



"THE VISITOR"
Davis Memorial Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

November
14,
2023

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.



Minister's Column

"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."
(Joshua 1:9 NLT)

One Day at a Time.

I strongly urge you to face your challenges one day at a time. Looking too far down the road only tends to overwhelm us. Trusting God requires that we believe He gives us our 'daily bread'; that is, we receive what we need as we need it and usually not before.

Sometimes challenges can seem uncomfortable, intolerable, impossible, unbearable, painful, or overwhelming, but God is always with us. We just need to be courageous and receive

the strength He is trying to give us.

Keep it simple and try to do the task set before you.

This principle applies to many other areas of our life, getting out of debt, cleaning and organizing your house, solving relationship problems, disciplining your children, being on time for work or completing a project.

Whatever you need to do in life, you can do it.

Remember, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."
(Philippians 4:13)

Nothing is too much for you when He is on your side.

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Lord God, Even when the challenges before me seem impossible, I know that I can tackle them one day at a time because You are with me. Give me Your strength. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Slow down, big breath and trust. —Dennis Metsker

Hickory Estates

On Sunday, November 26th, Davis Memorial will lead the worship service at Hickory Estates 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!

Reminder



Articles for the next newsletter are due in the office by noon on Monday, November 27, 2023.

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***

Volunteers Needed



This Sunday (19th), after church, we will be getting everything out and ready for our Hanging of the Greens service. If you are available to help, please stay after. We hope to have enough help that it will only take a few minutes. Thanks in advance!!!

First Sunday Potluck

Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, December 3rd, 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. 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.



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You



I would like to thank everyone who helped at the last funeral luncheon. Thank you to those who supplied food and/or helped serve and clean up afterwards. Your help was greatly appreciated.



Offering for 11/5/23

Attendance: 76
General Fund: \$3311
Kids Club: \$25
Military Packages: \$129

Offering for 10/29/23

Attendance: 76
General Fund: \$1787
Military Packages: \$530

Thank You

I want to thank you for the cards, prayers, etc. that you gave to me following the death of my son. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.



—Donna Stephens

Bulletin Bloopers



Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Thought for the Day

Love is its own reward hate is its own punishment. The surest way to get rid of an enemy is to make that person your friend.



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.

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)



Dustin Damery	November 17
Mike Fassero	November 18
Patty Rykhush	November 20
Bob Dunn	November 20
Janet Hendricks	November 22
Ernest Irwin	November 23
Rich Wilson	November 24
Rye Bliler	November 26
Coady Johnson	November 26
Kayla Coady	November 27
Fisher Dammerman	November 27
Joslyn Mathon	November 27
Jacob Noren	November 27
Erica Wessling	November 27
Walter Barnett	November 29
Linda Jones	November 29
Michelle Sklenka	November 29



Roy & Joelynda Conrad	November 26
Tad & Cathy Craggs	November 27

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 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

Serving Sunday,
December 17, 2023

Elder — Lynn Dexheimer, John Steckel
Diaconate – Team 3

Serving Sunday,
December 24, 2023

Elder — Lynn Dexheimer, John Steckel
Diaconate — Team 4

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. 11/15 J-Walkers
(at Methodist Church) 2:30 p.m.
Kids Club 5:15 p.m.
Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thurs. 11/16 CWF Ladies Luncheon
@ Angelo's 11:30 a.m.

Fri. 11/17 Clothes Closet 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Sun. 11/19 Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.

Tues. 11/21 TOPS 10:00 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 p.m.

Wed. 11/22 No J-Walkers
No Kids Club
Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thurs. 11/23 Office Closed All Day
Kim Brune (FH & Kitchen) All Day

Fri. 11/24 Office Closed All Day
Darlene Wilson
(FH & Kitchen) All Day

Sun. 11/26 Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.
Hickory Estates Worship 2:30 p.m.

Tues. 11/28 TOPS 10:00 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 p.m.

Wed. 11/29 J-Walkers
(at Methodist Church) 1:00 p.m.
Kids Club 5:15 p.m.
Choir 6:30 p.m.

Fri. 12/1 Clothes Closet 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Sat. 12/2 Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Sun. 12/3 Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.
Potluck 11:30 a.m.

Tues. 12/5 TOPS 10:00 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 p.m.

Wed. 12/6 J-Walkers
(at Methodist Church) 2:30 p.m.
Worship Team Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Kids Club 5:15 p.m.
Choir 6:30 p.m.

Fri 12/8 Clothes Closet 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Sun 12/10 Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.
Hickory Estates 2:30 p.m.

Tues 12/12 TOPS 10:00 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 p.m.

Wed 12/13 J-Walkers
(at Methodist Church) 2:30 p.m.
Kids Club 5:15 p.m.
Choir 6:30 p.m.

Fri 12/15 Preschool Party 10:00 a.m.
Clothes Closet 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Sun 12/17 Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.

Tue 12/19 TOPS 10:00 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 p.m.

Wed 12/20 J-Walkers
(at Methodist Church) 2:30 p.m.
Kids Club 5:15 p.m.
Choir 6:30 p.m.

Sun 12/24 Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.

Tues 12/26 TOPS 10:00 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery 5:30 p.m.

Wed 12/27 Choir 6:30 p.m.

Sun 12/31 Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.
T-Ville Skilled Nursing 2:30 p.m.
Carriage Crossing 3:00 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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