

### 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

#### DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER CHURCH PHONE 645-2526

The below image is from last Sunday (12/8/24). Picture this same church family bringing red envelopes to the front of the church on December 22. Our dream is that God will use his Word and our prayers and gifts to change lives around the world for all eternity.



Jamie and I want to enjoy bringing our red envelope up front at church. So, we may circle around from our front pew and walk all the way up to the front on December 22.

Ten years ago, Tim Michalek and I would dream in my study about how the Michalek's might minister in the Far East. Humanly speaking -- it seemed so far away -- like we might as well try to swim to the other side of the world.

But ten years later, the Michalek's are actively being used in Thailand and our church is partnering with Word Partners to see people strengthened with God's life-giving Word. Shoot -- we are even starring in videos.

Where red envelopes are concerned, Jamie and I agreed this morning about the additional sacrificial gift that we will submit. If our church is to reach the goal we've set, then this will require many gifts of many different sizes: gifts of a few dollars from some, and thousands from others. *But matching gifts sure do help.* 

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Through November 30, 2024

#### Total Approved 2024 Budget = \$582,041 Divided by 52 weeks/year = \$11,193

Budget Giving through Nov. 30 .......\$526,076 Actual Giving through Nov. 30 .......\$534,857 Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving ......\$8,781 Actual Expenses through 11/30/24 ......\$496,559 Actual Giving less Actual Expenses .....\$38,298



Please note that to be counted for 2024 tax purposes, all church contributions need to be *RECEIVED* by the church office no later than DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>. Any contributions received after that date, *regardless of check date or postmark*, will be counted as a 2025 contribution.

If anyone would like an update on what they have given, or has any questions at all, please contact either:

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### AWANA

Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Dress Like Christmas Night

Wednesday, December 18th AWANA Store. Glow Night at Club!

Wednesday, December 25th No Club on the 25<sup>th</sup> – Merry Christmas!

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 No club on the 1<sup>st</sup> – Happy New Year!

Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 M & M Night at club.

## December Birthday's

- Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Elise Bonne
- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Zach Poliska, John Anderson
- Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Pete Mazanec, Nathan Dray
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Sally Johnson, Steve Peterson, Daniel Irish
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Lana Lamer
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> Karen Hilliard
- Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Logan Peterson
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Kari Janoski
- Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Carl Kottke
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Laura Mennen
- Dec. 19th Betts Carby
- Dec. 21st Ryan Roberts, Jim Warner
- Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> Kendra Booker
- Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> James Daniels, Meredith Jones, Steve Arnold
- Dec. 27th Marybeth Brauns
- Dec. 28th Natalie Haugse
- Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> Matt Montgomery
- Dec. 30th Cameron Wissinger
- Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> Wren Hickey

## December anniversaries

- Dec. 8th Zach and Mandy Poliska
- Dec. 16th Dan and Marilyn Holsinger
- Dec. 30th Stan and Elaine Dodds
- Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Carl and Karil Kottke

## CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We will be taking down our Church Christmas Decorations on Sunday, December 29th immediately after the 9:00 am worship service. Please stay to help if you can.



## YOUTH GROUP Christmas Parties SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th

JR HIGH - 4:00 TO 6:00 PM BRICK CENTER

SR HIGH - 6:00 TO 8:00 PM THE STAHL'S 220 W PRAIRIE TRAIL, SV

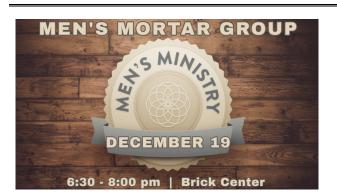
# **Gift Exchange**

\* Get your name tags in back of church from Jana when you arrive.

- \* Pick-up children from Children's Church /Nursery at 10:00 am.
- \* 1st service is from 9:00 to 10:00 am. (No 10:30 am service today!)
- \* Caroling and Gift Exchange starts at 10:00 am.
- \* Italian Beef Luncheon following Gift Exchange.
- \* All church caroling following lunch.

#### There will be gifts for everyone!

We will also be collecting our red WORD PARTNER envelopes. So, bring your gifts and envelopes with you to church on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone is invited to stay for lunch following the gift exchange. If you are planning on staying for lunch, please bring a dozed on your favorite Christmas cookies with you to share!





### Red Brick Church High School Girls Bible Study

The study will meet on Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 to 10:30 am at the Bogner House.

All high school girls are invited to attend!

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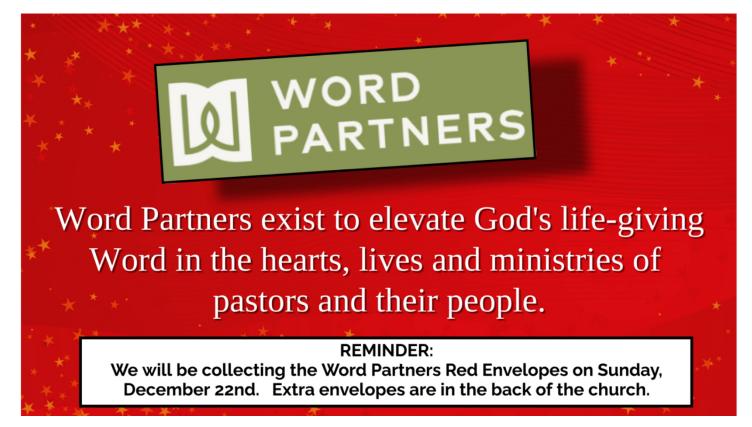
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This Christmas Season we are partnering with Word Partners: a ministry that exists "to elevate God's life-giving Word in the hearts, lives, and ministries of pastors and their people." We are praying that "the Bricks" can be part of elevating God's life-giving Word even from our obscure place! Our celebration on December 22 will include receiving gifts for Word Partners. Bring your **red** envelopes to church!

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