



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

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**AUGUST 2017
NEWSLETTER**

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TIME OF SERVICES
9:00 am

Philippians 4:15 And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only.

Praise God for a great church mission trip to Sheboygan, WI this past week, where our church was able to partner with Immanuel Bible Church in 'giving and receiving'. This church of about 150 attendees has seen a significant increase in church attendance over the past few years, and wanted to spend some money improving their facilities.

Our team travelled up 2.5 hours, and spent the night on Wednesday (July 26) through Sunday afternoon at the church. Most of the men stayed in the homes of the church family.

The team worked tirelessly for three days and got a lot accomplished: painting their entire auditorium (which required taping, bagging light fixtures, removing several fixtures, and moving the pews several times); painting their lobby; hanging new coat racks (thank you Randy Stukenberg for custom building those in advance for the church); refinishing the bathrooms with new paint, dividers, vanities, mirrors, and light fixtures; power-washing and straightening their retaining wall; power-washing and staining a fence; removing weeds and mulching their landscape; replacing light switches and outlets; sanding and staining handrails; and fixing multiple roof leaks and other issues.

Several of the team members stayed to worship with them on Sunday, where Pastor Tim sang 'Jesus What a Friend for Sinners' and preached.

Everyone who came worked together with 'one mind' and 'one Spirit,' regularly submitting to each other and helping each other. We accumulated almost 600 working hours in the short weekend! A special thanks to our food coordinator, Amy Michalek, who fed very hungry men three meals a day for those three days. A big thank you to our crew chiefs Dan Houston and Randy Stukenberg, who in addition to taking an extra trip up to Sheboygan in June, chose the right tasks for our crew and kept everyone moving forward. Dan's drive and determination to get the work done well may have earned him the affectionate nickname 'pharaoh.'

Twenty one people participated:

Brooke Adams, Jamie Adams, Brad Baker, Rick Chelminski, Nick Colon, Darren Daniels, Elaine Daniels, Matt Geiseman, Lee Hickey, Tanner Herlihy, Dan Houston, Carl Jacobson, Eric Long, Amy Michalek, Tim Michalek, Daniel Miller, Clairra Myers, George Myers, Marc Myers, Seth Friis, and Randy Stukenberg. (The little ones Kaitlyn & Nolan Adams, and Sophie, Moses, & Amos Michalek also attended.)

Immanuel Bible church was so grateful for our gift of service to them and our partnership with them in the gospel. They hope we are able to get together again as a church, maybe with a men's retreat or something.

As the fill-in pastor for this summer, I was incredibly encouraged to see families sacrifice so much time and energy to help another church. This trip was a perfect application to the series on Philippians. We all have different roles in the church, but we can all offer something to partner together, not just for a charity event, but for the faith of the gospel.

AUGUST GREETERS

If you are interested in being on our "Greeter Team", please contact Bev Bjorkland at 815-234-5665.

August 6th: Len and Barb Kinner
August 13th: Stanton and Cheryl Lewis
August 20th: Tom and Ashley Stahl
August 27th: Carl and Elizabeth Jacobson
Sept. 3rd: Dan and Lori Houston

AUGUST NURSERY

August 6th

9:00 am Tessa Baker, Alice Daniels
Tania VanBriesen, Ryan Roberts

August 13th

9:00 am Elliot and Rebekah Anderson,
Joanna Easley, Kendra Booker

August 20th

9:00 am Carl and Elizabeth Jacobson,
Justine Loyo, Barb Hale

August 27th

9:00 am Terrell and Terri Carby,
Sharon Rhodes, Vicki Boyd

September 3rd

9:00 am Tessa Baker, Aly Behmer,
Donna Arnold

NURSERY NEWS

Parents with children under 5 years of age 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.

This month we have our first "baby rocker" scheduled. Volunteers who are a "baby rocker" will be able to just sit in one of our rocking chairs and hold a baby. If the baby is unhappy or needs changing, one of our other volunteers will gladly handle this. If you would like to be one of our regular volunteers or just a baby rocker, please contact Tessa Baker or Stacy Coester.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SS Superintendent:

Brooke Adams ~ 815-645-8561

It's time to sign up for Sunday School! On-line registration will be available through our website (theredbrickchurch.org). Every child (preschool through high school) needs an enrollment form filled out! The first day of Sunday School is Sept. 10th at 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions feel free to call me at me 815-645-8561. See you then and enjoy the rest of your summer ;~)

God Bless, Brooke Adams, SS Superintendent

WORSHIP SERVICE REPORT

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

May 5/7, 5/14, 5/21 Average: 281
5/28 (One Service) Attendance: 134
June Average: 163
July Average: 135

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

***September Newsletter
Articles are due in the
church office by
Tuesday, August 29th***

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through July 31st, 2017

Total Approved 2017 Budget = \$411,383

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

Budget Giving through July 31 \$245,248

Actual Giving through July 31 \$248,270

Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$3,022

Actual Expenses through 7/31/17 \$207,575



If the church office does not have your email address, please email it to Jana in the office at our email address of:

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.

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 Pastor Tim if you are interested in being baptized.

Following the baptism there will be a Potluck Lunch in the fellowship hall. Table service and beverages will be provided. Please bring one or two dishes to share, depending on the size of your family.

This will also be the first Sunday back for Pastor Chris and Jaime following his sabbatical.

2017 Summer Schedule

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

The Month of 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)

Beginning Sunday, September 10th

9:00 am Worship Service

9:00 am Sunday School for all ages

10:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Children's Church (PS – 1st grade)

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

Thinking Ahead ...

Last spring the deaconess board hosted a pallet paint party and we had such a good time that we are going to do it again this fall. There will be two dates and you can sign up for either one, just make sure if you are coming with a friend that you both choose the same night.

The two dates are **Thursday, October 12 OR Monday, October 16**. Both will start at 6 pm. This time there will also be fall and Christmas designs to choose from. The cost is \$35 which includes all supplies. The pallet size is 14" X 18". You choose your colors the night of the party. The web site already has our dates and you can register anytime. If for some reason you are unable to attend, the stencil and pallet can be taken home to complete.

To register go to www.clinescubby.com and choose your design. Payment is due on-line at the time of registration. Painting is done using a stencil, so artistic ability is not required. Last time everyone's pallet turned out great! We decided on two evenings, so you can invite a friend if you would like.



A Hymn Sing was held on July 23rd with around 40 people attending. Pastor Tim led the music and many wonderful hymns were enjoyed

by all. Cookies and punch were served after the music by the Deaconess Board. There are so many songs that we did not get to, so we plan to have another Hymn Sing later this year.



**Something old, something new,
something RED - YELLOW -
GREEN and BLUE!**

Well the old AWANA year was in the books April 12th for our awards night and a new year begins September 6th with our kick-off night! We'll be starting another year of AWANA which includes our time of fun dividing teams into the AWANA colors red, yellow, green and blue. But that's not the only reason we emphasize old and new. Our theme for AWANA this year will be around God's over arching redemptive purpose with our emphasis on Restoration -- that while He created a wonderful new world ex-nihilo (out of nothing) -- that world was broken by man's choice of sin soon spiraling out of control in this decaying world we live in today. But God came to our rescue and is on an unstoppable course making all things new eventually, starting with us if we trust Him (II Cor 5:17) and then as he returns to set up His Kingdom on the NEW heaven and earth (John 14; Rev 21). We will have fun this year during devotions encouraging kids around this main theme - God makes ALL things new! Please begin earnest prayers for AWANA (and all teaching ministries) that God's love and purposes will shine through the volunteers as they listen to and teach the powerful timeless truths of the Bible to over 100 children each week! Pray also for the supply line of volunteers. Each year we always seem to have just enough just in time. Of course pray for a time of safe fun and fewer logistical bumps that arise week to week. We are thankful for a praying church!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

On Sunday, Aug 27 @ 5:00 pm, we will have our annual **Youth Kick-Off Dinner** in the church fellowship hall. Every family with teenagers should try to come. This event gives families an overview of the exciting and packed schedule for the 2017-18 year. Opportunities for fun, service, and learning. All parents/guardians and teens are invited to join.

MISSION TRIP PHOTOS



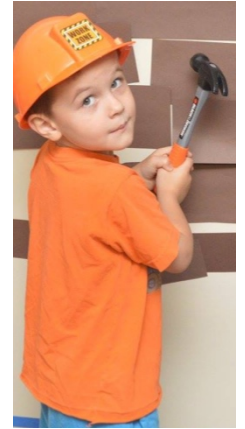
Deb & Darren

Revelation 21:5 ~ And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold I am making ALL things NEW." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

AWANA Co-Commmanders,
Darren Daniels and Deb Smits

2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

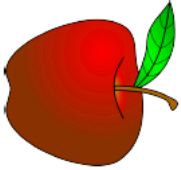




Thank you to everyone who helped this year to make our 2017 VBS a real success! We had over 100 kids attend our VBS, all having a wonderful time! A special thank you to our directors Tom and Ashley Stahl and for the help of so many - teachers, game leaders, craft workers, kitchen help, nursery workers, LIT's, sound booth workers, opening exercise leaders, story time leaders, puppeteers, and our prayer warriors!





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Service at 9:00 am COMMUNION		1	2	3 Youth Group Bible Study 4:00 - 5:00 PM Last Summer Youth Group Bible Study 4:00 - 5:00 PM	4 	5 Christopher and Meredith Brauns Wedding
Worship Service at 9:00 am	7 Deaconess Board Meeting 7:15 pm	8 Trustee Board Meeting 6:30 pm	9	10 Missions Meeting 6:30 pm 	11	12
Worship Service at 9:00 am BAPTISM SERVICE 9:45 am Potluck Lunch 10:30 am	14	15 <i>Sr. Fellowship</i> 9:00 am DEACON BOARD MEETING 6:30 pm	16	17	18	19 
Worship Service at 9:00 am Youth Group Parent Kick- Off Dinner and Meeting 5:00 pm	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 	31		



- August 1st - Lane Behmer
- August 2nd - Cherry Lewis, Matt Geiseman
- August 3rd - Michael Arnold
- August 4th - Bruce Bonne, John Cox, Hanna Roberts
- August 6th - Grady Poliska
- August 7th - Amelia Dunseth
- August 9th - Fiona Long
- August 10th - Deb Bonne
- August 11th - Holland Smits, Sophie Michalek
- August 12th - Anne Wiltfang, Eva Loyo
- August 14th - Caleb Anderson
- August 18th - Janet Warner
- August 19th - Bonnie Moran
- August 20th - Deb Smits, Donna Arnold, Alex Booker
- August 21st - Dan Houston
- August 23rd - Tom Whetsel
- August 24th - Brian Bosecker
- August 27th - Tim Michalek
- August 28th - Bev Bjorklund, Brianne Bjorklund, Erica Dobson
- Claira Myers
- August 29th - Don Lund
- August 30th - Lonna Nelson
- August 31st - Bob Haye
- Sept. 1st - Austin Lamer
- Sept. 2nd - Sandy Cox, Paul Baker,
- Brenden Wrasse, Estelle Jones
- Sept. 3rd - Tom Hufford



- August 12th - Chris and Jamie Brauns
- August 18th - Jim and Janet Warner
- Dave and Pat Ewald
- August 21st - Bruce and Deb Bonne
- August 22nd - Ron and Nota Ippen
- August 25th - Jamie and Brooke Adams
- August 31st - Jeff and Stacy Coester



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS ...

We are excited about our fall ministries starting up. Nearly all of our teachers are returning to teach this fall. We are ordering materials, picking out music and working on an exciting new mission's project. More to come on that very soon!

Online registration for Sunday School will be available this month. Please check our church website's home page.

Registration will make check-in much smoother come fall. You will be asked to check-in and put a name tag on your child for ages pre-k through 5th grade in Sunday School.

Sunday School is available for children ages 3 (and potty trained) through adult. Children's Church is available for children preschool through 1st grade during the summer months and during second service in the fall. We are still in need of a couple of helpers for Sunday School this fall. You can contact Brooke at 815-985-3178 if you are available to help on a part-time (or weekly) basis.

Brooke Adams, SS Superintendent

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**** RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED ****

