



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**

**OCT 2025
NEWSLETTER**

**TIME OF SERVICES
9:00 & 10:30 am**

Will you commit now to maximize our joy (including your own - our!) this Christmas season at the Red Brick Church?

Now is the time to picture how we will seize the opportunity. Invite friends and neighbors, register for the Christmas Gift Exchange, join the Christmas Choir, involve your children in singing, and read the Christmas story. Our Christmas season kicks off before Thanksgiving. During the month of November, we plan to give away resources to our church family and visitors to help us see and hear the story of Jesus' first coming as a baby in Bethlehem.

Mark these dates and do your part to prepare Him room!

Sunday, November 2:

Kick-Off Christmas Gift Exchange Registration (open from November 2 through 23)
Sunday School Children's Choir sings at both services

Monday, November 10:

Christmas Choir practice begins in the sanctuary; practices will be 7 to 8pm on 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22

Sunday, November 30: First Sunday of Advent

Junior High Christmas Tree Decorating, noon to 2pm

Sunday, December 7: Second Sunday of Advent

Gift Exchange Profiles distributed before and after services
Youth Prelude before both services
Sunday School Children's Choirs sing during both services
Cardinal Christmas Activities in the Brick Center, 4 to 7pm
Junior High Christmas Party, 4 to 6pm
Senior High Christmas Party, 6 to 8pm

Sunday, December 14: Third Sunday of Advent

Adult Christmas Choir sings during both worship services

Sunday, December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent

One worship service at 9am; no Sunday School or 10:30 service
Christmas Gift Exchange following the 9am worship service
Fellowship in the Brick Center following the Gift Exchange
Christmas Caroling at 11:30am

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4pm
Adult Christmas Choir sings

Sunday, December 28

One worship service at 9am; no Sunday School or 10:30am service

We will return to two services on Sunday, October 26 and maintain that schedule through Sunday, December 14.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through September 30, 2025

Total Approved 2025 Budget = \$609,694

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

Budget Giving through Sept 30\$457,271
Actual Giving through Sept 30\$403,468
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving\$-53,803
Actual Expenses through 9/30/25\$437,770
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses\$-34,302

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SS Superintendent:
Brooke Adams ~ 985-3178

Sunday School started up in September and is going great! If you or your children haven't been a part of our Sunday School, we encourage you to plug in on Sunday mornings!

Sunday School Room Locations:

Preschool – Lower Level of Church
K and 1st grade – Brick Center, Room 2
2nd and 3rd grade – Brick Center, Room 4
4th and 5th grade – Brick Center, Room 1
Jr High – Brick Center, Room 5
High School – Brick Center Room 3

Adult Mortar Groups 10/5, 10/12, 10/19:

Both groups are meeting at 10:30 am.
One group in the Adult SS Classroom
One group in the Lower Level of the Church

Adult Mortar Groups 10/26 to 12/14:

9:00 am group in the Adult SS Classroom
10:30 am group in the Brick Center Main Room

** Our Preschool through 5th grade Sunday School Choir will be singing at the beginning of both worship services on Sunday, November 2nd.

~ Happy Birthday ~

Oct 3rd - Lee Hickey, Cathy Midtsem
Oct 6th - Connie Rhodes
Oct 7th - Julie Larson, Haley Jones
Oct 10th - Amanda Geiseman, Chloe Mennen, Sharon Rhodes
Oct 11th - Darren Daniels
Oct 13th - George Myers, Jack Cook
- Greg Tremble
Oct 17th - Atalie Gebbia
Oct 19th - Brian Hedges
Oct 21st - Rebekah Anderson
Oct 23rd - Patrick Roberts, Terri Carby
- Jack Scholl
Oct 28th - Karen Guske
Oct 29th - Elizabeth Miller
Oct 31st - Charlie Wilmarth

~ Happy Anniversary ~

Oct 4th - Dean & Claudia Phil
Oct 8th - Lance & Laura Mennen
Oct 12th - Jay and Jamie Braffett
Oct 15th - Terrell & Terri Carby
Oct 28th - Elliot & Rebekah Anderson

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Our Senior Fellowship (55 and older) will meet for breakfast on Tuesday, October 28th at the Byron Sunrise Restaurant at 9:00 am. Join us for a time for fellowship! The group will not be meeting in November or December.

THEME NIGHTS

Wednesday, October 8th

We got Western Night going on tonight! Dress up for club in your best western attire.

Wednesday, October 15^h

It's Crazy/Mismatch Sock Night at club.

Wednesday, October 22nd

We are doing a Wear Flannel at club this year. Pull out your favorite flannel clothing.

Wednesday, October 29th

Super Hero Night is back on the 29th! Come to club dressed as your favorite Super Hero!



All boards and committees should begin to start thinking about and working on their 2026 budgets.

The Trustee Board would like to have all budgets to them NO later than December 1st.

College and Military Care Packages

Our youth are putting together packages for those in our church family who are actively serving away in the military or are away at college. Jr & Sr High Youth will be meeting from 5:30 to 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 18th at the Adams Home.

We are asking for donations for the care packages. Some suggestions are: Gum, mints, candy, chips, crackers, beef jerky, lip balm, small hand sanitizers, snack bars, snack cakes (Little Debbie's, Hostess) gummies, energy bars. No homemade items please. Drop off individually store-bought pre-packaged items on the back porch of the office building by Noon on Friday, October 10th. This is something that our away college students and those in the military look forward to receiving each year.

COLLEGE and MILITARY CARE PACKAGES
Saturday, October 18th from 5:30 to 8 pm
Adams Home
 6821 E Hales Corner Road, Stillman Valley

Donations of individually wrapped snacks for the care packages can be left on the back porch of the Admin Building through noon on Friday, October 17th

Red Brick Church
2024 Christmas Schedule
November 1st - 23rd
 Everyone completes a Gift Exchange Registration Form

Sunday, November 2nd
 Kick-Off Christmas Gift Exchange Registration at services
 SS Children's Choir sings at both worship services

Sunday, December 7th
 Gift Exchange Profiles handed out before/after services
 Youth Prelude before both worship services
 SS Children's Choir sings at both worship services
 Jr High Youth Christmas Party from 4:00 to 6:00 pm
 Sr High Youth Christmas Party from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
 Cardinal Community Christmas activities at Brick Center

Sunday, December 14th
 Adult Christmas Choir sings at both worship services

Sunday, December 21st
 Only one worship service at 9:00 am
 NO SS or 10:30 am service
 Gift Exchange following the 9:00 am worship service
 Fellowship in the Brick Center after Gift Exchange
 Christmas Caroling at 11:30 am

Wednesday, December 24th
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4:00 pm
 Adult Christmas Choir sings

Sunday, December 28th
 Only one worship service at 9:00 am
 NO SS or 10:30 am service

Christmas
CHOIR
Rehearsals

MONDAY EVENINGS!
November 10th, 17th
December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd


7:00 to 8:00 pm

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 5th, 12th and 19th
One service at 9:00 am

October 26th - December 14th
Two Services at 9:00 & 10:30 am

December 21st and 28th
One service at 9:00 am



Sunday Morning Adult Mortar Groups @ 10:30 am

ADULT SS CLASSROOM
** Sermon Discussion and Life Applications **

LOWER LEVEL FELLOWSHIP AREA AT CHURCH
"The Book Of Ephesians" video study by J. D. Greear

Congregational Prayer

Sunday Mornings, Sept. 21 through Oct. 26
8:30 to 8:45 am
Adult SS Classroom

TIME OF PRAYER

MEN'S MORTAR GROUP



OCTOBER 23

6:30 - 8:00 pm | Brick Center

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