



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

June 25,
2024

Calling All Disciples

Our mission as disciples is simple: Tell Others About Jesus!

We all know that's not as simple as it sounds.



Do you feel comfortable telling people about Jesus?

Do you know how?

Jesus chose fishermen, tax collectors, farmers—ordinary people like you and I to follow him and be His Disciples.

Join the Outreach Mission Team on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at Davis Memorial Christian Church from 10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. to learn how to begin to be an active disciple of Jesus

Free Lunch included (Italian beef, chips, salad)

For more information or to sign-up, call the church office or Kim Brune at 217-825-8595.

Minister's Column

"Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city." (Proverbs 16:32 NLT)

I am starting to understand what patience and self-control is.

Those fruits are gained by trying to live life using the tools God has given us.

God gives us the tools to do any spiritual work He may ask us to do. Not only that, but God also gives us the knowledge and ability to use these tools.

Sometimes we see someone doing some great spiritual work, and we think, "I could never do that." We need to realize we can do anything that God calls us to do.

Do you think God would call

someone to be a pastor without giving him/her the tools to do the work? Would God call you to do anything without giving you the tools? No, he wouldn't.

When God asked Moses to lead the Israelites across the Red Sea, He gave him the tools to do the job, the knowledge needed to do the job, and the ability to do the job. God didn't just lead Moses to the Red Sea and tell him, "Okay Moses, here's the Red Sea. I want you to cross it but it's totally up to you to figure out how."

In whatever spiritual work God calls us to do, go to Him in prayer and ask Him for the tools and the ability to do it. With God's help, we can "abound in every good work."

"The members of the council

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were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus."

(Acts 4:13 NLT)

Lord God, I know You can and will give me what I need to do the work You've called me to do. Help me use the patience and self-control needed to do my calling. In Jesus' Name I Pray, Amen.

"Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again."

(1 Thessalonians 5:23 NLT)

There is nothing that God has called us to do that we can't do.
—Dennis

Thank-You So Much



Thank-you for all the thoughtfulness & support after the passing of my mother. Your kindness has been a comfort to all of us.

—Gena Craggs

Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Gena Craggs and her Family following the recent passing of her mother, Helen Bricker .



Offering for 6/16/24

Attendance: 109
General Fund: \$1447

Offering for 6/23/24

Attendance: 80
General Fund: \$1134



Allyson Hennings	June 27
Jeb Odam	June 29
Allen Stanley	June 30
Blain Cornwell	July 2
Kolbi Noren	July 3
David Hendricks Sr.	July 4
Dennis Metsker	July 6
Megan Rueff	July 6
Marcia Collins	July 7
Carol Wilson	July 7



Steve & Connie Damery	July 7
Mark & Joslyn Mathon	July 8

Taylorville Care & Taylorville Estates

On Sunday, July 7th, Davis Memorial will lead the worship service at Taylorville Care at 2:30 p.m. and Taylorville Estates 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!

Tennessee Ten Commandments

Some people in Tennessee have trouble with all those 'shalls' and 'shall not's' in the Ten Commandments. Folks just aren't used to talking in those terms. So, some folks in middle Tennessee got together and translated the 'King James' into 'Jackson County' language...no joke, read on...

The Hillbilly Ten Commandments
(posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Gainesboro, TN)

- 1) Just one God
- 2) Put nothin' before God
- 3) Watch yer mouth
- 4) Git yourself to Sunday meetin'
- 5) Honor yer Ma & Pa
- 6) No killin'
- 7) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal
- 8) Don't take what ain't yers
- 9) No tellin' tales or gossipin'
- 10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff

Now that's kinda plain an' simple, don't ya think? Y'all have a nice day.



Dear Members of the DMCC
Congregation:

During the past couple of years, the Board of DMCC has done a great job of monitoring and controlling the church's expenses, always looking for ways to decrease those expenses. From a budgeting perspective, utilities are the second largest expense that we incur. (Everything in the church is electric) and our bill is \$2,400 per month on the Equalizer plan.

In the past few weeks, we have been communicating with Ameren and local contractors, investigating ways to lower our utility costs. Solar panels are a viable option of permanently cutting our utility bills in 1/2. Here are the details:

Initial Investment: \$95,940...money coming from our Investment Account, which are funds that have been entrusted to us by faithful supporters of our church, to be used to advance God's purposes.

Cash credit/reimbursement back to the church, after approximately one and one half years from the date of installation of the panels...\$66,309.

Total of funds invested after above mentioned reimbursement...approximately

\$32,000.

Explanation: 82 solar panels (25 year warranty) would be installed on the South roof side of the Fellowship Hall. No other panels will be installed anywhere else on our building. By placing the panels only on the South side of the Fellowship Hall, it is our belief that the panels will not overwhelm the appearance of our church. By making this investment now, we will cut our total utility expenses approximately in 1/2; with a four and one half year payback of our invested funds. After that time, our utility bills will permanently be cut in half.

The DMCC Board will be addressing this "Investment in our Future" at our August 8th, 2024 regular Board Meeting.

If you have any questions, please call Dick Adams at 217-827-5336.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Dick Adams

Meals on Wheels



Our church is responsible for Meals on Wheels the week of July 29-August 2. Please check your calendar to see if you would be available to help out with any of those dates. Barb Miller is the person in charge of the schedule, so contact her if you can help out! (820-1099).

Preschool Registration

Registration is now open for the 2024/2025 school year! Children must turn 3 or 4 before September 1st to enroll. Our 4 year old class meets M/W/F and our 3 year old class meets T/Th. To register, please get a form from the church office or get in touch with Gena or Kandi at the church or through email at dmccpreschool@gmail.com. Help us spread the word. Postcards with information on the preschool can be found on the information table outside the Sanctuary.



CWF Luncheon

Because of the heat, the CWF picnic was held in the cool comfort of the church.



Thank you to Margie Lamb for her hard work in setting up and providing dessert. The women voted to provide toiletries for people in the Safe Passage Program. Kathy Sullivan and Margie Lamb will do the shopping. We are still accepting donations for the No Fuss Fundraiser. So far we have raised over \$600. The next luncheon will be on Thursday, July 18th at Whit's End at 11:30 a.m. Please join us!

Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. It will open back up at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, July 5th. We hope you have a safe and Happy 4th!!!

Closed for
4th of July



First Sunday Potluck

Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, July 7th, 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.



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 Habits

Held at:

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

Newsletter Change

Starting in August, we will be sending the newsletter out once a month. It will be mailed sometime around the 26 or 27 of each month. So, if you have information that needs to go in it, please have it turned in by the 20th.



Prayer Requests

Sharyl Craggs, Lynn Higgason, Gale Christopher, Roy Conrad, Tracy Hayden, Linda Allen, Karen Lowis, Dani Moore (Jennifer Tracey's cousin), Linda Binger, Darlene Wilson, Brenda Finrock, David Keel, Hazel Carlen, Donna Depolo, George Ortman, Joelynda Conrad, Steve & Connie Damery, Sharon Manning, Earlene Fisher

Serving our Country

Spc. Rodney Gatton, Sgt. Jonathan Grawe, Chelsea Boehme, (Illinois), Benjamin Jones (USMC), Nicholas Jones (California), Lance Alaria, Grant Durham, Jaden Graham, Ricky Martinez, Skylar Stafford (USMC California), Tyler Ungerer Stephens, Dalton Thomas, Michael Fay

Bulletin Bloopers



This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Thought for the Day

The trouble with stretching the truth is that it's apt to snap back.



CWF No-Fuss Fundraiser

It's not too late to help the CWF with their No Fuss Fundraiser. If you didn't receive a letter, please let us know so we can add your name to our list. The women use the money to support missions, church, and other projects to help people. If you would like to participate in this fundraiser, make a check payable to CWF. The check can be mailed in, dropped off at the church, or dropped in the collection plate.

Linda and Nancy Jones,
Co-Presidents

P.S. Men are welcome to participate in this project. Thank you for your support!



Reminder



Articles for the next newsletter are due in the office by noon on Monday, July 8th, 2024.



Serving Sunday, June 30, 2024

Elder — Heather & Jeb Odam
Diaconate – Team 2

Serving Sunday, July 7, 2024

Elder — Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins
Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday, July 14, 2024

Elder — Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins
Diaconate – Team 2

Serving Sunday, July 21, 2024

Elder — Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins
Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday, July 28, 2024

Elder — Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins
Diaconate – Team 4

Serving Sunday, August 4, 2024

Elder — Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel
Diaconate — Team 1



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed. 6/26	Problem Solving	
	Court Graduation	1:00 p.m.
Thurs. 6/27	Praise Band Practice	5:00 p.m.
Sun. 6/30	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:15 a.m.
	Women's 12-Step Mtg.	1:00 p.m.
Mon. 7/1	Worship Team Mtg.	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 7/2	TOPS	10:00 a.m.
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 p.m.
Thurs. 7/4	Office Closed	All Day
Sat. 7/6	Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Sun. 7/7	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:15 a.m.
	1 st Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.
	Women's 12-Step Mtg.	1:00 p.m.
Tues. 7/9	TOPS	10:00 a.m.
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 p.m.
Thurs. 7/11	Praise Band Practice	5:00 p.m.
	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Sun. 7/14	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:15 a.m.
	Women's 12-Step Mtg.	1:00 p.m.
Tues. 7/16	TOPS	10:00 a.m.
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 p.m.
Thurs. 7/18	Women's Luncheon	11:30 a.m.
	@ Whit's End	
	Praise Band Practice	5:00 p.m.
Sat. 7/20	Evangelism Retreat	
	in church	10:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
Sun. 7/21	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:15 a.m.
	Women's 12-Step Mtg.	1:00 p.m.
	Tville Skilled Nursing	2:30 p.m.
	Carriage Crossing	3:00 p.m.
Tues. 7/23	TOPS	10:00 a.m.
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 p.m.
Thurs. 7/25	Praise Band Practice	5:00 p.m.
Sun. 7/28	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:15 a.m.
	Women's 12-Step Mtg.	1:00 p.m.

Mon. 7/29	Meals on Wheels	10:30 a.m.
Tues. 7/30	TOPS	10:00 a.m.
	Meals on Wheels	10:30 a.m.
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 p.m.
Wed. 7/31	Meals on Wheels	10:30 a.m.
Thurs. 8/1	Meals on Wheels	10:30 a.m.
	Praise Band Practice	5:00 p.m.
Fri. 8/2	Meals on Wheels	10:30 a.m.
Sat. 8/3	Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Sun. 8/4	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:15 a.m.
	1 st Sunday Potluck	11:30 a.m.
	Women's 12-Step Mtg.	1:00 p.m.
Mon. 8/5	Worship Team Mtg.	4:00 p.m.
Tues. 8/6	TOPS	10:00 a.m.
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 p.m.
Thurs. 8/8	Praise Band Practice	5:00 p.m.
	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Sun. 8/11	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:15 a.m.
	Women's 12-Step Mtg.	1:00 p.m.
	Taylorville Care	2:30 p.m.
	Taylorville Estates	3:00 p.m.
Tues. 8/13	TOPS	10:00 a.m.
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 p.m.
Thurs. 8/15	Women's Luncheon	
	at Angelo's	11:30 a.m.
	Praise Band Practice	5:00 p.m.
Sat. 8/17	Cinda Hayes (FH & Kitchen)	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sun. 8/18	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:15 a.m.
	Women's 12-Step Mtg.	1:00 p.m.
Tues. 8/20	TOPS	10:00 a.m.
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 p.m.
Thurs. 8/22	Praise Band Practice	5:00 p.m.
Sun. 8/25	Adult Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship	10:15 a.m.
	Women's 12-Step Mtg.	1:00 p.m.
Tues. 8/27	TOPS	10:00 a.m.
	Celebrate Recovery	5:30 p.m.
Thurs. 8/29	Praise Band Practice	5:00 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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