



# The Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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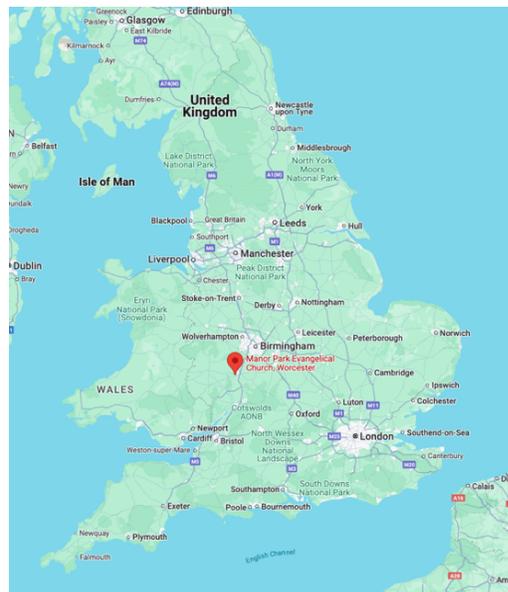
**AUGUST 2025  
NEWSLETTER**  
**9:00 am Worship  
Service**  
**815-645-2526**

*Pastor Roy and Mrs. Yvonne Summers (Manor Park Church, Worcester, England) will visit us August 20-24. This will be our opportunity to be encouraged spiritually and to learn about a local church in the United Kingdom.*

One of the most exciting aspects of being a “brick” is our opportunity to develop personal relationships with Christians around the world. Whether it is the Michalek’s in Thailand, the Pattersons in Slovakia, the ministry in Honduras, Ethiopia, the Republic of Ireland, or Word Partners, we are known and know people in such diverse places.

Knowing and being known is no small thing. There is a great difference between sending money to impersonal accounts and actively partnering.

When Roy Summers visits, he will tell us about the challenges they face in the United Kingdom. And what we will learn is that, for the most part, they are the same sorts of trials we face. But we will also learn something of the flavor of ministry in his part of the world.



**6:30-8:30 PM, Wednesday, August 20, 2025** – Meeting Pastor Roy Summers and God and Science. This will be our opportunity to hear about a local church in the United Kingdom as well as a talk from Roy, “God and Science.” It is worth noting that not only is Roy a pastor, he also has a PhD in Physics.

**10:00-11:30 AM, Saturday, August 23, 2025** – Learning as Leaders. Roy will share how their church went about planting another area congregation and how they develop leaders.

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In a world that is changing at a dizzying pace, education has never been more important. We must be careful Christian thinkers. Sermons in August and the Genesis series will be of foundational importance for how we think about Christian Education.

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**An Update from Pastor Chris and Jamie** – Jamie is scheduled to get a port for chemotherapy on August 1. She will then be receiving chemotherapy of one sort or another for the next three months (give or take).

Jamie’s doctors are hopeful about the prognosis for treating her leukemia. There is medical evidence to believe that by Christmas she could begin to feel better. As we have mentioned, one of the challenges will be a weakened immune system. We will be careful through the Fall. And Chris will work from home much of the time.

## CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Deacon Board – Clayton Midtsem

Deaconess Board – Deb Bonne

Trustee Board – Michael Haugse

CE Committee – Cara Roberts

Mission Committee – Clayton Midtsem

Music – Lance Mennen

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Through July 31, 2025

Total Approved 2025 Budget = \$609,694

Divided by 52 weeks/year = \$11,725

Budget Giving through July 31 .....	\$351,746
Actual Giving through July 31 .....	\$321,777
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving .....	-\$29,969
Actual Expenses through 7/31/25.....	\$338,836
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses ....	-\$17,059



**ONE WORSHIP  
SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**9:00 am service ONLY  
through  
the month of September!**

**One Service at 9:00 am**

**One Worship Service Schedule:** We will have only one worship service at 9:00 am **through the month of September**. Sunday School for all ages will meet from 10:30 to 11:30 am beginning on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.



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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

### SS Superintendent:

**Brooke Adams ~ 815-985-3178**

We are getting ready to begin our 2025-2026 Sunday School! Sunday School Registration will be open soon. We will post in the bulletin and 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.

Continuing with one worship service at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings through the month of September, Sunday School for all ages will begin on **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**. Adult Mortar Groups will also meet at 10:30 am. If you have questions, please contact Brooke Adams at 815-985-3178.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Starts on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> | 10:30 to 11:30 am

**FOR ALL AGES!**

### AWANA PARENT MEETING

Parents ONLY on the 27<sup>th</sup>! No Clubbers.

Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm



- \* Quick overview of our AWANA Program.
- \* Purchase your child's AWANA supplies.

### AWANA KICK-OFF NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY,  
SEPT. 3RD  
6 - 7:30 PM**



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

## FROM PASTOR DAVID . . .

*But [Jesus] answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." Matthew 12:39-40*

Reading the Minor Prophets can be challenging, even for the most seasoned student of the Bible. But the struggle to see Jesus in these pages is worth it. In the case of Jonah, Jesus gave us one very accessible example of fulfillment in the above verses. Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and on the third day, he was raised from the grave, just as he predicted through the imagery of Jonah's 3-night stay in the belly of a great fish.

Jonah is the first of several books we will study on Wednesday nights with our 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>-grade students. We will learn to read them in their historical contexts; the story of Ancient Israel as God unfolded his plan for salvation over time. And we will see how they point us to Jesus.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study kicks off on September 3, 7 to 8pm**, in the Adult Sunday School Room.

Our first Sunday Youth Group will be a combined youth and parent event held in the Brick Center. We'll have pizza and an orientation to the year on **Sunday, September 7, at 11:45am**. Come with your calendars as we will fill host and sponsor roles for Sunday Youth Group, activities, and service projects throughout the school year.

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

*Join us this summer for a time of fellowship after the 9:00 am worship service!*

**August 10**  
**August 24**



*We will meet in the Brick Center.*

## Happy Birthday!

- August 1<sup>st</sup> - Lane Behmer
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Matt Geiseman
- August 4<sup>th</sup> - Bruce Bonne, Hanna Roberts
- August 5<sup>th</sup> - Analiese Cox
- August 6<sup>th</sup> - Grady Poliska
- August 10<sup>th</sup> - Deb Bonne
- August 13<sup>th</sup> - Ingrid Kottke
- August 14<sup>th</sup> - Caleb Anderson, Joanna Easley Brodie Watterson
- August 15<sup>th</sup> - Michelle McCandless, Carter Irish
- August 18<sup>th</sup> - Janet Warner, Stan Dodds
- August 19<sup>th</sup> - Bonnie Moran
- August 20<sup>th</sup> - Donna Arnold, Alex Booker
- August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Tom Whetsel
- August 24<sup>th</sup> - Maeve Kreml
- August 25<sup>th</sup> - Lily Behmer
- August 27<sup>th</sup> - Cindy Coombes
- August 28<sup>th</sup> - Erica Granath, Clairra Myers
- August 30<sup>th</sup> - Lonna Nelson
- August 31<sup>st</sup> - Marilyn Holsinger, Margaret Kottke
- Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - Emilia Janoski
- Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> - Paul Baker, Estelle Jones, Brenden Wrasse

## Happy Anniversary!

- August 12<sup>th</sup> - Chris and Jamie Brauns
- August 17<sup>th</sup> - Jim and Janet Warner
- August 21<sup>st</sup> - Bruce and Deb Bonne
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ron and Nota Ippen
- August 25<sup>th</sup> - Jamie and Brooke Adams
- August 26<sup>th</sup> - Trevor and Bri Svartoién

# Youth BIBLE study



## JR & SR HIGH YOUTH!!

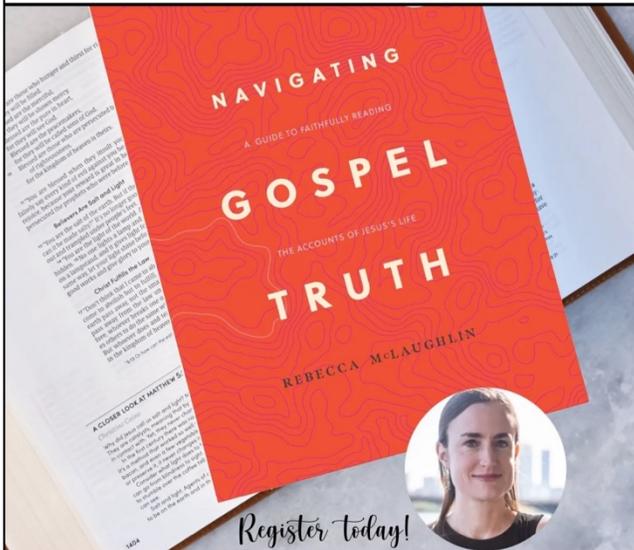
### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Starting September 3rd!

7:00 to 8:00 pm  
Adult SS Classroom at the Church

Studying the Minor Prophets  
Starting with the book of JONAH

## 2025 Fall Ladies Bible Study



Join us for this  
8-session study on  
faithfully reading the Gospels.

Tuesday Evenings starting Sept. 9 @ 6:30 pm  
Thursday Mornings starting Sept. 11 @ 9:00 am

Our fall Ladies Bible Study will be “**Navigating the Gospel Truth – A Guide to Faithfully Reading the Accounts of Jesus’s Life**” by Rebecca McLaughlin. This will be an eight-week study.

The Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—are four accounts of one extraordinary life. Each book tells the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. These books aren't fairytales, fiction, or legend; they are gospel truth. Our eternal future hinges on whether or not they are trustworthy testimonies of the events of Jesus's life and accurate records of His teaching. Through this study, your confidence in the truth of Scripture will be renewed and you'll gain a more captivating view of the Savior.

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 \$18 each and can be purchased when registering, at the first two studies, or on your own.

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 \*\***

