef jerky, lip balm, small hand sanitizers, snack bars, snack cakes (Little Debbie's, Hostess) gummies, energy bars. No homemade items please. Drop off individually store bought pre-packaged items on the back porch of the office building by Noon on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. This is something that our away college students and those in the military look forward to receiving each year.

## COOKIE DECORATING



The deaconess board will be hosting a cookie decorating class on Monday evening Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. Come learn cookie decorating techniques and go home with 6 frosted Christmas cookies. The cost will be \$35 and you will be able to register on-line or call Jana. **Please note:** You must be 12 years or older to attend the class.



## WRISTBANDS

While the most important thing you can do to support Jamie, Pastor Chris, and their family is your prayers, there is another option. Available for a donation to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, this wristband would be a visible way to not only show your support for Jamie in her journey, but to also supporting her passion for that particular ministry and the young people of Ogle County. This is also a great reminder to pray. Call or text Donna Arnold at 779-888-0918 or via Facebook Messenger to make arrangements.

**Red Brick Church  
Christmas Schedule**

**November 1st - 27th**  
Everyone completes a Gift Exchange Registration Form

**Sunday, November 5th**  
Kick-Off Christmas Gift Exchange Registration  
SS Children's Choir sings at both worship services

**Sunday, December 3rd**  
Gift Exchange profiles handed out before/after worship services  
Cardinal Community Christmas activities at Brick Center  
Jr High Christmas Party from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at the church  
Sr High Christmas Party from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Rhodes' Home

**Sunday, December 10th**  
SS Children's Choir sings at both worship services  
Children's Prelude before both worship services

**Sunday, December 17th**  
Only one worship service at 9:00 am  
No SS or 10:30 am service  
Gift Exchange following the 9:00 am worship service  
Christmas Caroling at Noon

**Sunday, December 24th**  
Only one worship service at 9:00 am  
No SS or 10:30 am service  
Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 pm

**Sunday, December 31st**  
Only one worship service at 9:00 am  
No SS or 10:30 am service

## FROM PASTOR DAVID ...

*In modest ways, the Red Brick Church joins Christians around the globe to share the gospel.*

Our young people have been studying the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans on Wednesday nights. His zeal for being with Christians in far off places has stood out to them. Paul said, speaking of the Christians in Rome, "For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you," Romans 1:11.

This year, we have welcomed several men to the Red Brick Church to impart some spiritual gift to strengthen us. In January and February, we were given three different voices to help us incorporate the wisdom of Ecclesiastes into our lives with sermons from Doug O'Donnell, Lee Eclov, and Jeremy Scott.

In the summer months, Brian McKanna pointed us to Zion, the city established by God with citizens from every nation who experience his presence with joy, from Psalm 87.

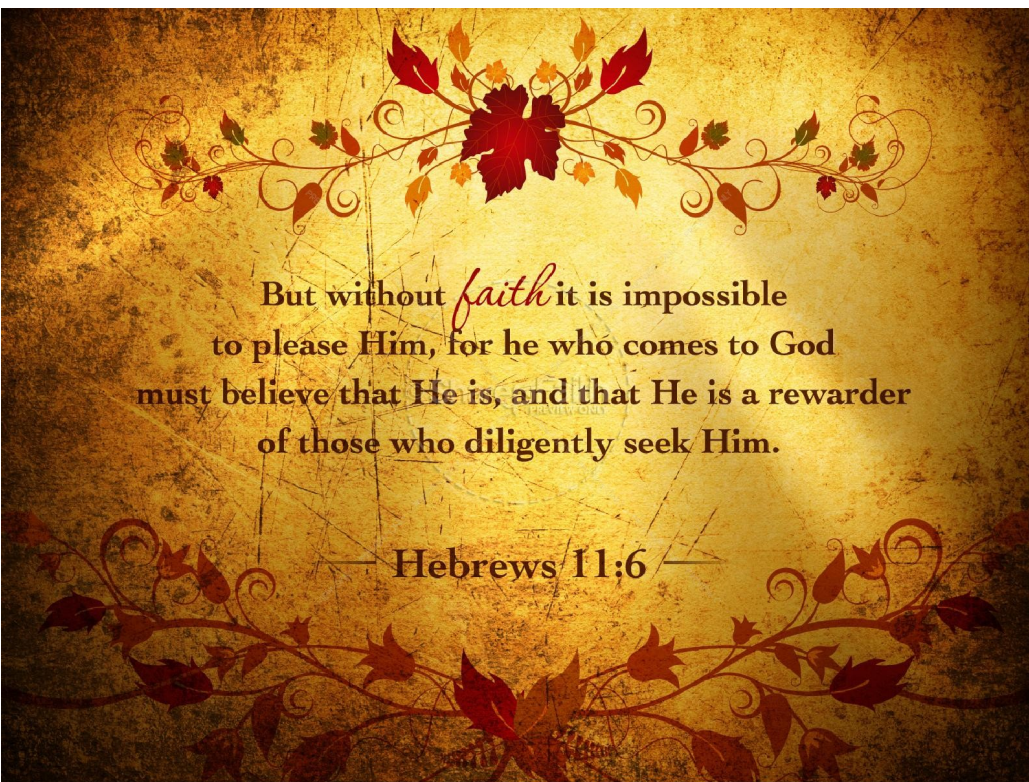
In early September, Eric Sipe brought us back to the Psalter as we considered Psalm 148 with its call for cosmic praise. For us, this means bragging, telling God how great he is. Praise is our joy finding words.

Most recently, we closed September with a visit from Todd and Jana Patterson. They minister in Jana's home country of Slovakia. Todd treated us to a look at the first chapter of Daniel, challenging us to remove God from our list of priorities and acknowledge him as the One Who sets our priorities.

All these men have imparted to us some spiritual gift to us this year. In addition to preaching on Sunday morning, several of them met with groups of Bricks for further conversation about God at work around the globe. In the case of Brian McKanna, we support him in an ongoing way from Missions.

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But without *faith* it is impossible  
to please Him, for he who comes to God  
must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder  
of those who diligently seek Him.

— Hebrews 11:6 —