



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

October 31,  
2023

**Men’s Breakfast**

We cordially invite you to the next “Men’s Breakfast” which will be held on Saturday, November 4 from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come join us for some fine food and fellowship. Sons and friends are always welcome.

Sincerely,  
Jonathan Newlin  
& “Disciples Men”



**Time Change**



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night before you go to bed, or you will be way too early for church on Sunday morning!!!



## Minister's Column

"Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good."  
(Romans 12:21 NLT)

Some people try to find the good in everything around them, while others see nothing but evil.

Do you see goodness or evil.

Those who are trying to be pure (those who are trying to let Christ control their lives) are finding goodness and purity even in this evil world.

However the corrupt and unbelieving people find evil in everything because their evil minds and hearts color even the good they see and hear.

Whatever you choose to fill your mind with will affect the way you think and act. Turn your thoughts to God and His word, and you will discover more and more goodness, even

in this evil world.

A mind filled with good has little room for what is evil.

"Everything is pure to those whose hearts are pure. But nothing is pure to those who are corrupt and unbelieving, because their minds and consciences are corrupted. Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good." Titus 1:15-16 NLT

At least until they make some changes in their heart.

Lord, Help me see the good, then help me make the good even better. In Jesus' name I Pray, Amen.

Find the good and enhance it.

—Dennis Metsker

## Taylorville Skilled Nursing & Carriage Crossing

On Sunday, November 5th, Davis Memorial will lead the worship service at Taylorville Skilled Nursing at 2:30 p.m. and Carriage Crossing at 3:00 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!*

## "2023 Fish Fry Financial Report

Gross Income:	\$5,639.00
Expenses:	
Breeze Courier:	150.00
Ron's Produce	2,677.25
Kroger (dinner rolls)	185.38
Kroger (spices, ham, etc.)	<u>112.05</u>
Net income	\$2,514.32

At this year's Fish Fry, we made a gross income (\$5,639) due to some very generous donations and your awesome support. After expenses, we had a net income (\$2,514.32). Thanks for your prayers, hard work and support. God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Jonathan

## 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, November 13, 2023.

## First Sunday Potluck

Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, November 5th, right after our worship service. Everyone is invited to stay to eat with us. The main dish and drinks will be provided, but you are asked to bring a side dish. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



## *Prayer Requests*

Darlene Wilson, Brenda Finrock, Marcia Collins, David Keel, Lane Walker, Judy Driver, Hazel Carlen, Donna Depolo, Helen Bricker, George Ortman, Joelynda Conrad, Steve & Connie Damery, Sharon Manning, Rick Marucco, Earlene Fisher, Carol Roberts Family, J.D. McTaggart, Jennifer Caraker & Family

### **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, Skylar Stafford (USMC Japan)

### **CWF Luncheons Successful**

The ladies who have joined our Ladies' luncheons have enjoyed the food and fellowship. We will continue to meet on the third Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Angelo's. We order from the menu and are responsible for our own bill. The next gathering will be on Thursday, November 16th.



## **After-School Program**



We are excited to be partnering with the United Methodist Church to offer the kids (age K-4) an after-school program on Wednesday's immediately after school until 5:15 p.m. This program will begin on Wednesday, September 6th. The kids get out at 2:30 p.m. on the first three Wednesdays of the month and then on the 4th Wednesday, they get out at 1:00 p.m. Right now, we are looking for volunteers to help out. If you are able to help, please contact Dennis at 824-8181 or 254-5027.

### **Kids Club Has Begun!!!**

Kids Club meets on Wednesday's from 5:15-6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars! We are anxious to see you!!! **If you are able to help prepare & serve a meal for the kids, please contact Kathy Sullivan (836-1718) or sign up in the Narthex.** It would only take about an hour of your time and would help us immensely!



## **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!!!

## **Preschool Sub**

Is there anyone who would be willing/able to sub for our preschool teachers, in their absence? We would like to have someone who could help out in the event of sickness or doctor appts. They will try to give as much notice as possible if they would need you. Please contact Ashley or Gena. Thanks!!!



## **Pictorial Directory**



The directory is being finalized and we would like to make sure we have everyone's pictures! If you didn't submit a picture or get your picture taken yet and would like to be included, please drop it off at the church office or give it to Kathy Sullivan on Sunday morning.

## **Baptism & Re-Baptism**

If you would be interested in being baptized or re-baptized, please talk to Pastor Dennis. We plan to do this as part of our worship service on New Year's Eve, December 31st.



## **Congregational Meeting**



On Sunday, November 12, immediately following our worship service, we will have our Annual Congregational meeting. This brief meeting is to vote on our 2024 Budget and for the Elders & Diaconate for the upcoming year.



## **Offering for 10/22/23**

Attendance: 76  
General Fund: \$1806.20

## **Offering for 10/29/23**

Attendance: 67  
General Fund: \$2165  
Preschool: \$20  
Military Packages: \$35



## Military Packages



We will again send Christmas packages to local military personnel deployed overseas. We will also donate items to the Veterans Homes in Quincy and Danville.

This year, again, we only request monetary donations. The money collected will be used for the items we send, as well as postage to send the boxes.

At this time, we are asking for names of any local military personnel who may be deployed overseas. If you have a loved one, or know of someone who would like to receive a Christmas package, please supply the name and address to DMCC by calling 217-824-8181.

Names and monetary donations are needed no later than Thursday, November 30th. All packages will be mailed on December 5th to ensure a Christmas delivery.



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday thru Thursday  
8:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:30  
Friday 9:00 to 12:00  
(Closed on Mondays)

## Bulletin Bloopers



At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

## Thought for the Day

Without a foundation, even castles are little more than piles of stones. Stability and structure come before elegance and beauty.



## Rummage Sale



If anyone would be interested in having a Rummage Sale with Janet Montgomery, please call the church office at 824-8181 or talk to Pastor Dennis.



Jonathan Newlin	November 4
Jackson Mathon	November 6
Candace Peters	November 7
Breann Christer	November 7
Stacie Gesell	November 7
James Assad	November 11
Lynn Dexheimer	November 11
Brooke Christer	November 14
Dana Schmid	November 14
Sally White	November 14
Emelia German	November 15



Jonathan & Mickey Newlin November 11

### Sympathy



We offer our deepest sympathy to Jennifer Caraker following the loss of her step-father this week.

### Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Alan & Tanya Stanley following the loss of her brother, Ricky Fancher last week.



### Sympathy



We offer our deepest sympathy to Donna Stephens and her family following the loss of her son, Donnie Stephens last week.

### Kids Church Needs Volunteers

Each Sunday we are reminded that our church is lucky to have a lot of KIDS in attendance! We have been conducting kids church with a core group of volunteers (Thank you Barb, Janet and Ronda!) for a while. We plan to keep providing kids church to our elementary aged kids, but would also like to provide an opportunity for our Junior High kids to get a more tailored, in depth message meant just for them. We need more volunteers to be able to provide this opportunity. We have a great curriculum for kids church that is easy to follow and teach from and will continue providing lessons each week using that. We don't currently have a curriculum for the Junior High session, so any and all ideas are welcome. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the church office or text Jennifer Dammerman at 217-820-2674.





**Serving Sunday,**  
**November 5, 2023**

**Elder** — J. Montgomery, Sharyl Craggs  
**Diaconate** – Team 1

**Serving Sunday,**  
**November 12, 2023**

**Elder** — J. Montgomery, Sharyl Craggs  
**Diaconate** — Team 2

**Serving Sunday,**  
**November 19, 2023**

**Elder** — J. Montgomery, Sharyl Craggs  
**Diaconate** – Team 3

**Serving Sunday,**  
**November 26, 2023**

**Elder** — J. Montgomery, Sharyl Craggs  
**Diaconate** — Team 4

**Serving Sunday,**  
**December 3, 2023**

**Elder** — Lynn Dexheimer, John Steckel  
**Diaconate** – Team 1

**Serving Sunday,**  
**December 10, 2023**

**Elder** — Lynn Dexheimer, John Steckel  
**Diaconate** — Team 2



Wed. 11/1	Meals on Wheels	10:30 a.m.
	J-Walkers	
	(at Methodist Church)	2:30 p.m.
	Worship Meeting	5:00 p.m.
	Kids Club	5:15 p.m.
	Choir	6:30 p.m.
Thurs. 11/2	Meals on Wheels	10:30 a.m.
	Headstart	5:00-7:00 p.m.
Fri. 11/3	Meals on Wheels	10:30 a.m.
	Clothes Closet	1:00-5:00 p.m.
Sat. 11/4	Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Sun. 11/5	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:15 a.m.
	1st Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.
	Tville Skilled Nursing	2:30 p.m.
	Carriage Crossing	3:00 p.m.
Tues. 11/7	TOPS	10:00 a.m.
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 p.m.
Wed. 11/8	Girl Scouts	12:00-5:00 p.m.
	J-Walkers	
	(at Methodist Church)	2:30 p.m.
	Kids Club	5:15 p.m.
	No Choir	
Thurs. 11/9	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Fri. 11/10	Clothes Closet	1:00-5:00 p.m.
Sat. 11/11	Barb Miller	
	(FH & Kitchen)	All Day
Sun. 11/12	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:15 a.m.
	Congregational Mtg.	11:30 a.m.
Tues. 11/14	TOPS	10:00 a.m.
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 p.m.
Wed. 11/15	J-Walkers	
	(at Methodist Church)	2:30 p.m.
	Kids Club	5:15 p.m.
	Choir	6:30 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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