



The Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

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March is for Membership at the Red Brick Church.

Every March, the leadership of the Red Brick Church places an emphasis on membership. The pastors and deacons set aside a Saturday morning to review our membership rolls. Why do we do this? Our covenant demands we practice meaningful membership at the Red Brick Church. What do members covenant before God and with one another?

Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to Him, and having been baptized, in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, we, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully covenant with each other.

We will work and pray for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

We will walk together in brotherly love, as becomes the members of a Christian Church, exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others.

We will endeavor to bring up such as may at any time be under our care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by a pure and loving example to seek the salvation of our family and friends.

We will rejoice at each other's happiness and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrows.

We will seek, by divine aid, to live carefully in the world, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, and remembering that, as we have been voluntarily buried by baptism and raised again from the symbolic grave, there is a special obligation now on us to lead a new and holy life.

We will work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines. We will contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We will, when we move from this place, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Deacon Board – Clayton Midtsem
Deaconess Board – Deb Bonne
Trustee Board – Mike Haugse
CE Committee – Cara Roberts
Mission Committee – Clayton Midtsem
Music – Lance Mennen

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through February 28th, 2025

Total Approved 2025 Budget = \$609,694

Divided by 52 weeks/year = **\$11,724**

Budget Giving through Feb. 28.....\$93,800
Actual Giving through Feb. 28\$72,539
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving\$-21,261
Actual Expenses through 2/28/25\$103,575
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses\$-31,036

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1st - Jamie Brauns
March 2nd - Brent Bonne
March 3rd - Kent Cronberg
March 4th - Jana Cox, Grace VanBriesen,
Randy Stukenberg, Rob Wissinger
March 5th - Tessa Baker, Arlett Bonne
March 6th - Sam Miller, Paisley Poliska
March 7th - Chelsea Colon
March 8th - Allie Peterson
March 11th - Pastor Chris, Isaiah Braffett,
Jeremiah Braffett
March 12th - Jamie Adams
March 13th - Livi Dray
March 14th - Elijah Scholl
March 19th - Trinity Scholl, Tim Parcel
March 21st - Dallas Turner
March 22nd - Adrien Booker
March 23rd - Robin Davis
March 25th - Hadley Colon, Carter McCandless,
Jane Cook
March 29th - Jeremiah Bogner, Jewel Holsinger
April 1st - Avis Hall

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 14th - Jack and Trinity Scholl
March 15th - Steve and Donna Arnold



AWANA THEME NIGHTS

Saturday, March 8th

Spark Camp Camp from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Brick Center.

T & T Camp from Noon to 3:30 pm in the Brick Center.

Wednesday, March 12th

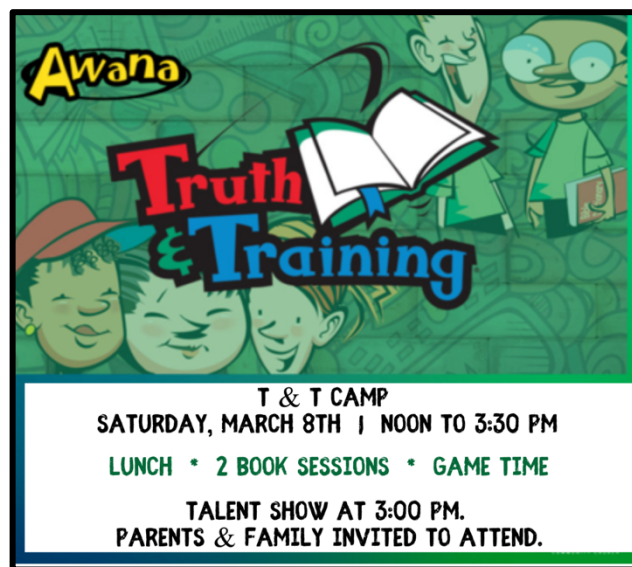
Dress Like An Adventurer Night at AWANA.

Wednesday, March 19th

It's GLOW Night at club on the 20th!

Wednesday, March 26th

AWANA Club is on Spring Break this week.



GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER CHOIR

We are having a Good Friday / Easter Sunday Choir this year. The Good Friday Service will be held at our church. If you are interested in being a part of the choir, join us at our practices from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Practices are on Monday Evenings, March 17th through April 14th.



Easter Choir
PRACTICES ARE FROM 7:00 to 8:00 pm on the following Mondays:
March 17, 24, 31
April 7 and 14

Sing at Good Friday Service on Friday, April 18th
 Sing at both services on Sunday, April 20th

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The Good Friday Service will be held this year at our church on Friday, April 18th at 7:00 pm. All area pastors will be participating in the service.



GOOD FRIDAY
 BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED

FRIDAY, APRIL 18th at 7:00 pm
 Church Sanctuary



Mark Your Calendars!
CHURCH BUSINESS meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 27th
 4:00 pm



SUNDAY, APRIL 20th

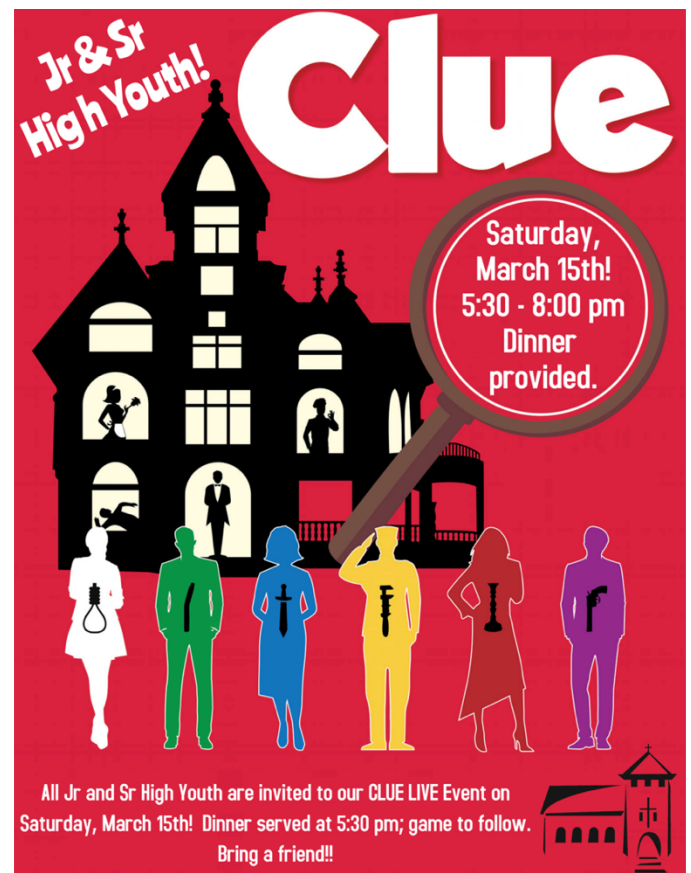
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST
 8:00 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL
 9:00 am

WORSHIP SERVICES
 9:00 & 10:30 am

Nursery available for both services & Children's Church provided at 10:30 am service.



Jr & Sr High Youth!

Clue

Saturday, March 15th
 5:30 - 8:00 pm
 Dinner provided.

All Jr and Sr High Youth are invited to our CLUE LIVE Event on Saturday, March 15th! Dinner served at 5:30 pm; game to follow. Bring a friend!!



VBS 2025 June 16th – 20th

Our Christian Education Committee is continuing to work on our Summer of 2025 Vacation Bible School. This year we are doing the Answers In Genesis VBS called “*Wonder Junction – Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory.*” Be thinking of where in VBS you would like to help this summer!! Last year we had approximately 40 helpers for our VBS!

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?



Our Men’s Mortar Group will meet on Thursday evening, March 27th at 6:30 pm in the Brick Center. The Men will also meet on Thursday evening, April 25th. NO meeting in May.

The group will take a summer break and pick back up their Thursday evening meetings after school resumes in August.

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** RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED **

