



The **Red** Brick Church of Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Pray for the Lord to bless our plans for the facilities of the Red Brick Church. Phase II of our Brick by Brick Campaign planning is underway. We are seeking input on priorities. Meetings are taking place with CVG Architects.

1	Welcome Space: a foyer where we greet and welcome people, wait for services to begin, allow caskets to be moved, and for us to distribute information about the church.
2	A Nursery that invites growth, offers a private area for nursing mothers, and that organizes drop-off.
3	Toddler and children's church: space that needs to be in the same building as the sanctuary. Currently the area below the sanctuary is used.
4	Accessibility: Worship, study, and counseling space that is easily accessed by our entire church family and has adequate handicap parking.
5	Safety: Entrances that can be monitored from inside (so greeters can look out in the winter) and that are properly secured.
6	Beautiful well-lit facilities - that do not look tired and dated.
7	Quality Seating in all areas of the sanctuary. The overflow and balcony do not offer quality seats.
8	Audio / visual systems that allow us to preach and lead music with excellence.
9	Quality signage around our campus that reflects our identity.
10	HV/AC that allows the temperature to be maintained in a way that is not a distraction either due to temperature variance or loud fans.
11	Counseling Space: Private space that also allows accountability (so glass in doors or adjacent windows).
12	Administrative Space (including workroom) that is professional in appearance and maximizes productivity.
13	Study space for (pastors/intern) that offers adequate shelving and communicates a message of excellence in keeping with the gospel and is inviting to potential staff.
14	Adult education space connected to sanctuary such that it is easily accessed and sufficient in size.

What can you do?

- **Pray:** our God is able to do far more than we can conceive.
- **Share:** our leaders need your input to shape the vision.
- **Participate:** our next congregational meeting is Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 4pm, in the sanctuary.

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 March 31st, 2025

Total Approved 2025 Budget = \$609,694

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

Budget Giving through March 31\$152,423
Actual Giving through March 31\$123,536
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving\$-28,887
Actual Expenses through 3/31/25\$147,178
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses\$-23,642

High School and Bible Instruction Class

We will be recognizing our High School Graduates and those 8th graders who have attended and completed our Bible Instruction Class during the 9:00 am service on Sunday, May 18th. We encourage all graduates to please attend on the 18th if at all possible.

***** Please let the church office know if you have a high school graduate in your family.**

COLLEGE NEWS . . .

** If you have a college graduate in your family, please be sure to let the church office know so that we can recognize them in the May newsletter. You can email the information to the office at this address:

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CHILDREN'S PRELUDE

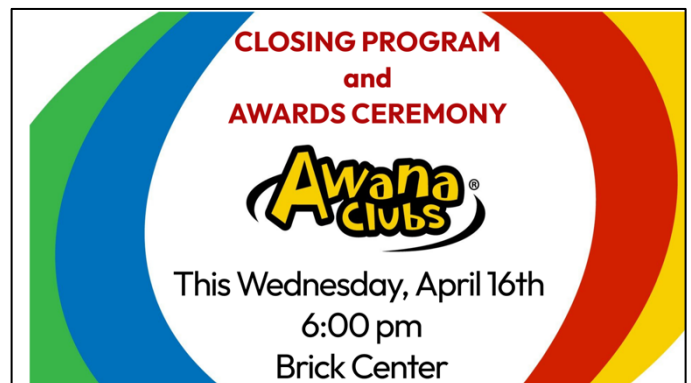
On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11th, we will have our children / youth begin both services with a prelude. Anyone up through high school age who would want to play an instrumental solo as part of our prelude should let Jamie Brauns or Jana in the church office know. The song should be a church song approximately one minute in length.

Happy Birthday!

April 1st - Avis Hall
April 4th - Natalie McCandless
April 6th - Brad Baker
April 7th - Maggie Wilmarth
April 17th - Daniel Miller, Jeannine Hedges
April 19th - Isabella Mennen
April 23rd - Stephen Brass
April 24th - Laurie Carlsen
- Brecken Haak
April 25th - Ed Cliff
April 26th - Rowan Kreml
April 28th - Rick Chelminski
April 29th - Paula Hufford
May 2nd - Lucas Behmer
- Camila Bonne
May 5th - Evan Jones
- Micah Stahl

Happy Anniversary

May 4th - Eric & Kendra Booker



Our AWANA Club meets on Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00 pm for their Closing Celebration in the Brick Center. Clubbers should wear their uniform to the celebration. Fellowship and sweet treats will follow after the award ceremony. All family members are invited to attend.





Please join us for our Community Good Friday Service on Friday, April 18th at 7:00 pm in the church sanctuary. All area Pastors will be participating in the service, along with choirs and scripture readings as we prepare for Resurrection Sunday.



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?

Registration links have been emailed and can be found on our church and Red Brick Ladies Facebook pages. Please register your child/children asap as many classes fill up quickly. If you wish to volunteer for VBS this summer, please register by May 1st so that we can guarantee you have a VBS t-shirt.



Easter Sunday, April 20th: We will have an Easter Breakfast Potluck from **8:00 to 8:45 am.** Donuts and Beverages furnished.

Bring your favorite breakfast casserole or breakfast item to the potluck. So all can attend Sunday School or the 9:00 am Worship Service, the breakfast ends promptly at 8:45 am, giving our Deaconess Board ample time to clean up the Brick Center prior to the start of Sunday School and the Worship Service.



NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY!

Begins Thursday, April 17
9:00 to 10:30 am
In the Brick Center

Meets every other Thursday:
April 17
May 1st, 15th, and 29th
June 12th and 26th

Meeting at local parks or
Brick Center.

Childcare provided.

RUTH

EXPERIENCING A
LIFE RESTORED



Ladies Bible Studies: We are starting a new Ladies Bible Study on the Book of Ruth on Thursday mornings. The study will meet Thursday, April 17th at 9:00 am in the Brick Center. The study will be meeting every other Thursday. Contact Laura Mennen with any questions you might have.

Mark Your Calendars: Church Business Meeting on **Sunday, May 4th at 4:00 pm** in the church sanctuary. Following the meeting, there will be All Church Potluck in the Brick Center. Please plan on attending both the meeting and potluck dinner!

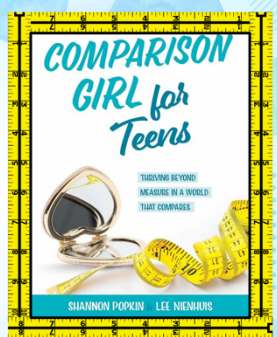
RED BRICK CHURCH

High School Girls
Bible Study

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

May 3

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



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Address Correction Requested.

