



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

November  
28,  
2023

## **Angel Tree**

We are once again supporting an Angel Tree for children of incarcerated parents through DMCC/Celebrate Recovery. We have the opportunity to share our Christmas love and support with several children ranging in age from 1 to 14. The Christmas tree, in the Narthex, is decorated in envelopes containing the names and ages of each child. Please take one and return an unwrapped gift with the envelope attached by December 8th or before. You may also give a cash donation in the office or place the envelope in the offering tray, others will do the shopping. Let's share the love of Jesus Christ and help brighten the Christmas season for these children.



## Minister's Column

Scripture mentions the most common problems in prayer:

"You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure."  
(James 4:2-3 NLT)

not asking  
asking for the wrong things  
asking for the wrong reasons

When you talk to God, what do you talk about?

Do you ask only to satisfy your desires?

Do you seek God's approval for what you already plan to do?

Your prayers will become powerful when you allow God to change your desires so that they perfectly correspond to His will for you.

Lord, You know my requests and if it's Your Will give me the resources and determination to help make them come to be. Help me be patient with the faith You provide me. In Jesus' Name I Pray. Amen.

"But if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently."

(Romans 8:25 NLT)

—Dennis Metsker

## Volunteers Needed for Our Preschool Christmas Party!!



We are in need of volunteers for our Christmas event on December 15<sup>th</sup>. We will need the volunteers to be here at 9:15 a.m. They will be managing a small activity. We will provide the instructions for each activity. Everything will be simple, the hardest job will be figuring out how to turn on and off the music on the CD player. For most of the activities, the volunteers will be able to sit, if they are unable to stand for long periods of time. If you know someone who would be willing to help out, please have them call the church office at 824-8181 for more information. The best time to call is Wednesday & Friday after 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday & Thursday after 11:15 a.m.

### 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.



## 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!!!

### Hickory Estates

On Sunday, December 10th, 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!**

### 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***

## *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

### **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**

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, December 21st.



## **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**

Kids Club meets on Wednesday's from 5:15-6:30 p.m. **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!



## **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!!!

## **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.



## **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.

## **CWF Report**

CWF voted to donate \$200 to Kicks for Kids. This is a program sponsored by the Taylorville Chapter of Illinois Federation of Business Women along with Shoe Sensation. Last year 39 students from Memorial School received new shoes, socks, hats and gloves. The next event will be December 17.



## **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)



## **Offering for 11/19/23**

Attendance: 75  
General Fund: \$1952  
Missions: \$10

## **Offering for 11/26/23**

Attendance: 70  
General Fund: \$1235  
Preschool: \$45



## Poinsettias



If you are interested in bringing a poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary, you can do so at any time. If you are bringing it in honor of or in memory of someone, please make sure you have their name (as well as who is giving it) on the plant when you bring it in or have it delivered.

## 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.



## Bulletin Bloopers



Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

## Thought for the Day

God wants to be more than a 911 number. Call on Him at all times...not just in a crisis.



## Reminder

Articles for the next newsletter are due in the office by noon on Monday, December 11, 2023.



Maureen Wise	December 1
Angie Morrison	December 1
Ryan McGrath	December 2
Ryan McCarty	December 3
Brighton Craggs	December 4
David Gardner	December 5
Beverly Morrison	December 7
Earlene Fisher	December 8
Drew Goodall	December 9
Matt Morrison	December 12



Mr. & Mrs. Jim Humphrey	December 1
Cathy & Jim Russell	December 6
Arby & Maureen Wise	December 10
Mike & Patty Rykhus	December 11

## **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.



## **Taylorville High School Madrigal Dinner**



Get into the Holiday Spirit by attending the Taylorville High School's 41st Annual Madrigal Dinner. It will be held on Friday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$15 for students (K-12). To reserve your place at the dinner, contact Chris Ransdell (824-2268) or [cransdell@tcusd3.org](mailto:cransdell@tcusd3.org). Tickets will not be available at the door.

## **Just Received Word**

The church has just been notified that one of our interim ministers, Rev. Hugh and his wife Barbara Reynolds have both passed away. Rev. Hugh died September 20, 2018 at the age of 84 and Barbara passed away December 27, 2016 at the age of 80. They served our church from September 2002– January 2004. Any church they served, they always played Mr. & Mrs. Claus at Christmas and our church was no exception. At the time of their deaths, they were living in Covington, Kentucky. They leave behind 3 children and 7 grandchildren.



**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

**Serving Sunday,**  
**December 31, 2023**

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

**Serving Sunday,**  
**January 7, 2023**

**Elder** —  
**Diaconate** — Team 1



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.





**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

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