



The Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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Pastor Chris Brauns | Associate Pastor David Bogner

**MAY 2026
NEWSLETTER**

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Building with Bricks is coming into focus with input from Church Growth Services, the Master Plan Committee, Worship Leadership, Christian Education Ministries, and the broader congregation. Even as we develop the vision for our facilities, a busy summer of ministry activities awaits.

These are exciting days to be Bricks in the Rock River Valley! The vision for our facilities sharpens while we make ministry hay in spring sunshine (and a few thunderstorms).

- *The Way of Repentance* has put the Red Brick Church on the lips of ministry leaders around the globe. Pastor Chris is speaking widely and is a guest on a number of podcasts.
- Our commitment to global missions deepened our relationship with the Maradiaga family serving in Honduras who we will see May 30-31.
- We are strengthening relationships with other local churches in Northern Illinois through leadership events and partnerships.
- We plan to host missionary Todd Patterson this summer at a date to be determined.
- We are encouraging Lance and Laura Mennen as we say goodbye, and they set out to begin a new chapter of ministry.
- We are thankful for another group of wonderful graduates.
- Pastor David and Pastor Chris are enjoying recruiting the “Building with Bricks” campaign leadership team.

May

Celebrate what God has done with our young people and missions.

Sunday, May 10: Mother’s Day with Youth Prelude and Children’s Choirs

Sunday, May 17: Graduation Sunday

Sunday, May 24: One-service at 9 a.m. schedule begins

Saturday, May 30, 5-7 p.m.: An Evening with the Arturo and Rachel Maradiaga in the Brick Center

Sunday, May 31: Arturo and Rachel Maradiaga missionary update during the 9 a.m. service followed by fellowship in the Brick Center

June

Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 to 8 p.m.: Darryl Dash, pastor from the Greater Toronto Area meeting with the Bricks

Thursday, June 11: A Pastor’s Event at the Red Brick Church with Darryl Dash

Sunday, June 14: Darryl Dash preaching at the Red Brick Church

Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26, 9 to 11:30 a.m.: Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 28: Fellowship in the Brick Center following the 9 a.m. service

July

Sunday, July 12: Fellowship in the Brick Center following the 9 a.m. service

Monday, July 20, 6 to 8 p.m.: 6th Annual Community Connections Carnival

Wednesday, July 22, 6 to 8 p.m.: Rain date for the Community Connections Carnival

Sunday, July 26: Fellowship in the Brick Center following the 9 a.m. service

Pray for upcoming meetings regarding the Building with Bricks Campaign. God is at work among the Bricks!

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



We email and text announcements, news articles, coming events, etc. frequently and we don't want to miss anyone! Be sure we have your correct email address and mobile phone number in our database. Also, if we don't have your birthday or anniversary of members of your family, we would love to celebrate with you! Any updated information can be sent to the church office at cccoffice1@comcast.net.

HONORING GRADUATES

On Sunday, May 17th, we will be honoring our 2026 SVHS and BHS graduates as well as those from our church family who are also home-schooled graduates.

We will be honoring all graduates during the 9:00 am worship service. If you have a graduate in your family or know of a graduate from our church family, please contact the church office 645-2526.

On Sunday, May 17th, we will also be recognizing our 2026 BIC (Bible Instruction Course) and 8th grade graduates. We will be honoring our 8th grade graduates during the 9:00 am worship service.

~ Happy Birthday ~

- May 2nd - Lucas Behmer, Camila Bonne
- May 5th - Evan Jones, Micah Stahl
- May 8th - Mike Haugse
- May 10th - Dakota Svartoién
- May 11th - Storm Hickey
- May 12th - Anna Bogner
- May 14th - Noah Myers
- May 15th - Claudia Pihl
- May 16th - Hannah Braffett
- May 17th - Aiden Carby, Heidi Armer, Becky Myers
- May 18th - Kaitlyn Adams, Emma Wissinger
- May 20th - Aileen Gatz
- May 22nd - Evan Stahl
- May 24th - Donna Dyal, Elliot Anderson
- May 25th - Heather Wallin
- May 28th - Wyatt Brass, Susan Stukenberg, Bri Svartoién
- May 30th - Mandy Poliska
- June 1st - June Lewis



Children's Prelude and SS CHOIR

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th, we will have our youth begin both services with a prelude!

Our SS Choirs (Preschool – 5th grade) will also be singing at both services on the 10th. SS Choirs should be to the Brick Center by 8:45 am.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through April 30, 2026

Total Approved 2026 Budget = \$629,031

Divided by 52 weeks/year = \$12,097

Budget Giving through April 30..... \$205,645
Actual Giving through April 30 \$189,900
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$-15,745
Actual Expenses through 4/30/26..... \$192,732
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses \$-2,832

~ Happy Anniversary ~

- May 4th - Bob & Patsy Hoernecke
- Eric & Kendra Booker
- May 19th - Mike & Gloria Ennenbach
- May 23rd - Dave & Aileen Gatz
- May 26th - Toby & Aly Behmer



VBS 2026
June 22 – 26
9:00 to 11:30 am

Our CE Committee is continuing to work on our Summer of 2026 Vacation Bible School. This year we are doing the Answers In Genesis VBS called **“Emerald Crossing – An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23.”**

At *Emerald Crossing* VBS, your children will journey through Ireland’s lush landscapes, exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23. They’ll discover the life of the shepherd-king David and will learn how to cross from worry to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God’s Word through a relationship with the Good Shepherd.

Get your passport ready for Ireland and join the adventure!

Please use this QR code to the right to register your child/children for our VBS. Classes fill up quickly!!



Those who would like to volunteer to help with our VBS, can register using the QR code to the left. Register by 5/10/26 and you will receive a VBS T-Shirt.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Join us for summer fellowship and light refreshments in the Brick Center following the 9:00 am worship service on Sunday May 31st, June 28th, July 12th and July 26th.



SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE


Beginning Sunday, May 24th through Sunday, September 6th, we will have only one worship service at 9:00 am. No 10:30 am worship service or Sunday School during the summer.






MEET THE MARADIAGA FAMILY

Come and meet our **MISSIONARIES** serving in *Honduras*

Arturo and Rachel
MARADIAGA and FAMILY



 **SATURDAY, MAY 30TH**
 **5:00 to 7:00 pm**
 **IN THE BRICK CENTER**

On Saturday, May 30th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Arturo and Rachel Maradiaga with their four children (ages 6 to 12) will spend an evening with our church family in the Brick Center. We encourage everyone to attend as we get to know our partners in gospel ministry serving in Honduras.

Arturo and Rachel Maradiaga will also give us a missionary update during the 9:00 am worship service on Sunday, May 31st, followed by fellowship in the Brick Center.

Stillman Valley High School
BACCALAUREATE SERVICE




SATURDAY,
May 16th


7:00 pm


High School Gym


JR & SR HIGH
Youth
BIBLE STUDY


— We will continue to read and discuss "The Pilgrim Progress" —

 **WEDNESDAY,**
JUNE 3RD

 **6:30 – 8:00 PM**

 **THE BOGNER HOME**
 613 COUNTRYSIDE DRIVE
 STILLMAN VALLEY



 *Bring a friend!*
ALL ARE WELCOME!

GOING TO CHURCH CAMP?
 MAKE MEMORIES. GROW IN FAITH. HAVE FUN!

THE CE BOARD IS OFFERING A
\$100
CAMP SCHOLARSHIP
 TO HELP YOU GO!

 **CHECK THE WEBSITES FOR CAMP OPENINGS!**

 FOREST SPRINGS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER  FORESTSPPRINGS.US	 LAKE LUNDGREN BIBLE CAMP  LAKELUNDGREN.ORG
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HONORING OUR 8TH GRADE & HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Class of
2026
 CONGRATULATIONS!

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

THE RED BRICK CHURCH
 PO Box 370
 Stillman Valley, IL 61084

** RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED **

