



The Red Brick Church of Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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JUNE 2026
NEWSLETTER
CHURCH PHONE
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BE A BRICK, GET A BRICK, AND COMPLETE OUR JOY

(1) Identify a small action that will advance the mission of the church and believe God will use your efforts. (2) Take action! (3) Write out a 1-2 paragraph summary of what you did. (4) Tell a pastor and share the joy. (5) Enjoy being part of our church family and team as we stir one another up.

1. **Identify** a small action and believe that God will use small steps. Examples:

Invite several over for dinner.

Read 2 Corinthians 8-9 aloud and discuss what you notice.

Children find a way to contribute to the Building with Bricks campaign.

Follow up with a visitor and help them assimilate.

Read Matthew 25 aloud on 5 different occasions and consider what it has to do with "Building with Bricks."

Journal prayers.

Invite someone to be your guest at church.

2. **Take Action.** Swing the bat. Don't be paralyzed by perfection or by thinking it needs to be a grand strategy. God uses small faithful steps. Give someone a call. Get down on your knees. Put a date on the calendar.
3. **Write out a summary.** Your description of what you did need not be long. But this reflecting and writing step is essential.
- You might pray as you write it out.
 - Recording your thoughts will consolidate in your own mind and heart why you are doing it.
 - Do not come to a pastor and say, "I want to tell you about this -- I haven't had a chance to write it down yet. . ." NO! Take the time to reflect and write it down. Don't worry about your penmanship or spelling.
4. **Deliver the paper to a pastor and demand your brick.** You need a stack of them. It's important to tell us about how you are "building with bricks" because:
- The pastors want to compile them and thank God.
 - They won't publish your thoughts without your permission, but we will be talking about the kinds of things that are happening.
 - This will encourage the pastors who need to know that the rest of our church is working at this and that we have a group of people who are all in.
5. **Enjoy being a team player.** The part of a person that rolls his or her eyes at the thought of silly exercises is precisely the one who needs to submit to leadership and direction and follow through. And there is much joy in being liked-minded, being one in spirit and purpose (Philippians 2:1-2).

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 – Associate Pastor David Bogner

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through May 31, 2026

Total Approved 2026 Budget = \$629,031

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

Budget Giving through May 31\$266,129
Actual Giving through May 31\$221,359
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving\$- 44,770
Actual Expenses 5/31/26\$243,072
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses ...\$- 21,713



June 22 - 26 | 9:00 to 11:30 am
Preschool - Just completed 6th grade
REGISTER TODAY ... CLASSES FILL UP QUICKLY!

We are looking forward to an exciting week at our VBS this year!! Our VBS workers are working hard decorating their rooms, the Brick Center and sanctuary!! Get your passport ready for Ireland and join the VBS Adventure June 22nd through the 26th.

In a world filled with worry and confusion, kids need to know there *is* a God who cares for them. At *Emerald Crossing* VBS, they'll 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.

We are looking forward to another wonderful VBS here at the Red Brick Church!

2026 8th Grade Graduates

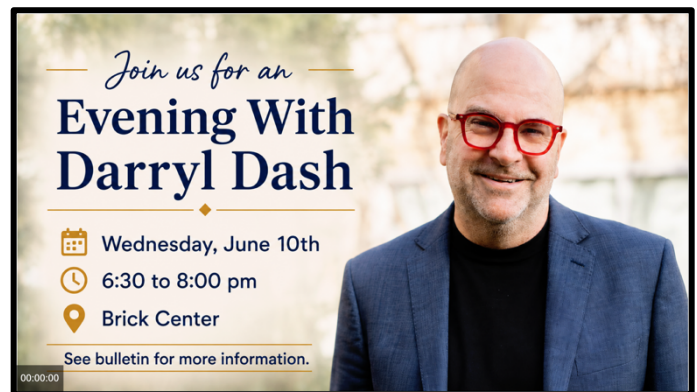


Lane Behmer, Grady Poliska, Elsa Kottke, Emma Wissinger, Connie Watson, Kaitlyn Adams, Annaliese Haak. Absent: Livi Dray

2026 High School Graduates



Brodie Watterson, Alex Booker, Landon McCandless, Evan Stahl, Aubrey Janoski, Clairra Myers, Conner Wrasse. Absent: Claire Love



An Evening with Darryl Dash: Please plan on joining us on **Wednesday, June 10th**, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Brick Center to hear about the body of Christ in the Great Toronto Area and learn about leadership development and church planting from a faithful pastor.

~ Happy Birthday ~

- June 1st - June Lewis
- June 3rd - Aly Behmer
- June 7th - Maddux Montgomery
- June 8th - Rick Dyal
- June 9th - Nolan Adams
- June 10th - Eric Booker, Connor Colon
- June 11th - Tom Stahl, Elizza Easley
- June 13th - Paislee Watson, Ethan Wallin
- June 14th - Sam Dray
- June 15th - Trevor Svartoi, Beth Clift
- June 20th - Laura Marquardt
- June 21st - Vicky Farbo, Pam Hochstetter
- June 22nd - Roysten Schaefer
- June 23rd - Stacy Jones, Lance Mennen
- June 24th - Harleigh Wallin
- June 25th - Noah Ross
- June 26th - Landon McCandless
- June 28th - Kay Swanson
- July 2nd - Adalee Brass
- July 5th - Reece Gatz, Ashley Rhodes
- July 6th - Faith VanBriesen

~ Happy Anniversary ~

- June 1st - Don and Heather Wallin
- June 4th - Rick and Donna Dyal
- June 8th - Greg and Erica Granath
- June 8th - Mike and Natalie Haugse
- June 17th - David and Marcia Bogner
- June 18th - Lee and Shannon Hickey

JR & SR HIGH
Youth
BIBLE STUDY

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH

6:30 - 8:00 PM

THE BOGNER HOME
613 COUNTRYSIDE DRIVE
STILLMAN VALLEY

Incoming 6th graders are invited!!

Wednesday Night Youth Bible Study for all Jr & Sr High Youth meets on Wednesday, July 15th at the Bogner Home (613 Countryside Drive in Stillman Valley) from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Incoming 6th grade are invited to join. All are welcome to stay beyond 8:00 pm to enjoy long summer nights.

Join us for
SUMMIER FELLOWSHIP
on the following Sundays
at 10:30 am:

- June 28
- July 12
- July 26

RED BRICK CHURCH

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

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CARNIVAL

Monday, July 20 | 6 - 8 pm
(Rain Date: Wednesday, July 22)

LOTS of new, fun games for all ages!
Dinner (free of charge) provided! Dessert Trucks!

RED BRICK CHURCH | 207 W Roosevelt Rd, Stillman Valley | 815.645.2526

Community Connections Carnival

Our Community Connections Carnival outreach to our neighbors, friends, and family is fast approaching. This year, we are only going to be doing our carnival on Monday, July 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Be sure to mark this on your calendar! Bringing in a few new games this year and some of our favorites from previous years! Invite your family, friends, neighbors, etc! In case of inclement weather, the carnival will be held on Wednesday, July 22nd.

One
SERVICE
Sundays
— AT THE —
RED BRICK CHURCH

One **SERVICE** AT **9:00 AM**

— THROUGH —
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH

 *Mark your calendars!*

**SUMMER ADULT
MORTAR GROUP**
— + —

*Meets at 10:30 am
on Sunday Morning*
(except on Fellowship Sundays)

THE RED BRICK CHURCH
PO Box 370
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**** RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED ****

Happy
FATHER'S DAY

NUMBERS 6:24-27

