



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

July 9,
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

If you're going through a difficult time right now, I want you to know that God loves you. He sees what you're going through, He is with you, and He desires to help you right where you are.

Psalms 34:18 NLT says: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed."

When we are hurting, God hurts with us.

Maybe you feel like things have gotten too difficult and there's nothing good left for your future. That is what the enemy wants you to believe, but God has something else to say...

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for

disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

(Jeremiah 29:11 NLT)

Our enemy, Satan, wants to discourage us and make us feel like things will never get better...like there's no way out. He wants us to believe that we're all alone.

I dealt with a very bad habit for years, and there was a tendency to keep it hidden. It's easy to isolate ourselves and feel like no one else can possibly understand.

The enemy likes it when we keep things hidden in the dark. However, God is Light, and when we discover what He has to say and when we allow Him to shine His light onto and into our situation, it brings freedom and hope.

I think it's common for people

to feel embarrassed when it comes to bad habits, depression or having thoughts of suicide. But the greatest thing we can do in these situations is tell someone else and get it out in the open.

If that's where you are today, I encourage you to take a step of faith and reach out to a close friend or a trained Christian counselor.

Don't allow the enemy to keep it hidden, but take the opportunity to get things out into the light.

Lord, Thank You for all the help you gave me in some of my hardest times in life. Thank You for the strength to keep going. Thank You for the Love and knowledge You put around me from others and Yourself. Thank You for saving me. Amen.

When things seem hopeless turn to the One who provides hope for the hopeless.

—Dennis



Offering for 6/30/24

Attendance: 88
General Fund: \$1639

Offering for 7/7/24

Attendance: 88
General Fund: \$5744

Taylorville Skilled Nursing & Carriage Crossing

On Sunday, July 21st,
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!



Tom Carlen	July 12
Jacob Satterlee	July 14
Gloria Ebler	July 14
Alexis Christer	July 15
Kathy Satterlee	July 16
Baron Odam	July 16
Heather Odam	July 19
Margie Lamb	July 19
Julianna Faber	July 19
Charley Craggs	July 20
Pat Waterman	July 21
Sheila McKinney	July 22
Kellie Cornwell	July 24
Shane Newlin	July 25
Myles Mateer	July 26



Merle & Earlene Fisher	July 28
Rick Jr. & Candace Peters	July 30

Reminder



Articles for the next newsletter are due in the office by noon on Monday, July 22nd, 2024.

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.

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



CWF Donation

Pictured above are Chief Wheeler and Denise Evans, Coordinator of Safe Passages with the toiletries that CWF donated for clients at Safe Passages. Join us on Thursday, July 18th at 11:30 a.m. at Whit's End for lunch.

First Sunday Potluck

Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, August 4th, 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.



Thank You

We are so thankful for your participation in our Nursing Home/Extended Living Ministry.

Yolanda Marucco
& Annette Spears



Prayer Requests

Devon, Sharyl Craggs, Lynn Higgason, Gale Christopher, Roy Conrad, Tracy Hayden, Linda Allen, Karen Lewis, Dani Moore (Jennifer Tracey's cousin), Linda Binger, Darlene Wilson, Brenda Finfrock, 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



Barbara C. remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.

Thought for the Day

Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest



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.



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

Serving Sunday,
August 11, 2024

Elder — Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel
Diaconate – Team 2

Serving Sunday,
August 18, 2024

Elder — Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel
Diaconate — Team 3



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.
	1st 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.



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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