



The **Red** Brick Church in Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Commit to knowing our lane at the Red Brick Church in 2025.

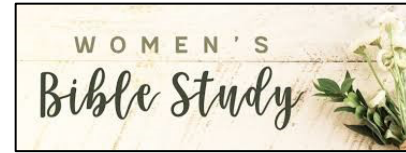
In the fall of 2024, Pastor Chris led us through a 10-part series titled, “Knowing Our Lane at the Red Brick Church.” Through these expository sermons, he highlighted distinctives and provided us with biblical warrant for who we are, how we think, what we do, and why we do it.

1. **Confessionally explicit** and unified with the historic Christian church in beautiful worship (Apostles Creed, Nicene Creed, and great hymns).
2. **Consciously expository in our method** of preaching and studying the Bible. (See the diagram, “Five Steps of Preparing an Expository Sermon.”)
3. **Disciplined in learning doctrine** which includes our use of the New City Catechism.
4. **Community minded** both within our church (mortar, mortar, mortar) and with northern Illinois (our place we *love*).
5. **Connected to the body of Christ** across the field and around the world.
6. **Credo Baptists** who baptize professing believers by immersion. “Paedobaptists” believe in baptizing the infant children of Christians and “credobaptists” believe in baptizing only professing believers in Jesus Christ. Within Paedobaptists camps, distinctions would be made between Roman Catholicism, Lutherans, and Presbyterians.
7. **Congregational** in our church government but committed to a plurality of leadership.
8. **Committed to the basic tenets of the Reformation** summarized in the solas: sola scriptura (Scripture alone), solus Christus (Christ alone), sola fide (faith alone), sola gratia (grace alone), and soli Deo gloria (glory to God alone).
9. **Complementarian** and committed to God’s plan for marriage and the family. “Complementarians believe that God created male and female as complementary expressions of the image of God—male and female are counterparts in reflecting His glory. Having two sexes expands the view. Though both sexes bear God’s image fully on their own, each does so in a unique and distinct way. Male and female in relationship reflect truths about Jesus that are not reflected by male alone or female alone.” Mary Kassian “Christian egalitarianism refers to a biblically-based belief that gender, in and of itself, neither privileges nor curtails a believer's gifting or calling to any ministry in the church or home.”
10. **Careful theologically** and intellectually as we make our way forward through a splintered evangelical landscape. We are not going to be a church that responds too quickly to controversies. Rather, we will respond carefully and thoughtfully.

Each of the distinctives above are important and should not be taken for granted. Take care to know them better this year as we move forward together for God’s glory and our joy.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

All Boards and Committees will be meeting in February to elect new officers and chairmen. Chairmen of all committees will be printed in the March 2025 Newsletter.



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 Thursday Morning Study

Our Thursday Mom's and More Study meets in the Brick Center from 9:00 to 10:30 am on Thursday mornings. Laura Mennen is leading the Thursday morning study. Childcare provided.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through January 31, 2025

Total Approved 2025 Budget = \$609,694

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

Budget Giving through Jan. 31\$46,899

Actual Giving through Jan. 31\$31,471

Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$(15,428)

Actual Expenses through 1/31/25\$54,720

Actual Giving less Actual Expenses .. \$(23,249)



2024 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 2024 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.

Youth Group "LOVING OUR WIDOWS"



THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 ~ FROM 6:00 TO 7:30 PM

IN THE BRICK CENTER

PREPARE VALENTINE CARDS & PACKAGES



THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 ~ 10:00 AM TO NOON

DELIVER VALENTINES TO OUR WIDOWS

FEBRUARY 2025 AWANA SCHEDULE



Wednesday, February 12th

Tonight we are combining M & M Night with Wear Stars and Bring A Flashlight with you to club.

Wednesday, February 19th

It is our monthly GLOW NIGHT on the 19th at AWANA!

Wednesday, February 26th

It's HAT NIGHT on the 26th, so wear your favorite hat to club!

Wednesday, March 5th

M & M Night at club on the 5th. Bring your missionary banks with you to club.

*Unfailing Love
Changes Everything*

HOSEA

JENNIFER ROTHSCHILD

JOIN US!

Tuesday Evening Study meets at 6:30 pm.

Thursday Morning Study meets at 9:00 am.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Feb 1st - Brad and Tessa Baker



VBS 2025

Our Christian Education Committee is actively working on our Summer of 2025 Vacation Bible School. This year are doing the Answers In Genesis VBS called “Wonder Junction – Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory.”

In this Western-themed VBS, kids will learn all about who this amazing Jesus is as they dig into questions such as:

- What amazing things happened surrounding Jesus’ birth?
- What was Jesus like as a child and teen?
- What wonders occurred during Jesus’ ministry years?
- How were Jesus’ death and resurrection like no other?
- What should we be doing as we wait for Jesus’ return?

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Psalm 113:3 (ESV)

Dates for our Vacation Bible School will be announced soon ... be watching your bulletins and newsletters for more information.

Be thinking of where in VBS you would like to help this summer!!

RED BRICK CHURCH
 High School Girls
 Bible Study

Study meets on the following Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 am.

March 8
 April 12
 May 3

Study meets at The Bogner Home, 613 Countryside Drive in Stillman Valley.

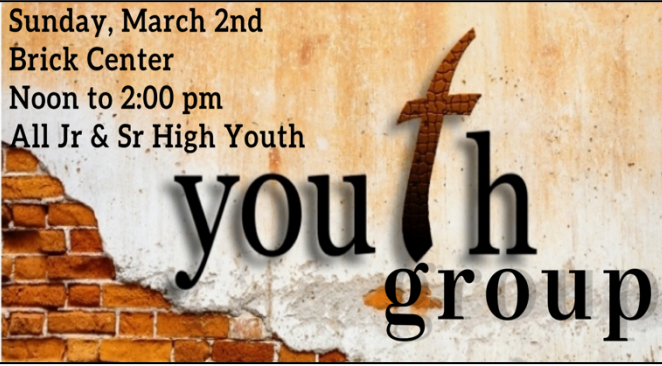
Women In Prayer

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

Meeting dates are:

February 11, 25
 March 4, 11, 18
 April 1, 8, 15, 29

Sunday, March 2nd
Brick Center
Noon to 2:00 pm
All Jr & Sr High Youth



youth
group

MEN'S MORTAR GROUP



MEN'S MINISTRY
February 27

6:30 - 8:00 pm | Brick Center



RBC Senior Fellowship ♥
Tuesday, February 25th at 9:00 am

We will meet on Tuesday, February 25th at 9:00 am at the Sunrise Restaurant in Byron for breakfast and fellowship!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



WINTER RETREAT
IT'S A GREAT TIME!

February 14th - 16th
Expeditions Unlimited
"Psalms for Life"

Leave at 1:00 pm on Friday, Feb. 14
Arrive back to church between 4:00 and 5:00 pm on Sunday, February 16

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**** RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED ****



faith
hope
love

BUT THE GREATEST
OF THESE IS LOVE