



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

August  
2024

## **Preschool Will Be Starting Soon!!**

The 2024-2025 school year is right around the corner. They kick off the new year with their “Meet the Teacher’s Day” which will be on Tuesday, August 20 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The 4 year old class will begin their classes on Wednesday, August 21 from 8:45-11:15 a.m. and the 3 year old class will begin on Thursday, August 22 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Our teachers are excited to welcome their new students, as well as, their former students!!!

P.S. It is not too late to register your child! Contact the church office (824-8181), one of the teachers or the website ([davismemorialchristian.org](http://davismemorialchristian.org)).



## Minister's Column

"God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy. But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land."

(Psalms 68:6 NLT)

For a long time I lived in that sun-scorched land.

While solitude is a beautiful thing that can build our intimacy with God, we must take care not to slip into isolation. Isolation can make us susceptible to depression. We need to realize that we need people.

No matter how well we do by ourself, there are moments in our life when we can't do it alone.

We have to create a balance and know when to ask for

help from the right people.

God created us as relational beings and for fellowship. We all need a place where we feel a sense of belonging.

Psalm 68:6 says: "God places the lonely in families."

The family is not necessarily biological or marital. We are all members of God's universal family.

It is a privilege to be interconnected with other Christians who can help us grow in our personal and spiritual lives within a safe environment. We should desire to become part of the community that God has created for us.

"There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a

real friend sticks closer than a brother."

(Proverbs 18:24 NLT)

Finding the right community is essential. Identify a safe environment where you are accepted for who you are and where you can grow. Be selective of the company you keep. Surround yourself with people who see your value as a child of God, who recognize your unique gifts, and who genuinely love you for who you are.

Lord God, Thank You for putting me in the middle of a bunch of good people. Thank You for giving me the desire to get involved in the communities You've put me in. It's not about what others can do for me however; there are times I need help but it is about what I can do for others in my church, CR, NA,

AA, neighborhood or town. Thank You for putting me here. Amen.

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful."

(Colossians 3:14-15 NLT)

—Dennis



### Offering for 7/14/24

Attendance: 75  
General Fund: \$1274

### Offering for 7/21/24

Attendance: 71  
General Fund: \$707  
Celebrate Recovery: \$150

## Taylorville Care & Taylorville Estates

On Sunday, August 11th, 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.

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## Hickory Estates

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On Sunday, August 18th, 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.

## Reminder

Articles for the next newsletter are due in the office by noon on Tuesday, August 20th, 2024.



Janet Simmons	August 2
Lindsey Finfrock	August 4
Sally Cook	August 5
Brian McKinney	August 6
Courtney Rueff	August 8
Scott Finfrock	August 9
Nancy Hafliger	August 11
Claire Hadley	August 15
Ryan German	August 16
Craig Johnson	August 17
Alexis Newlin Sams	August 21
Brenda Finfrock	August 24
Melissa Honn	August 24
Randy Smith	August 24
Lois Whitaker	August 25
Kim Brune	August 26
Ronda Fassero	August 28
Juletta Ellis	August 29
David Keel	August 30
Jeff Stickel	August 31



Charley & Jennifer Dammerman	August 7
Kelly & Gena Craggs	August 10
Mike & Ronda Fassero	August 12
Matt & Angie Morrison	August 15
Blain & Kim Cornwell	August 19
Mark & Kathy Satterlee	August 25
Bob & Sharyl Craggs	August 31

## After-School Program

We are once again 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 4th. 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.



## CWF Luncheon



Thank you to all who supported the CWF No Fuss Fundraiser. We were able to raise \$900. Some of this money will be used to pay for the band for the block Party.

The next CWF luncheon will be Thursday, August 15 at Angelo's at 11:30 a.m. Please join us!

## DMCC Block Party

September 14th from 6-8 p.m.!!!

We want to bring to everyone's attention, that DMCC will be sponsoring our annual "Block Party" on Saturday, Sept. 14th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This is an outreach to the community and a family friendly event. There will be a free meal provided. We encourage everyone to invite family, friends, and neighbors to this fun event. There will be games for the children and "live" music provided by Antics (Floyd Short's band). We need volunteers to set-up & clean-up.



## 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.



## WHAT WOULD IT BE LIKE WITH 1,024 MEMBERS?

### THE VALUE OF ONE MEMBER A Ponderous Poem

10 little members standing in a line,  
one disliked the pastor,  
then there were 9.  
9 ambitious members  
offered to work late,  
one forgot her promise,  
then there were 8.  
8 creative members had ideas  
good as heaven,  
one lost enthusiasm,  
then there were 7.  
7 loyal members got into a fix,  
they quarreled over projects,  
then there were 6.  
6 members remained  
with spirit and with drive,  
one disliked the music,  
then there were 5.  
5 steadfast members,  
wished there were more,  
one sat in another seat,  
then there were 4.  
4 cheerful members  
who never disagree,  
'til one complained of meetings,  
then there were 3.  
3 eager members. What did they do?  
one got discouraged,  
then there were 2.

2 lonely members,  
our rhyme is nearly done,  
one joined a sports team,  
then there was 1.  
1 faithful member  
was feeling rather blue,  
met with a neighbor,  
then there were 2.  
2 earnest members  
each enrolled one more,  
doubling their number,  
then there were 4.  
4 determined members  
just couldn't wait,  
'til each one won another,  
then there were 8.  
8 excited members  
signed up sixteen more,  
in another six verses,  
there'll be a 1,024!

Covenant Congregational Church  
Waltham, MA



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

## 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.



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 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

### **Choir Practice**



Our Choir is starting back up on Wednesday, August 28th!!! They will meet every Wednesday and provide our special music for 2 out of the 4 Sunday's each month. Anyone who loves music is invited to come at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!!!



## **Bulletin Bloopers**



Missionary from Africa speaking at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. Name: Bertha Belch. Announcement: Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

## **Thought for the Day**

Hindsight explains the injury that foresight would have prevented.



## **Men's Breakfast**



We cordially invite you to the next "Men's Breakfast" which will be held on Saturday, August 3 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



**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

**Serving Sunday,**  
**August 25, 2024**

**Elder** — Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel  
**Diaconate** – Team 4

**Serving Sunday,**  
**September 1, 2024**

**Elder** — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
**Diaconate** — Team 1

**Serving Sunday,**  
**September 8, 2024**

**Elder** — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
**Diaconate** – Team 2



**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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