



The **Red** Brick Church in Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

**207 W. Roosevelt Road, PO Box 370
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Rev. Dr. Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner

**AUGUST 2024
NEWSLETTER**

**9:00 am Worship
Service**

815-645-2526

Sunday, August 18, 2024, will be a special day for us at The Red Brick Church: We will worship our God together, Pastor Chris and Jamie return from sabbatical, parents will dedicate their young children to the Lord, believers in Jesus will be baptized, and we will celebrate over great food in the Brick Center.

As indicated by the headline summary, we have a big day planned for Sunday, August 18, 2024, at The Red Brick Church. Of course, every Sunday is important for Christians. We break from our regular patterns of the other six days of the week to gather and enjoy God's ordinary means of grace: ministry of the Word, particularly preaching, fellowship, communion, and prayer (Acts 2:42). Just as sleep restores the body daily, rest from our daily routine one day in seven nourishes our souls. Let's be sure to continue prioritizing weekly worship together.

Less frequently than once a week, we get to welcome our pastor and his bride back from sabbatical. Pastor Chris and Jamie will soon finish his summer sabbatical. Continue to pray for the work of unpacking repentance and strength for both of them.

More frequently than the end of a sabbatical, we have occasion to see parents publicly dedicate their children to the Lord. Does this commitment to raise their child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4) guarantee their little one will know Christ for salvation and walk in his ways? No, but faithful parents and a congregation of faithful followers of Jesus living alongside the family provide a rich context for God's grace to apprehend a child at an early age.

Even more frequently than baby dedications, we have celebrated decisions by people of all ages to follow Christ and submit to him in obedience to his command to be baptized. If you are a follower of Jesus and have not been baptized, you need to be (Matthew 28:19-20)!

Lastly, our special Sunday will conclude in the Brick Center with refreshments. These are sweet times of fellowship in the Body of Christ, so be sure to join us!

CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Deacon Board – Phil Guske
Deaconess Board – Deb Bonne
Trustee Board – Brad Baker
CE Committee – Cara Roberts
Mission Committee – Clayton Midtsem
Music – Lance Mennen

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through July 31, 2024

Total Approved 2024 Budget = \$582,041

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

Budget Giving through July 31\$335,793
Actual Giving through July 31\$338,470
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving\$2,677
Actual Expenses through 7/31/24.....\$311,807
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses\$26,663

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SS Superintendent:

Brooke Adams ~ 815-985-3178

We are getting ready to begin our 2024-2025 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 8th 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.

Sunday, August 18th

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Contact the church office if you are interested in being baptized.

Sunday School



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES!

Begins Sunday, September 8th at 9:00 am!

Sunday, August 18

babydedication

committing our children to the Lord



Worship Schedule: Through September 1st, we only have one worship service 9:00 am. On September 8th, 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 18th.



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

7:00 to 8:00 pm

Adult SS Classroom

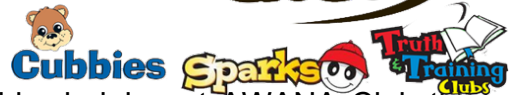
Begins Wednesday, August 14

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 13th - Ingrid Kottke
- August 14th - Caleb Anderson, Joanna Easley
- August 15th - Michelle McCandless,
Carter Irish
- August 18th - Janet Warner, Stan Dodds
- August 19th - Bonnie Moran
- August 20th - Donna Arnold, Alex Booker
- August 21st - Dan Houston
- August 23rd - Tom Whetsel
- August 24th - Maeve Kreml
- 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,
Brenden Wrasse
- Sept 4th - Baird Kreml, Katie Peterson
- Sept 5th - Conner Wrasse

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 Svartoién



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. Come help lead Brick children and our community's children to know who Christ our King is! 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.

AWANA PARENT MEETING

(PARENTS ONLY ON THE 28th!)

Wednesday, August 28th at 6:00 pm



Quick overview of our AWANA Program
Purchase your child's AWANA supplies

AWANA KICK-OFF NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4TH

6 - 7:30 PM



First club meeting!
Ice Cream Social for
all the clubbers!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th

YOUTH MINISTRY PARENT MEETING

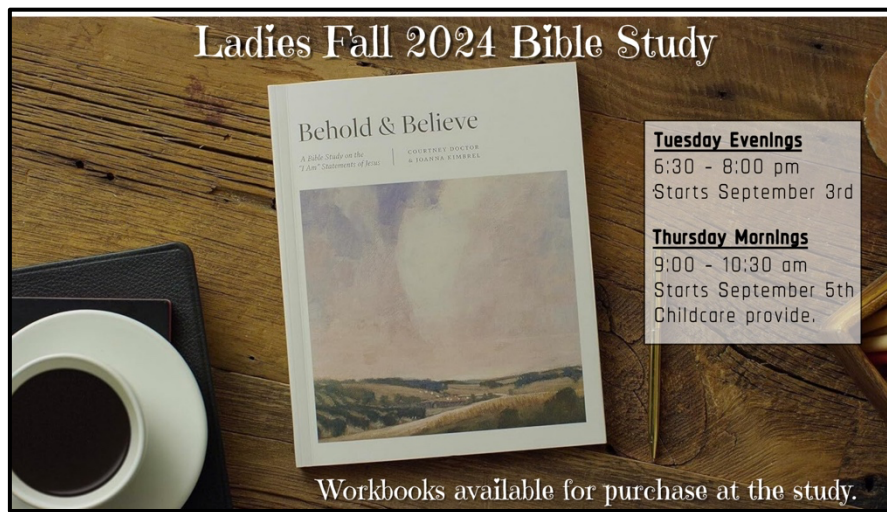
10:30 to 11:30 am
Adult SS Classroom

Parents with youth 6th through 12th grades are invited to preview the year and volunteer to serve at youth events.

MEN'S MORTAR GROUP

August 29

6:30 - 8:00 pm | Brick Center



Our fall Ladies Bible Study will be **“Behold and Believe: A Bible Study on the “I Am” Statements of Jesus”** by Courtney Doctor and Joanna Kimbrel. This will be an eight-week study where seeing is believing. If we want to know who Jesus is and why he is important to our lives, we need to take a closer look at what he said about himself. Jesus describes himself as the bread of life, the light of the world, the good shepherd, and more. His bold words invite us to behold him – and then to trust him.

The study will help you explore the question, *Who is Jesus?* Using the “I Am” statements in the Gospel of John, we will learn how to observe, interpret, apply and reflect on key Bible verses about Jesus’s identity.

We have a Tuesday evening study that meets from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We also have study meeting on Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 am with childcare provided for this study. Workbooks are \$12 each and can be purchased during the first two weeks of the Bible Study.

Registration forms can be found on the Red Brick Ladies Facebook page. Please feel free to share the link with your friends and family. Both studies are open to ladies in the community.

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**** RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED ****

