



The Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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*Maximize our joy this Christmas as we celebrate
the birth of King Jesus!*

We already sang "Go Tell It on the Mountain" on the first Sunday of Advent. Don't miss the other opportunities to sing great songs of the Christmas season together. Take special note of the following ways we will celebrate the birth of King Jesus:

Sunday, December 7:

Receive your profile for the Gift Exchange

Hear children sing during the 9 and 10:30 services

During Cardinal Christmas, 4 to 7pm:

- **Sing** Christmas carols in the Brick Center, 5:30 to 5:45pm with other Bricks.
- **View** the Red Brick Church live nativity in the Brick Center.
- **Enjoy** refreshments in the Brick Center.
- **Explore** the attractions in downtown Stillman Valley including the Christmas trees east of the bank. Be sure to view the tree decorated by our youth!

Our youth Christmas parties will also take place:

- Junior High party in the fellowship hall from 4 to 6pm.
- Senior High at the Stahl Home from 6 to 8pm.

Sunday, December 14: Hear our Red Brick Church choir sing during the 9 and 10:30 services.

Thursday, December 18: Men's Mortar Group, the competition continues at 6:30pm in the Brick Center!

Sunday, December 21:

- **Come** to one service at 9am; no Sunday School or 10:30 service.
- Immediately following the worship service:
 - **Sing** Christmas carols together.
 - **Give** to gospel work in Honduras.
 - **Celebrate** with the exchange of gifts.
 - **Fellowship** with food in the Brick Center.
- **Visit** Bricks unable to be at church and sing Christmas carols with them from 11:30 to around 1pm.

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4pm.

Sunday, December 28: One worship service at 9am; no Sunday School or 10:30 service.

We have many opportunities to sing great Christmas carols, enjoy fellowship with one another, hear the Word preached, give to the Lord's work, and celebrate the coming of our Savior. Let's maximize our joy this Christmas season!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through November 30, 2025

Total Approved 2025 Budget = \$609,694

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

Budget Giving through Nov. 30\$562,794
Actual Giving through Nov. 30\$520,509
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving-\$42,285
Actual Expenses through 11/30/25\$532,748
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses-\$12,239



Please note that to be counted for 2025 tax purposes, all church contributions need to be **RECEIVED** by the church office no later than **DECEMBER 31st**. Any contributions received after that date, *regardless of check date or postmark*, will be counted as a 2026 contribution.

If anyone would like an update on what they have given, or has any questions at all, please contact either:

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AWANA

Wednesday, Dec. 10th

Dress Like a Present / Gift Night.

Wednesday, December 17th

AWANA Store.

Dress Like Christmas – Red and Green!

Wednesday, December 24th

No Club on the 24th – Merry Christmas!

Wednesday, December 31st

No club on the 31st – Happy New Year!

Wednesday, January 7th, 2026

M & M Night at club.

December Birthday's

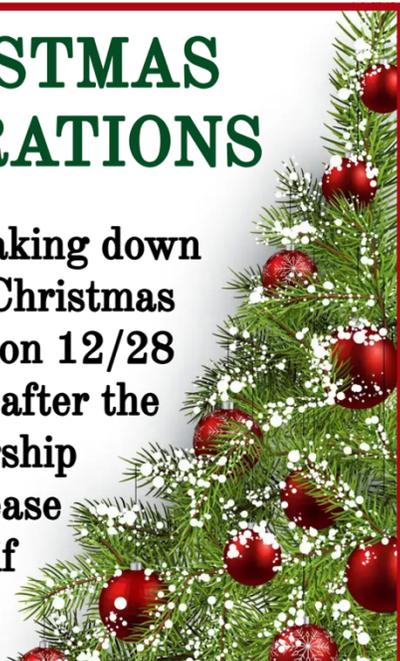
- Dec. 3rd - Elise Bonne
- Dec. 5th - Zach Poliska, John Anderson
- Dec. 8th - Pete Mazanec, Nathan Dray
- Dec. 10th - Sally Johnson, Steve Peterson, Daniel Irish
- Dec. 11th - Lana Lamer
- Dec. 13th - Karen Hilliard
- Dec. 14th - Logan Peterson
- Dec. 15th - Kari Janoski
- Dec. 16th - Carl Kottke
- Dec. 18th - Laura Mennen
- Dec. 19th - Betts Carby
- Dec. 21st - Ryan Roberts, Jim Warner
- leasha Coogan
- Dec. 23rd - Kendra Booker
- Dec. 26th - James Daniels, Meredith Jones, Steve Arnold, Annie Corben
- Dec. 27th - Marybeth Hamilton
- Dec. 28th - Natalie Haugse
- Dec. 29th - Matt Montgomery
- Dec. 30th - Cameron Wissinger
- Jan. 4th - Wren Hickey

December Anniversaries

- Dec. 8th - Zach and Mandy Poliska
- Dec. 16th - Dan and Marilyn Holsinger
- Dec. 17th - Stephen and Andria Brass
- Dec. 30th - Stan and Elaine Dodds
- Dec. 31st - Carl and Karil Kottke

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We will be taking down our Church Christmas Decorations on 12/28 immediately after the 9:00 am worship service. Please stay to help if you can.





YOUTH GROUP
Christmas Parties

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

JR HIGH - 4:00 TO 6:00 PM
CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

SR HIGH - 6:00 TO 8:00 PM
THE STAHL'S
220 W PRAIRIE TRAIL, SV

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st and 28th
** NO Sunday School or 10:30 am service **



JR & SR HIGH YOUTH!
Mark your calendars!

FEBRUARY 2026
WINTER CAMP



FEBRUARY 13 - 15
Expeditions Unlimited

THEME THIS YEAR IS:
"WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM"

REGISTRATION OPENS UP AFTER THE 1ST OF THE YEAR!

Christmas Choir



Come hear the Christmas Choir!
The choir will sing at both services on December 14th and at the 4 pm Christmas Eve Service.

Gift Exchange
Things to know about 12/21/25!

- * Get your name tag in the back of the church from Jana when you arrive.
- * Pick up your children from Children's Church or Nursery at 10:00 am.
- * Only 1 service at 9:00 am. No 10:30 am service.
- * Honduras Project Envelopes, Gift Exchange and Caroling starts at 10:00 am in the sanctuary.
- * Brunch Potluck following Gift Exchange in Brick Center. Bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies!
- * All church caroling following the brunch!

There will be gifts for everyone!



We will be collecting our green HONDURAS PROJECT envelopes. So, bring your gifts and envelopes with you to church on the 21st. Everyone is invited to stay for brunch following the gift exchange. If you are planning on staying for lunch, **please bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies** with you to share!

MEN'S MORTAR GROUP



DECEMBER 18

6:30 - 8:00 pm | Brick Center

THE HONDURAS PROJECT

~ Christmas 2025 ~



"The Arturo and Rachel Mariadaga Fund"

This Christmas Season we are partnering with GoSendMe with a goal to collect \$15,000 which will go to providing hot water to a missionary's home and the church kitchen, and to also rebuilding a home in Honduras that was recently damaged in a fire. Our celebration on December 21 will include receiving gifts for "The Arturo and Rachel Mariadaga Fund". Bring your **GREEN** envelopes to church!

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**** RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED ****

The poster features a warm, golden-brown background. On the left, there are three lit candles of varying heights. In the center, a silhouette of a family (two adults and a child) is visible. The word 'Candlelight' is written in a large, elegant cursive font, with 'SERVICE' in a smaller, bold, serif font below it. At the bottom, a dark brown banner contains the text 'JOIN US THIS CHRISTMAS EVE' in white, all-caps serif font. Below the banner, the date and time 'Wednesday, December 24th at 4:00 pm' are written in a white cursive font.