



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

October
2024

**“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. **Desserts can be brought to the church, Thursday, October 10 from 5:00-7:00 p.m., or Friday, October 11 from 9:00 a.m.-noon.**

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

Sincerely, Jonathan
& CMF (Disciples Men)

Work Schedule:

- 1) We will set-up the canopy on Sunday, October 6 at 2:00 p.m.
- 2) Move cookers from garage (9:00 a.m.-Noon) on Thursday, October 10; & set-up on Friday, October 11 from 9:00 a.m.-Noon
- 3) We will clean the cookers and store them in the garage on Saturday, October 12 at 9:00 a.m.
- 4) We will take down the canopy Sunday, October 13 at 2:00 p.m., if not completed on Saturday

Minister's Column

"If you are going through some grief today, I don't think there is any right way or wrong way to handle grief. It's different for everyone, so whatever you're feeling today, it's okay.

Friends, if you are looking for advice from someone who's been there, I would encourage you to hit your knees and pray for guidance.

Prayer should be the first thing you reach for, not the last.

"He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds."
(Psalms 147:3 NLT)

Everyone will be quick to tell you what you should or shouldn't do in this time of loss, but your path is already set by God, and only He can

keep you moving in the right direction.

"For that is what God is like. He is our God forever and ever, and he will guide us until we die."

(Psalms 48:14 NLT)

Walking through and recovering from grief will be different for everyone. Just remember everyone everywhere has went through it or will go through it, you are not alone God is always right there.

"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Joshua 1:9 NLT)

Heavenly Father, Thank You for knowing what each of us are going through and for

caring about every one of our different stories. Thank You for guiding us on the unique paths we are facing and for never leaving us. For anyone who is seeking wisdom, comfort, or direction today, I pray You would speak to their hearts and make Your plan known. Help us to learn to listen well and to trust You, even when following You looks or feels a little crazy. Amen.

"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NLT)

God Bless Your Day!

—Dennis

Offering for 9/1/24

Attendance: 90
General Fund: \$3816
Fall Gathering: \$500

Offering for 9/8/24

Attendance: 85
General Fund: \$1206
Sunday Lunches: \$50
Preschool: \$25

Offering for 9/15/24

Attendance: 97
General Fund: \$1367
Celebrate Recovery: \$150

Offering for 9/22/24

Attendance: 96
General Fund: \$932
Preschool: \$25
Missions: \$25

Men's Breakfast



We cordially invite you to the next "Men's Breakfast" which will be held on Saturday, October 5 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



Accidentally left off the September Birthday list:

Vicki Gaillard	September 6
Mike Rykhus	October 1
Rex Montgomery	October 2
Jennifer Tracey	October 4
Bob Shake	October 5
Brittany Newlin	October 5
Rev. Jim Whitaker	October 6
Danny Lewis	October 9
Eric Bruder	October 11
Dawn DeClerck	October 12
Charley Dammerman	October 12
Justin Hooper	October 15
Elizabeth Goodman	October 15
Ramsey Dammerman	October 16
Ryan Buerk	October 17
Linda Binger	October 18
Jane Biler	October 24
Jake Miller	October 28



Tom & Jennifer Tracey	October 15
Frank & Janiece Rutherford	October 20

Hickory Estates

On Sunday, October 20th, 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.

Choir Practice



Our Choir meets every Wednesday for practice and provides 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!!!

Reminder



Articles for the next newsletter are due in the office by noon on Friday, October 25th, 2024.

Pastor's Appreciation Month

You are invited to celebrate and honor Pastor Dennis during Pastor's Appreciation Month at a reception/card shower on Sunday, October 13, to be held in the Narthex immediately following worship. Please join us!



Food Pantry



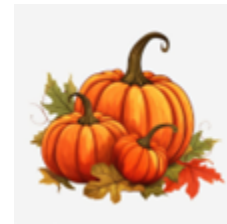
We are collecting for the Taylorville Food Pantry. There is a cart located in the Narthex for you to drop off your items.

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.

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.



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. The kids get out at 2:30 p.m. on the first three Wednesday's 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.



Military Packages



We will again send Christmas packages to local military personnel deployed overseas. We will also donate items to the Veterans Homes in Quincy and Danville.

This year, again, we only request monetary donations. The money collected will be used for the items we send, as well as postage to send the boxes.

At this time, we are asking for names of any local military personnel who may be deployed overseas. If you have a loved one, or know of someone who would like to receive a Christmas package, please supply the name and address to DMCC by calling 217-824-8181.

Names and monetary donations are needed no later than Thursday, November 30th. All packages will be mailed on December 5th to ensure a Christmas delivery.

Happy Anniversary!

Happy Anniversary to Randy & Patti Barrow! They were married 50 years ago, September 21st, here at DMCC.



Sympathy



We offer our deepest sympathy to the Family of Jean Steele. Jean passed away on September 9.

CWF Luncheon

CWF held their monthly luncheon on September 18 at Angelo's with 11 in attendance. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 17 at Angelo's at 11:30 a.m.



The next business meeting will be Thursday, November 21. A discussion will be held about holiday donations.

CWF is open to all women of the church.

Preschool Has Started!!

The 2024-2025 school year is in full swing. 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.



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

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

Meals on Wheels



Thanks to everyone for helping with Meals on Wheels in September/October! You are so appreciated!!! The next time our church is responsible for Meals on Wheels is on December 30-January 3. 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, October 6th, 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.



Bulletin Bloopers



The church is glad to have with us today as our guest minister the Rev. Green who has Mrs. Green with him. After the service we request that all remain in the sanctuary for the Hanging of the Greens.

Thought for the Day

I am defeated, and know it, if I meet any human being from whom I find myself unable to learn anything.



Serving Sunday, October 6, 2024

Elder — Ronda Fassero, J. Newlin
Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday, October 13, 2024

Elder — Ronda Fassero, J. Newlin
Diaconate – Team 2

Serving Sunday, October 20, 2024

Elder — Ronda Fassero, J. Newlin
Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday, October 27, 2024

Elder — Ronda Fassero, J. Newlin
Diaconate – Team 4

Serving Sunday, November 3, 2024

Elder — Ronda Fassero, J. Newlin
Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday, November 10, 2024

Elder — Ronda Fassero, J. Newlin
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
Our church phone is (217) 824-8181. All guests are welcome!

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