



## The **Red** Brick Church in Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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### FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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*Jamie and I miss everyday Sundays with the Bricks.*

Jamie isn't disappointed that she missed the cold snap. In fact, she said all along that she would give up January rather than October.

But if Jamie didn't miss being outside in subzero weather, the question becomes, "What have Chris and Jamie missed since taking up residence in Rochester?"

The answer is, "Everyday life in Christian community." We miss seeing people and worshipping together and seeing how everyone is doing.

We miss seeing the children dismissed for children's church.

I could draw a parallel between what we miss about church and what we miss about having children at home. What we probably miss the most regarding our family is every day meal times. Often after dinner we would read a brief Bible story and then pray around the table. Our prayers weren't long. But eating an ordinary meal together as a family is beautiful.

Everyday meals with the Bricks are likewise beautiful. I am blessed to start Sundays in my studying asking myself, "What is the big idea for the morning?" Or, "What needs to be said about the catechism question?" Or, "What are we singing?" And then — of course— worship together.

We should all know that one day very soon we will long for an everyday Red Brick Sunday. Let's be sure we appreciate them now.

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We have ongoing reports of people sending out scam emails to our church family often claiming to be me. So, watch out for weird emails asking for something. If you suspicious of an email, then examine the address very carefully. Usually there are one or two letters off. For instance, the email will be from "cbdrauns" rather than "cdbrauns."

## 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 2024 Newsletter.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Through January 31, 2024

**Total Approved 2024 Budget = \$582,041**

Divided by 52 weeks/year = **\$11,193/week**

Budget Giving through Jan. 31 .....	\$44,772
Actual Giving through Jan. 31 .....	\$81,092
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving .....	\$36,320
Actual Expenses through 1/31/24 .....	\$41,145
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses .....	\$39,947

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*Youth Group*  
**Loving Our  
Widows  
Valentines**

♥ **PREPARATION:**  
This Friday, February 9th  
6:00 to 7:30 pm  
Brick Center

♥ **DELIVERY & VISITS:**  
Saturday, February 10th  
Time TBA.  
Meet at the Brick Center

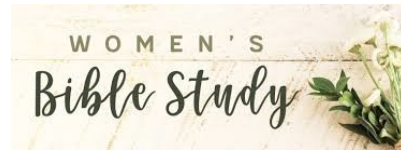


**MEN'S MORTAR GROUP**

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

**Next Meeting:  
February 29th**

**6:30 - 8:00 pm | Brick Center**



### Women of the Word

Our Tuesday evening study meets from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Brick Center. Please contact Marcia Bogner 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. Laura Mennen is leading the Friday morning study. Childcare provided.

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2023 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 2023 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.

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**YOUTH GROUP  
SUPER  
BOWL  
PARTY**

at the Brick Center

**SUNDAY, FEB 11th  
5PM to 9PM**

- Invite your friends
- Dinner, snacks, drinks provided
- Watch the game on the big screen
- Board games
- Join us for a great time

## FROM PASTOR DAVID

*A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls. Proverbs 25:28*

On the evening of Thursday, January 25, 2024, twenty-eight men of the Red Brick Church gathered in the Brick Center for a Mortar Group meeting. Many around the room met someone new as we introduced ourselves. Only one dated his time at the church to before the millennium and only one was born after it.

We reflected on the subject of a heroic man and brainstormed no fewer than 38 characteristics of a truly heroic man. Following that exercise, we continued our time in Proverbs 25. Men hearing other men read God's Word was powerful and a discussion of what we heard proved profitable. We also brainstormed ideas for future discussions and studies.

Men, you are invited to join us. For those available on Thursday nights, we plan four more gatherings before the end of May: February 29, March 28, April 25, and May 30. We meet in the Brick Center beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. and concluding by 8 p.m.

**Special Men's Mortar Group Gatherings on Thursday, February 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Brick Center and Friday, February 9 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Adult Sunday School Room.**

Coleman Reed, FCA Area Representative for Central Illinois will share his remarkable testimony. Both sessions will be essentially the same. We also want to gauge the interest in a monthly morning Mortar Group for men.

**SPECIAL MEN'S MORTAR GROUP MEETING**

We are excited to have  
**COLEMAN REED**, Area Representative for FCA  
here to give us his testimony!

Thursday, Feb. 8th from 6:30 to 8:00 pm - Brick Center  
or  
Friday, Feb. 9th from 9:00 to 10:30 am - Adult SS Classroom

**Please join us!**

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - Shannon & Grace Hickey
- Feb 5<sup>th</sup> - Renley Svartoién
- Feb 6<sup>th</sup> - Nick Colon
- Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - Dan Holsinger
- Feb 9<sup>th</sup> - Dean Pihl
- Feb 12<sup>th</sup> - Bill Hochstetter
- Feb 14<sup>th</sup> - Lisa McCoy
- Feb 15<sup>th</sup> - Terrell Carby, Don Wallin
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup> - Brooke Adams
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup> - Jaime Braffett
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> - Lena Janoski
- Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lori Houston, Arabella Cox
- Feb 25<sup>th</sup> - Toby Behmer
- Feb 26<sup>th</sup> - Carol Brauer, Ophelia Mayberry  
Cara Roberts, Cain Wilmarth
- Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Elliette Colon
- Feb 29<sup>th</sup> - Deb Myers
- March 1<sup>st</sup> - Jamie Brauns, Elora Ferrari
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Brent Bonne
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Kent Cronberg
- March 4<sup>th</sup> - Randy Stukenberg, Jana Cox  
Grace VanBriesen
- March 5<sup>th</sup> - Tessa Baker, Arlett Bonne

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Feb 1<sup>st</sup> - Brad and Tessa Baker

## FEBRUARY 2023 AWANA SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> – M & M Night

Clubbers should bring their M & M Bank to club filled with change. Clubbers will receive an individual size package of M & M's.

### Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

There will not be club tonight on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to mark this on your calendar!

### Wednesday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Hoodies Night

Wear your favorite hoodie to club on the 21<sup>st</sup>!

### Wednesday, Feb, 28<sup>th</sup> – Tie Dye Night

Clubbers should come to club dressed in their favorite tie dye t-shirt, hoodie, bandana ... anything that you might have that is tie dye!

Red Brick Church

# Women in Prayer

All women are invited to join us on Tuesday nights from 8:00 to 9:00 pm in the Brick Center for a time of prayer. Our goal is to: pray scripture for our families, for our church and for the gospel.

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Our schedule:

February 6, 13, 27	April 9, 16, 23, 30
March 5, 12, 19	May 7

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Ephesians 6:17 - 18

"and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,"



## Wednesday Evening Youth Bible Study:

Please note:

We will NOT be having Wednesday Evening Youth Bible Study on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Be sure to mark your calendars!

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

**Friday Morning Study:**

Will not be meeting on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesday Evening Study:**

Will not be meeting on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

