

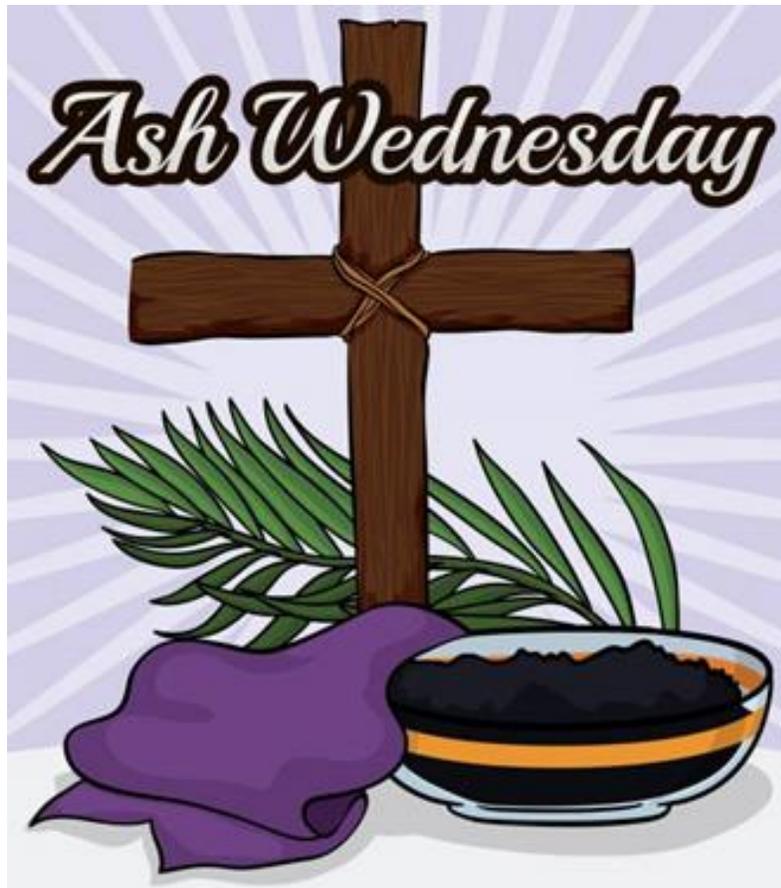


**“THE VISITOR”**  
**Davis Memorial Christian Church**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**

February 21,  
2023

## **Ash Wednesday Service**

**Please plan to join us for our Ash Wednesday Service this Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m.**



## Minister's Column

"Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people."  
(Philippians 2:14-15 NLT)

I don't know about you, but life can really get to me sometimes!

I know that you know what I'm talking about. The physical and mental exhaustion keeps coming back. When it does, we get stressed out and overwhelmed, which makes complaining really easy! Still, letting all my frustrations out through mouth griping and complaining doesn't help anyone.

Just ask Chris. In fact, it

nearly always makes me feel worse. So why do I do it?

Out of the mouth, the heart speaks, and my heart is selfish! We all have selfish hearts.

So how do we stop it? Here's one thing that helps me to be less selfish.

Think of what you complain about. Then, flip it. You're probably complaining about some of your greatest blessings you never earned in the first place.

When we look longer at our circumstances to see the true gifts they are, we can flip most anything into praise. Complaining brings discontentment and makes me feel empty. But running to

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Jesus with both my pain and my praise fills me up every time.

His grace is never-ending.

"Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."  
(Matthew 11:28 NLT)

"Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice?" (Philippians 4:4 NLT)

Lord God, Thank You for every blessing You've given me. Help me run to You when I'm feeling worn down. You are my joy and my sustainer. In You I have more than enough. Thank You, again, for Your love and grace! Amen.

"Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be

content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."  
(Philippians 4:11-13 NLT)

May the peace of God Rule in Your Heart.

—Dennis Metsker

### **Celebrate Recovery**

**5:30-6:30 p.m. Meal**

**6:30-7:30 p.m. Large Group**

**7:30-8:30 p.m. Small Group**

***Celebrate Recovery is a faith-based 12 step program designed to help anyone with:***

***Hurts hang-ups or habits***

***Held at:***

***Davis Memorial Christian Church  
1500 W. Franklin, Taylorville***

## Reminder



Articles for the next newsletter are due in the office by noon on Monday, March 6, 2023.



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Beginning January 1, 2023, Church Office hours will be Tuesday thru Thursday  
8:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:30.  
Friday 9:00 to 12:00.

## *Prayer Requests*

Donna Depolo, Helen Bricker, George Ortman, Joelynda Conrad, Steve & Connie Damery, Jack & Penny Brown

## *Serving our Country*

Spc. Rodney Gatton, Sgt. Jonathan Grawe, Chelsea Boehme, (California), Benjamin Jones (USMC), Nicholas Jones (California), Lance Alaria, Grant Durham, Jaden Graham, Ricky Martinez

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



We're looking for your pictures!! If you have pictures taken at church events like the Block Party, cookouts, bowling, fish fry, etc., please send them to dmcchurchdirectory@gmail.com or to Kathy's cell phone at (217)836-1718. Thanks!

The Worship Committee

## Kid's Club and a Meal!

Beginning this week, February 8, Kid's Club will again be serving dinner



to the kids. Kid's Club meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:15-6:30 p.m. Spread the word and invite the kids you know to join in. **If you would like to sign up to provide a meal, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.**

## Adult Sunday School

Our Adult Sunday School is in full swing!!! We meet at 9:00 a.m.



every Sunday, in the Parlor, and will be done at approximately 9:45 a.m. Hope to see you there!!!

# OPPORTUNITY

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Support our church ministries, GET INVOLVED.

1. Provide a meal for Kid's Club or help provide a meal for Celebrate Recovery (CR)
2. Help with our Facebook, Instagram, website
3. Join one of our church committees who are looking for volunteers

(Contact the church office or call Kathy Sullivan at (217)836-1718).

## Easter Lilies

You are invited to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter by donating an Easter Lily in "Memory of" or in "Honor of" someone special in your life, or perhaps just because you love the beauty of flowers. The flowers can be taken home any time after Easter Sunday. Thank You.



## First Sunday Lunch



Our inaugural First Sunday Lunch was a great success. We enjoyed good food and fellowship. For the

First Sunday Lunch on March 5, we will be having a theme luncheon of All Church Birthday Party/Fat Tuesday. If you would like to help by decorating a table or baking a birthday cake, contact Kathy Sullivan (217-836-1718), then join us for the party. We will have some giveaways and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. What's a White Elephant Gift Exchange and how will it work? You don't go buy a gift for a White elephant exchange, you find something in your home that you no longer want or need, i.e. that ugly vase you bought for some reason. One man's trash is another man's treasure. Anyone who wishes to participate, wrap your gift and bring it to the lunch. We will explain the rules then. We hope everyone will join us for the fun event.



## Preschool Upcoming Events



Preschool Open House will be on Tuesday, March 14th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This will kick off our Registration for the 2023-2024 school year. Also, please mark your calendars and be watching the newsletter for the Preschool Drive-Thru Fundraiser. It will feature Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich and some great sides. We will have more information coming soon.



Gordon Gesell	February 24
Lisa Goodall	February 28
Rick Peters Jr.	March 4
Steve Damery	March 5
Reagan Morrison	March 5
Marlee Craggs	March 6
Jason Krouse	March 8
Audra Boehme	March 8
J.T. Boehme	March 8

## Hickory Estates

On Sunday, February 26th, Davis Memorial will lead the worship service at Hickory at 2:30 p.m. We would love to have more volunteers to help out with the brief service or just to be there for moral support. We are on a schedule with several other churches in the area to provide this weekly service.

**COME  
WORSHIP**  
*with us!*

### Offering for 2/12/23

Attendance: 70  
General Fund: \$886  
Preschool: \$50  
Kid's Club: \$20

### Offering for 2/19/23

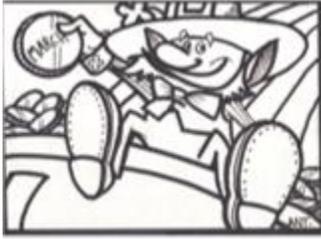
Attendance: 81  
General Fund: \$1212  
Preschool: \$20  
Week of Compassion: \$35

### Movie Nights

We have are still having Movie Nights on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. The movie we are watching is "The Chosen" and everyone is invited to attend. It is being shown in the Sanctuary.



## Men's Breakfast



The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in

the fellowship hall. Ham, egg & cheese omelets will be on the menu, along with biscuits. Come join us for some fine food and fellowship. Sons and friends are always welcome.

Sincerely,  
Jonathan Newlin &  
"Disciples Men"



## Christian One-Liner

Prayer: Don't give God instructions – just report for duty!



## Thought for the Day



The greatest achievements are those that benefit others.



## Serving Sunday, February 26, 2023

Elder — Marcia Collins, Kathy Sullivan  
Diaconate — Danny Lewis

## Serving Sunday, March 5, 2023

Elder — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
Diaconate — Barb Miller

## Serving Sunday, March 12, 2023

Elder — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
Diaconate – Debbie Delinsky

## Serving Sunday, March 19, 2023

Elder — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
Diaconate — Kim Cornwell

## Serving Sunday, March 26, 2023

Elder — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
Diaconate – Danny Lewis

## Serving Sunday, April 2, 2023

Elder — Ronda Fassero, J. Newlin  
Diaconate – Laura Gardner

## Thank You!!!



I would like to thank all the people that helped out at the last Meals on Wheels. You guys are awesome! Our next Meals on Wheels will be the end of May.

—Barb Miller

## Food Pantry

We are collecting for the Taylorville Food Pantry. There is a cart located in the Narthex for you to drop off your items. There are many people, right here in Taylorville, who are struggling to feed their families. Please keep them in mind when you buy your groceries! Some ideas to purchase are: canned foods, soups, chili, Raman noodles, peanut butter, pasta sauce, cereal, canned fruit (regular and sugar free), pudding (regular and sugar free), Hamburger Helper and other main courses, jelly, spaghetti noodles, and snack items for children. They are also in need of personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, etc.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. 2/22	Kid's Club & Youth	5:15 p.m.
	Ash Wednesday	
	Service	6:00 p.m.
	Choir	6:30 p.m.
Fri. 2/24	Clothes Closet	1:00-5:00 p.m.
Sun. 2/26	Adult Sun. School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:15 a.m.
	Movie Night	6:00 p.m.
Tues. 2/28	TOPS	10:00 a.m.
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 p.m.
Wed. 3/1	Kid's Club & Youth	5:15 p.m.
	Choir	6:30 p.m.
Fri. 3/3	Clothes Closet	1:00-5:00 p.m.
Sat. 3/4	Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Sun. 3/5	Adult Sun. School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:15 a.m.
	Potluck & Fat Tuesday/ All Church Bday	11:15 a.m.
Mon. 3/6	Missions for Taylorville Mtg.	6:00 p.m.
Tues. 3/7	TOPS	10:00 a.m.
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 p.m.
Wed. 3/8	Kid's Club & Youth	5:15 p.m.
	Choir	6:30 p.m.
Thurs. 3/9	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Fri. 3/10	Clothes Closet	1:00-5:00 p.m.
Sat. 3/11	Ronda Fassero (FH & Kitchen)	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sun. 3/12	Adult Sun. School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:15 a.m.
	Movie Night	6:00 p.m.



**Church Hours are 8:00 a.m. till 12:00, 12:00-1:00 lunch, and from 1:00-3:30 p.m. If you have special needs please call ahead.**

***Mission Statement:***

***Our Mission is to live as Disciples and lead others to Jesus Christ.***

***Vision Statement:***

***Our Vision is to make known the love of God.***

Dennis Metsker, Minister

Rev. Jim Whitaker, Minister Emeritus

Worship is 10:15 a.m. each Sunday.

Editor of the "Visitor" Sheryl Nagle

Our church phone is (217) 824-8181. All guests are welcome!

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