



## Congregational Christian Church The **Red** Brick Church in Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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**Pastor Chris Brauns**

**APRIL 2017  
NEWSLETTER**

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**TIME OF SERVICES  
Worship Service – 9:00 am  
Sunday School – 9:00 am  
Worship Service – 10:30 am**

*Psalm 22 is THE Psalm of the Cross and offers a wonderful place to meditate during Holy Week.*

Psalm 22 is a psalm with application in David's life (circa 1000 B.C) but it is prophetic and fulfilled completely only by Christ. Hence, it is sometimes called the 5<sup>th</sup> Gospel account of the cross.<sup>1</sup> Spurgeon says that this Psalm is beyond all others

[Psalm 22] It may have been actually repeated word by word by our Lord when hanging on the tree; it would be too bold to say that it was so, but even a causal reader may see that it might have been . . . O for grace to draw near and see this great sight! We should read reverently, putting off our shoes from our feet, as Moses did at the burning bush, for if there be holy ground anywhere in Scripture it is this psalm.<sup>2</sup>

Regarding Psalm 22, Kaiser writes:

David did experience unusual suffering, but under a revelation from God he witnesses suffering of one of his offspring, presumably the last in that promised line, that far transcends anything that came his way.<sup>3</sup>

The Psalm's essential message is summarized in verse 24. In spite of God's awful delay in answering prayer, he answers and upholds ultimate justice.<sup>4</sup> So, someone has said, that while Psalm 22 begins with a "sob", it ends with a "song" in anticipation of the resurrection.<sup>5</sup>

Kidner:

No Christian can read this without being vividly confronted with the crucifixion. It is not only a matter of prophecy minutely fulfilled, but of the sufferer's humility - - there is no plea for vengeance—and his vision of a world-wide ingathering of the Gentiles. The Gelineau translation entitles it 'The suffering servant wins the deliverance of the nations'.

No incident recorded of David can begin to account for this.<sup>6</sup>s

We need only review the New Testament usage of Psalm 22 to understand its central importance.

<sup>1</sup> Peter C. Craigie, *Psalms 1-50*, ed. David A. Hubbard et al., Word Biblical Commentary (Waco: Word, 1983), 202.

<sup>2</sup> {Citation}

<sup>3</sup> Walter C. Kaiser, *The Messiah in the Old Testament*, Studies in Old Testament Biblical Theology (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1995), 113.

<sup>4</sup> Waltke, Bruce K., Houston, James M., and Erika Moore, *The Psalms as Christian Worship: A Historical Commentary* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010), 398.

<sup>5</sup> "Psalms Studies - Book 1," accessed March 27, 2012, <http://www.christadelphianbooks.org/booker/psalms1/psabka30.html>.

<sup>6</sup> Derek Kidner, *Psalms 1-72*, ed. D.J. Wiseman, Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 1973), 105.

# Summary of The New Testament's Use of Psalm 22

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Psalm 22	New Testament
Psalm 22:18 - they divide my garment among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.	Matthew 27:35 - And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.
	Mark 15:24 - And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take.
	Luke 23:34b – And they cast lots to divide his garments.
	John 19:24 - so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, / "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things,
Psalm 22:7 All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;	Matthew 27:39 - And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads
	Mark 15:29 - And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads
Psalm 22:1a - My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?	Matthew 27:46 - And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
	Mark 15:34 - And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Psalm 22:22 I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:	Hebrews 2:12 - saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."
Psalm 22:31 – they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn that <i>he has done it</i> .	John 19:30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, " <i>It is finished,</i> " and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



## ALL CHURCH MISSION TRIP ~ 7/26 to 7/30

Our church is taking a mission trip this summer to help Immanuel Bible Church in Sheboygan, WI update their facilities. We are primarily encouraging men to come on this trip, but we welcome ladies and Senior High teens to join.

The trip is scheduled for the team to leave Wednesday evening and stay through Sunday morning service. Housing is provided in members' homes, although team members are welcome to find their own accommodations if they desire.

If you're interested in the trip, please see Pastor Tim, or go to this link and fill out the form: <http://bit.ly/2mNxx0l>

# APRIL GREETERS GREETERS SCHEDULE

April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dick and Shirl Johann  
 April 9<sup>th</sup>: Dave and Bev Bjorklund  
 April 16<sup>th</sup>: Len and Barb Kinner  
 April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Stan and Cheryl Lewis  
 April 30<sup>th</sup>: Tom and Ashley Stahl

## APRIL NURSERY

### April 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 am Tom and Ashley Stahl,  
Tania VanBriesen  
 10:30 am Stacy Jones, Alice Daniels

### April 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Deb Bonne, Bettina Wiltse,  
Joanna Easley  
 10:30 am Lee and Shannon Hickey

### April 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Kendra Booker, Barb Hale,  
Aly Behmer, Mandy Poliska  
 10:30 am Brad and Tessa Baker,  
Jamie Brauns

### April 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am Jeanne Baker, Jaime Wrasse,  
Justine Loyo  
 10:30 am Jane Jones, Betts Carby

### April 30<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Stacy Coester, Ryan Roberts,  
Sharon Rhodes  
 10:30 am Carl and Elizabeth Jacobson

### May 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Tom and Ashley Stahl,  
Alice Daniels  
 10:30 am Tania VanBriesen, Rebekah  
Anderson, Elliot Anderson

## NURSERY NEWS

Parents with children under the age of 5 years are invited and encouraged to use our nursery during either of the worship services. Our nursery is just off the hallway on the west side of the building. If you would like to volunteer to help in our nursery or have any questions, please contact our nursery coordinators, Tessa Baker (815-315-3696) or Stacy Coester (815-762-2865).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS . . .

### SS Superintendent:

Brooke Adams  
815-645-8561

Our average weekly Sunday School **Attendance** for the past two years during the month of MARCH is listed below:

March 2016: 89  
 March 2017: 74

Our average weekly Sunday School **Offerings** for the past two years during the month of MARCH are listed below:

March 2016: \$21.40  
 March 2017: \$10.83

## WORSHIP SERVICE REPORT

Our average attendance at Worship Services for the past three months is listed below:

January Average: 233  
 February Average: 255  
 March Average: 264

### CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Deacon Board – Terrell Carby 630-661-9962  
 Deaconess Board – Deb Bonne 979-0885  
 Trustee Board – Jeff McLindsay 440-2042  
 CE Committee – Janice Amundson 645-7010  
 Memorial Committee – Jeff McLindsay 440-2042  
 Missions Committee – Cathy Midtsem 979-3715  
 Music – Pastor Tim Michalek 645-2526

**May Newsletter Articles  
are due in the  
church office by  
Tuesday, April 25, 2016**

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Through March 31, 2017

**Total Approved 2017 Budget = \$411,383**

Divided by 52 weeks/year = **\$7,912/week**

Budget Giving through Mar. 31..... \$102,856

Actual Giving through Mar. 31 ..... \$103,670

Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving ..... \$814

Actual Expenses through 3/31/17 ..... \$81,910



If the church office does not have your email address, please be sure to email your address to the office at the following

email address:

[cccoffice1@comcast.net](mailto:cccoffice1@comcast.net)

The email address for Pastor Chris is:

[cdbrauns@gmail.com](mailto:cdbrauns@gmail.com)

The email address for Pastor Tim is:

[timothymichalek@gmail.com](mailto:timothymichalek@gmail.com)

We will be emailing out announcements, news articles, coming events, etc., so don't miss out!! Be sure we have your email address.

## High School and Bible Instruction Class

We will be recognizing our High School Graduates and those 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have attended and completed our Bible Instruction Class during the 9:00 am service on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all graduates to please attend on the 14<sup>th</sup> if at all possible. A reception for the graduates will be held in the fellowship hall at 10:00 am.

**\*\*\* Please let the church know if you have a high school graduate in your family. \*\*\***



# SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We look forward to Resurrection Sunday this month! We encourage families to prepare their children for this amazing celebration. Reading Luke 24 might be a good place to start. On Palm Sunday (4/9), please look forward to our Pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in our morning worship service at both the 9 and 10:30 services. On Easter Sunday, there will NOT be Sunday School. We encourage families to attend the worship services together. Children's Church will be available for Children in Pre-School through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade on Easter Sunday. There will be a children's egg hunt immediately following the 10:30 worship service.

We have begun using a check-in system in the Preschool Sunday School Classroom. Parents are asked to check in their child on the iPad and wait for a name tag to print for your child. A separate tag will print for parents to keep with them. Please show your parent tag to the classroom teacher when you pick up your child. A similar check-in system will soon be used for KG-5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. An adult will need to assist children with check-in; children are NOT permitted to check in themselves or siblings. Thank you for your patience while we all learn this new system.

Brooke Adams, Sunday School Superintendent

## COLLEGE NEWS . . .

\*\* If you have a college graduate in your family, please be sure to let the church office know so that we can recognize them in the May newsletter. You can email the information to the office at this address:

[cccoffice1@comcast.net](mailto:cccoffice1@comcast.net)

## CHILDREN'S PRELUDE

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, we will have our children/youth begin both services with a prelude!

Any one up through high school age who would want to play an instrumental song as part of our prelude should let Jamie Brauns or the church office know!

## From Pastor Tim . . .

### The Youth Group has a busy month!

- Our Youth Group will meet on **April 9**, (a change from our first Sunday of the month schedule). JH will meet at church and SH will meet at Ryan and Jane Jones' Home.
- Bible Study each Wednesday at 7pm.
- We will be packing Easter baskets at Valley Covenant Church from 6pm - 7:30pm on **April 10**.
- We will also be having an outdoor cleanup for the Nelsons on **April 17** at 10:00am. Lunch is provided for all hard workers! (Bring a rake and gloves - [8447 N Hales Corner Rd](#)).
- Our SH will be attending the Trinity 360 Leadership Conference on **April 21-22**.

#### Schedule for the rest of the school year:

Apr 5 -- 7-8pm -- Weekly Wednesday Bible Study

Apr 9 -- 12-2pm -- JH @ Church

Apr 9 -- 5-7pm -- SH at Ryan and Jane Jones home

Apr 10 -- Bread of Life Easter Baskets

Apr 12 -- 7-8pm -- Weekly Wednesday Bible Study

Apr 17 -- 10-12:30pm -- Outdoor Cleanup @ Nelson home

Apr 19 -- 7-8pm -- Weekly Wednesday Bible Study

Apr 21 -- SH Trinity 360 Conference April 21-22

Apr 26 -- 7-8pm -- Weekly Wednesday Bible Study

May 3 -- 7-8pm -- Weekly Wednesday Bible Study

May 5 -- Babysitting for young families

May 7 -- 12-2pm -- JH @ Church

May 7 -- 5-7pm -- SH in Home

May 10 -- 7-8pm -- Weekly Wednesday Bible Study

May 17 -- 7-8pm -- Last WWBS



## NURSERY NEWS . . .

With the addition of three new Brick babies, we are in need of more nursery volunteers. We are looking for all types of volunteers: adults, teens, and even older adults. If you aren't able to get down on the floor with small children, or stand and hold babies, you can still help!

We have two comfy rocking chairs in the nursery and we will soon have three babies that will need to be held. You can sign up just to be a baby rocker. You will sit down and someone will place a baby in your arms. If the baby needs a diaper change or to be walked around, someone else will take care of it. If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery, please contact Tessa Baker 815-315-3696.



### Mark your Calendars!

2017 Vacation Bible School is July 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. We are doing "Ocean Commotion – Diving into Noah's Flood" from Answers in Genesis this year. Tom and Ashley Stahl are heading up our VBS, so let them know if you are able to help out!



### ***Easter Lily Orders***

Easter Lilies will be purchased again this year for our Sanctuary during the Easter season. We will be purchasing our Easter Lilies from Merlin's Greenhouse in Oregon. Lilies are \$15 each including foil and bow. **Order forms will be inserted in the bulletins only on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Our order needs to be called in on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and **we will need a minimum order of 10 lilies** to place an order. For those wishing to do so, you can have your Easter lily in honor and/or in memory of someone special.

# 2017 CHURCH CAMP



Church Camp forms are available from Sunday School Teachers or in the church office. The CE Board would like to encourage all our youth to participate this summer in a week at a Church Camp.

The CE Board would like to recommend three area church camps to our youth. Also, if you are planning on attending camp this summer, please sign up as soon as possible and camps fill up fast! They are as follows:

## Camp Forest Springs - Youth Camp '17

Youth Camps for Jr. and Sr. High will be held various weeks during June and July. Camp Forest Springs is located in Westboro, Wisconsin. Cost of these camps are \$415/week. We have several of our youth already planning on attending a youth camp this summer at Camp Forest Springs.  
[www.forestsprings.us](http://www.forestsprings.us)

## Camp Timberlee – Summer Youth Camp

Camp Timberlee in East Troy, Wisconsin has several different camps available during the summer through the beginning of August. Cost of camp at Timberlee ranges from \$600 - \$700 for the week.  
[www.timber-lee.com](http://www.timber-lee.com)

## Lake Lundgren Bible Camp

LLBC is located in Pembine, Wisconsin and also has several different camps available during the summer for Jr and Sr High. They also have Discipleship Camps for Jr and Sr High and Adventure Trips for Sr High youth. Cost of camp at LLBC ranges from \$270 - \$300.  
[www.llbc.org](http://www.llbc.org)

The CE Board will be providing a \$100 camp scholarship for any youth from our church attending a CE approved church camp. Registration for all three camps can be done online. A camp scholarship sign-up is on the back bulletin board. Sign up for where and what week you will be attending camp and the CE Board will get your scholarship to you before you leave! Have a great week at church



The Relevance of the Resurrection  
With a biblical message, Pastor Chris Brauns will show how what we celebrate on Easter has great relevance for every other day of the year.

Join us at The Red Brick Church

# Easter Sunday

9:00am Worship Service  
10:30am Worship Service  
11:35am Easter Egg Scramble for Kids

[theredbrickchurch.org](http://theredbrickchurch.org)



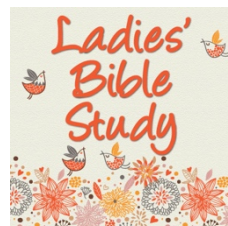
## Community Good Friday Service

The Community Good Friday Service will be held at the Valley Evangelical Covenant Church on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. All area pastors will be participating in the service.



**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**5:30 – 7:30 pm**

We have rented out the entire Nash Rec Center in Oregon on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 pm for just our church family and guests! There is no charge ~ just come and have a great time. If you are coming to the Rec Night, please sign up on the sheet on the back bulletin board.



**The Friday Morning Ladies Bible Study** will continue to meet on the following Friday's: April 7<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, April 28<sup>th</sup> and end on May 5<sup>th</sup>. All ladies are invited to attend the study from 9:00 to 10:30 am. Childcare provided.



April 1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Avis Hall
April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Linda Wetzig
April 6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Brad Baker
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Nathan Ross
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	-	Teresa McLindsay
April 17 <sup>th</sup>	-	Daniel Miller
	-	Wilbur Whetsel
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	-	Pat Ewald
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Marjorie Pepin
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	-	Roland Nelson
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	-	Paula Hufford
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	-	Nadine Dahms
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Lucas Behmer
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	-	Tyler Herlihy
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	-	Even Jones
	-	Micah Stahl



April 17 <sup>th</sup>	-	Jeff and Cheri Schabacker
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	-	Jeff and Teresa McLindsay



## APRIL 2017 AWANA INFORMATION

### Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

It's double the fun tonight as this is our final regular club night. Clubbers remember to bring your M & M banks filled with coins and dollars for our final M & M Night to exchange them for a small package of plain M & M's. Let's fill those banks for the final time! Because of YOUR generosity, we are on track to have a BIG GIFT to send to the Boyd's at TWR to help spread the news of Jesus to the Roma people of Northern Bulgaria.

This is the clubbers last chance to spend their earned AWANA dollars at our final AWANA Store this night! Clubbers must spend all of their dollars – no carryovers to next year. If you would like to donate any new toy items to the store, feel free to bring them any club night. Parent Volunteers are needed! Those who can help with our Store Night can sign up with Mr. Darren or Mrs. Deb.

### Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

We end our AWANA year with our Closing Night on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate the success of our clubbers by presenting them with their year-end awards. We will have desserts to share downstairs following the closing for everyone. This is NOT a drop-off night ~ Parents need to stay with their clubber this night to help us celebrate!

### Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

We will celebrate and thank our leaders with a dinner at 6:00 pm on the 19<sup>th</sup>. All **adult and teenage** leaders are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Mr. Darren by April 12<sup>th</sup> so we can get an accurate count for food. Thank you for your service!

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