



Congregational Christian Church
The Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley
(Evangelical, Independent)

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JUNE 2017
NEWSLETTER
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TIME OF SERVICES
Worship Service
9:00 and 10:30 am

Philippians For the Summer

This summer I am eagerly anticipating working through the book of Philippians together as a church family. As we often do at Red Brick, I encourage you to read this book yourself in your private devotions a few times this summer. We all struggle with remembering where to find things in the Bible, but I've found one of the best way to remember is by spending a longer period of time focusing on one passage of Scripture. I hope your summer will be full of Philippians.

Just some of the phrases we will study are:

- ...for me to **live is Christ**, and to **die is gain**...
- ...let your manner of life **be worthy** of the gospel of Christ...
- ...look not only on his own interests but also to the **interests of others**...
- ...**work out** your own salvation...
- ...**shine** as lights...
- ...that I may **know Him**...
- ...our **citizenship** is in **heaven**...
- ...whatever is true, just, pure...**think on these things**...
- I can do all things through him** who strengthens me...
- ...**God will supply** every need of yours...

See if you can find them in your own reading!

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If you're taking a short-term mission trip this summer, here are a few thoughts:

1. Pray for the right attitude.

You're not going to be their 'savior.' Short-term trips have a fairly limited impact. Be genuinely thankful for the opportunity to serve, and for their 'putting up with you' during your stay. Pray that God would use this trip to make a difference, but keep it in perspective: that difference may be in YOU.

2. Ask questions

The short term trips I've taken have been much more beneficial to me when I ask a lot of questions. Try to get to the heart, philosophy and culture by asking good questions (the ones that lead to a story

are often the best). Think about some questions ahead of time to help 'prime the pump' and just keep asking. Questions like, "What did God use to bring you here?" "What difficulties did you have or many people have adjusting to life here?" "What advantages does this culture have over the American culture?"

3. Read

I recommend trying to finish a missionary biography during your trip.

4. Meditate

I'm not sure what verses you've memorized lately, but I would recommend finding a single passage to make your 'theme verses' for the trip.

5. Journal

I love looking back at journals I took and notes I made of my trips. I wish I had written more. See if you can record daily or a couple times a week a single story about someone you met.

6. Shoot

Be a shameless picture taker, following any cultural guidelines your counselors give you. Don't be culturally offensive, but overcome the awkwardness and shoot. Consider shooting a lot at the beginning of an event, then put the camera away and focus on the experience. Shoot people more often than buildings. I've found showing people the picture you just took of them helps bring them into the experience rather than violate their privacy.

7. Study

Know as much as you can about the region and ministry before you go. If your ministry has a website, be sure to read as much as you can. Google also will help you get the statistical information about population, religion, culture. TheJoshuaProject is always fun to look at.

8. Pray with and for people

Don't be afraid to pray on the spot with people, or ask them how you can pray and then ... pray. This may be your biggest ministry to them.



With the school year over, the RBC Youth Summer Bible Study will be meeting in the Admin Building meeting room every Thursday from June 1st through August 10th, with the exception of July 27th from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. The group will be doing an Inductive Study on the Book of Philippians.

Bring your Bible with you to the study. All Junior High and High School students interested in studying the Bible are welcome.

JUNE GREETERS

- June 4th: Dave and Pat Ewald
June 11th: Randy and Susan Stukenberg
June 18th: Roland and Lonna Nelson
June 25th: Terrell and Terri Carby
July 2nd: Connie Blake and Kids

JUNE NURSERY

June 4th

- 9:00 am – Deb Bonne, Stacy Jones,
Jaime Wrasse, Amy Michalek

10:30 am – Lee and Shannon Hickey

June 11th

- 9:00 am – Bettina Wiltse, Mandy Poliska,
Amy Michalek, Sharon Rhodes

10:30 am – Betts Carby, Andria Brass

June 18th:

- 9:00 am – Tom & Ashley Stahl, Justine
Loyo, Amy Michalek

10:30 am – Tessa Baker, Jeanne Baker

June 25th:

- 9:00 am – Elliot & Rebekah Anderson,
Amy Michalek, Ryan Roberts

10:30 am – Tania VanBriesen, Alice Daniels

July 2nd:

- 9:00 am – Joanna Easley, Kendra Booker,
Barb Hale

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. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help in the nursery, please contact our nursery coordinators, Tessa Baker (815-645-7040) or Stacy Coester (815-762-2865).

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SS Superintendent:

Brooke Adams ~ 815-645-8561

Sunday School has wrapped up for this school year and will begin again September 10th.

If you have an interest in serving in our Sunday School Department, please contact me (815-985-3178 or jbadams07@gmail.com). Children's church will be in session for Pre-K through 1st grade during the summer months.

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

May 2016: 79
May 2017: 69

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

May 2016: \$21.35
May 2017: \$8.75

WORSHIP SERVICE REPORT

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

March Average: 264
April Average: 278
May 5/7, 5/14, 5/21 Average: 281
5/28 (One Service) Attendance: 134

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

**July Newsletter Articles
are due in the
church office by
Tuesday, June 27th!**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through May 31, 2017

Total Approved 2017 Budget = \$411,383

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

Budget Giving through May 31 \$174,064
Actual Giving through May 31 \$173,965
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$99
Actual Expenses through 5/31/17 \$154,204



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

The email address for Pastor Chris is:

cdbrauns@gmail.com

The email address for Pastor Tim is:

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.

You may also email into the office any prayer requests you might have, any announcements for the bulletins, etc. We will be sure the prayer requests are passed on to the prayer chains and all announcements get into the bulletin.

Pastor Chris is on sabbatical until August 16th. We ask that you refrain from contacting Pastor Chris during this time. If you need pastoral assistance for any reason or if there is an emergency, please feel free to contact Pastor Tim (231-342-7046) or Deacon Chairman Terrell Carby (630-661-9962) or Jana at the church office (815-645-2526).

JUNE 2017 BLENDED BIBLE READINGS FROM "BACK TO THE BIBLE"

- 01 Hosea 1-4 ; Matthew 18:1-20
- 02 Hosea 5-8 ; Matthew 18:21-35
- 03 Hosea 9-11 ; Matthew 19
- 04 Hosea 12-14 ; Matthew 20:1-16
- 05 Jeremiah 1-2 ; Matthew 20:17-34
- 06 Jeremiah 3-5 ; Matthew 21:1-22
- 07 Jeremiah 6-8 ; Matthew 21:23-46
- 08 Jeremiah 9-11 ; Matthew 22:1-22
- 09 Jeremiah 12-14 ; Matthew 22:23-46
- 10 Jeremiah 15-17 ; Matthew 23:1-22
- 11 Jeremiah 18-19 ; Matthew 23:23-39
- 12 Jeremiah 20-21 ; Matthew 24:1-28
- 13 Jeremiah 22-23 ; Matthew 24:29-51
- 14 Jeremiah 24-26 ; Matthew 25:1-30
- 15 Jeremiah 27-29 ; Matthew 25:31-46
- 16 Jeremiah 30-31 ; Matthew 26:1-25
- 17 Jeremiah 32-33 ; Matthew 26:26-50
- 18 Jeremiah 34-36 ; Matthew 26:51-75
- 19 Jeremiah 37-39 ; Matthew 27:1-26
- 20 Jeremiah 40-42 ; Matthew 27:27-50
- 21 Jeremiah 43-45 ; Matthew 27:51-66
- 22 Jeremiah 46-47 ; Matthew 28
- 23 Jeremiah 48-49 ; Philippians 1
- 24 Jeremiah 50 ; Philippians 2
- 25 Jeremiah 51-52 ; Philippians 3
- 26 Joel ; Philippians 4
- 27 Deuteronomy 1-3 ; Acts 1
- 28 Deuteronomy 4-6 ; Acts 2:1-21
- 29 Deuteronomy 7-9 ; Acts 2:22-47
- 30 Deuteronomy 10-12 ; Acts 3



Sign up
for
Church
Camp!

The CE Board will be providing a \$100 camp scholarship for any youth from our church attending a CE approved church camp.

A Church Camp Sign-Up Sheet 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 camp! Parents will be receiving the scholarship the week prior to camp.

2017 Summer Schedule

Our Deacon Board has revised our Summer Worship Schedule. Please note the service times and changes as follows:

Memorial Day Sunday, May 28th

9:00 am Service only
Children's Church (Preschool – 1st grade)

The Month of June

9:00 and 10:30 am Worship Services
Children's Church (Preschool – 1st grade)
during both services

The Months of July and August

9:00 am Service only
Children's Church (Preschool – 1st grade)

Labor Day Sunday, September 3rd

9:00 am Service only
Children's Church (Preschool – 1st grade)

Please be sure to note these on your home calendar for 2017!

Baptism

A baptism service will be held on Sunday, August 20th following the 9:00 am worship service. Contact the office to schedule a meeting with a pastor if you are interested in being baptized.

CONNECTION CARDS

We have just started using "Connection Cards" which can be found in all the pockets on the back of the pews, along with a pencil. Please use these Connection Cards to let the Pastors and the church office know of any prayer concerns, if you would like to meet with Pastor Chris or Pastor Tim, and address/phone/email changes, or any other question or concerns you might have. We encourage all visitors to fill out a Connection Card with their family information.

Once you have filled out a Connection Card, please place it in the offering or leave it on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

2017 BIC/Confirmation Class Graduates



On Sunday, May 14th, we honored our 8th graders who have completed our Bible Instruction Class and/or graduated from 8th grade. Those 8th grade graduates who have completed the class were Nick Beitel, Katelynn Clinton, Chad Gerig, Victoria Horton, Samuel Keast, Mary Beth Brauns, Lucy Daniels, Evan Jones, Tyler Mrozek and Hanna Wallin. Graduating from 8th grade was also Noah Ross.

Red Brick Church VBS

July 10 - 14 from 9:00 to 11:30

Prepare for a boatload of excitement at OCEAN COMMOTION
as we dive deep into the account of Noah and the Flood
from the book of Genesis!

*Our VBS is open to all 4 year olds (potty trained only) through those
who have completed 6th grade this year.*

For more information, contact the church office at 815-645-2526.



Go to the Red Brick VBS 2017 Facebook page to register your children and we are asking all volunteers to register as well! You can also go to the church website to register. We are trying to get workers organized. Workers are needed in all areas, from teaching to snacks to crafts to nursery. Thanks, we couldn't do it without you!

If you have any questions about VBS, please contact Tom and Ashley Stahl at 815-440-1286 or 815-520-3050 or the church office.

2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

On Sunday, May 14th, we also honored our 2017 High School Graduates. Our graduates this year are Nicholas Brigham (Rockford Lutheran High School), Lucas Dobson (SVHS), Jameson Griffin (Home School), Michaela Holmquist (Jefferson High School), Jacob Mrozek (Byron High School), Nathan Ross (SVHS), Andrew Satkiewicz (SVHS), Mikayla Satkiewicz (SVHS), and Sarah Wiltse (Byron High School).

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES



- June 1st - June Lewis
- June 2nd - Brittany Raber
- June 3rd - Bailey Wiltfang
- June 4th - Jeff Cialkowski
- June 7th - Lucy Daniels
- June 8th - Rick Dyal
- June 9th - Nolan Adams
- June 10th - David Lewis
- Eric Booker
- Julianna Coester
- June 11th - Elizza Easley
- Tom Stahl
- June 18th - Chad Gerig
- June 21st - Vicki Farbo
- Mike Seitz
- June 22nd - Royston Schaefer
- June 25th - Noah Ross
- June 24th - Harleigh Wallin
- Alice Daniels
- June 26th - Ben Brauns
- June 27th - LaVon Willey
- June 28th - Judah Loyo
- Kay Swanson
- July 2nd - Mason Meline
- July 5th - Reece Gatz
- Ashley Rhodes
- July 6th - Faith VanBriesen
- Lori Miuccio
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- June 1st - Don and Heather Wallin
- June 4th - Rick and Donna Dyal
- June 10th - Tim and Shari Halsmer
- Jonathan and Brittany Raber
- June 14th - Ken and Kathy Mrozek
- June 18th - Lee and Shannon Hickey
- June 26th - Tim and Amy Michalek
- June 30th - Bob and Brenda Haye
- July 2nd - John and Sandy Cox

JR and SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP



Thank you to the Rhode's Family for hosting our Youth Group on Sunday, May 7th! The group enjoyed several games of Capture the Flag, dinner, bon fire and s'mores!

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**** RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED ****

