



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

September  
2024

## **DMCC City-Wide Fall Gathering**

### **September 14th from 4-8 p.m.!!!**

We would like to bring to everyone's attention, that DMCC will be sponsoring our annual "City-Wide Fall Gathering" (used to be called "Block Party") on Saturday, September 14th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. This is an outreach to the community and a family friendly event. There will be a free meal provided. We strongly 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) from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We need volunteers to set-up, clean-up and to serve the food.



With everyone's help, prayers and participation, we are certain that this event will be another huge success. P.S. We also need volunteers to help with kid's games & events.

## Minister's Column

"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7 NLT)

Have you been praying about a situation in your life and found yourself waiting for a breakthrough?

You're wondering why the answer hasn't come yet?

You feel as though hope is passing you by?

Sometimes when we pray long and hard about a situation in our life without receiving any answers, we just learn to live with it.

We go on about our business, wondering if or when God will hear it and send the answer.

Here is the thing friends, God does hear those prayers, and He's working out the answers even though we may not know all the details.

Our situation can change suddenly, without warning! But, until then we can either wait passively or expectantly.

A passive person gives up, but the expectant person, on the other hand, is hopeful, believing the answered prayer is just around the corner, due to arrive at any minute.

Their belief is not a passive thing. Their heart is full of hope, expecting the problem will be solved at any moment.

The hopeful person wakes up every morning expecting to

find their prayer answered. They wait and wait, but they will also keep asking until suddenly, God's careful plan comes to be and turns everything around.

Many times God is helping us change so the plan can happen with our help. Be adaptable don't expect things in a certain way.

Father God, You know those things in my heart that I barely dare to hope for. Today I give them to You. I trust them to You, and I ask that You take them because I know that You can do more than I could ever guess, imagine or request in my wildest dreams. God, You are my hope and I will trust it all to You. Amen.

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty

power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." (Ephesians 3:20 NLT)

Don't give up and don't give in.  
—Dennis



### Offering for 8/4/24

Attendance: 86  
General Fund: \$1704

### Offering for 8/11/24

Attendance: 122  
General Fund: \$3262  
Sunday Lunches: \$25

### Offering for 8/18/24

Attendance: 79  
General Fund: \$1208  
Preschool: \$50  
Celebrate Recovery: \$150

### Offering for 8/25/24

Attendance: 83  
General Fund: \$1218



Kay Brewer	September 3
Andrew Lamb	September 3
John Gardner	September 9
Jean Steele	September 9
Jim Humphrey	September 9
Zane Finrock	September 10
Jay Bliler	September 10
Kathy Ricci	September 11
Riley Morrison	September 11
Jenny Lewis	September 11
Billi Woodruff	September 11
Jill Short	September 13
Mary Norris	September 15
Laura Gardner	September 16
Dick Adams	September 23
Erica Montes	September 23
Janet Cisco	September 24
Mark Satterlee	September 24
Angie Keel	September 24
Frank Rutherford	September 27
Judy Adams	September 28
Colene German	September 28
Bill Kerns	September 28
Nancy Jones	September 30



Steve & Laura Benson	September 9
Dick & Cindy Adams	September 12
Norman	
& Brenda Finrock	September 14
Dave & Linda Berck	September 16
Fred	
& Sandra Delahunt	September 20

**Taylorville Skilled Nursing  
& Carriage Crossing**

On Sunday, September 22nd, 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.



**Reminder**



Articles for the next newsletter are due in the office by noon on Tuesday, September 24th, 2024.

## Shake off Your Problems

A man's favorite donkey falls into a deep well. He can't pull it out no matter how hard he tries. He therefore decides to bury it alive.

Soil is poured onto the donkey from above. The donkey feels the load, shakes it off, and steps on it. More soil is poured.

It shakes it off and steps up. The more the load was poured, the higher it rose. By noon, the donkey was grazing in green pastures.

Moral of the Story: Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up!

Shake it off, and take a step up.



## 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



The next CWF luncheon will be Thursday, September 19 at Angelo's at 11:30 a.m. We usually have somewhere between 10-15 ladies each month. Please join us!

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



## Preschool Has Started!!

The 2024-2025 school year has started. They kicked off the new year with their "Meet the Teacher's Day". This year, they have combined the 3 year olds and the 4 year olds together into one class. They meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Our teachers were excited to welcome the kids back after the summer break!!!



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

## Newsletter Change



We are now sending the newsletter out once a month. It will be mailed sometime around the 26 or 27 of each month, so you will have it by the beginning of the next month. So, if you have information that needs to go in it, please have it turned in early enough to be included.

## 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***

## *Prayer Requests*

Vella Kimble, Chris Ferrill, Nicholas Shaw, Celine, Norm Finrock, Devin Binger, Sharyl Craggs, Lynn Higgason, Gale Christopher, Roy & Joelynda Conrad, Linda Allen, Karen Lewis, Dani Moore (Jennifer Tracey's cousin), Linda Binger, Darlene Wilson, Brenda Finrock, David Keel, Hazel Carlen, Donna Depolo, George Ortman, 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

**“Attention! - Attention! - Attention!”**  
**Annual ‘Drive-Thru’ Fish Fry**  
**October 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

I would like to announce that the “Christian Men’s Fellowship” will be hosting their annual “Fish Fry”, Friday, October 11 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. It will be a “Drive-Thru” again this year. No tickets will be sold at the door, and we will accept “pre-paid” tickets only. Tickets can be purchased from any CMF member, or at the church office.



We need people to buy and sell tickets, prepare carry-out meals, set-up, clean-up, cook, cut cakes, and to work in the carry-out line. We also need donations of cakes and pies. We ask that the desserts be brought in disposable containers, because we will be using the sinks to thaw fish.

I’m confident with your help, support, and prayers this year’s “Fish Fry” will be a huge success.

Sincerely, Jonathan Newlin  
& CMF (Disciples Men)

**Meals on Wheels**




Thanks to everyone for helping with Meals on Wheels in July! You are so appreciated!!! Our church is responsible for Meals on Wheels the week of September 30-October 4. 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 are available (820-1099).

**First Sunday Potluck**

Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, September 1st, 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.



**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



The service will close with “Little Drops of Water.” One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.

## Thought for the Day

Do not in the darkness of night, what you'd shun in broad daylight.



## Men's Breakfast



We cordially invite you to the next “Men's Breakfast” which will be held on

Saturday, September 7 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, September 1, 2024

Elder — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
Diaconate — Team 1

## Serving Sunday, September 8, 2024

Elder — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
Diaconate – Team 2

## Serving Sunday, September 15, 2024

Elder — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
Diaconate — Team 3

## Serving Sunday, September 22, 2024

Elder — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
Diaconate – Team 4

## Serving Sunday, September 29, 2024

Elder — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
Diaconate — Team 3

## Serving Sunday, October 6, 2024

Elder — Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin  
Diaconate – Team 1



**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.  
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