



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

December
2024



December 15

Caroling to Shut-Ins (right after the 3:00p.m. service at
Taylorville Estates)
Angel Tree donation deadline

December 22

Christmas Cantata (during worship)

December 24

Christmas Eve Service (6:00 p.m.)

December 31

New Year's Eve Party/Game Night (7:00 p.m.)

Minister's Column

For Some: Trust and Faith
For others: Faith and Trust

"Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is.

From now on, you do know him and have seen him!" Philip said, "Lord show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am?"

Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do."

(John 14:6-11 NLT)

Jesus has done a work in me and you. We are not perfect, not because He is not perfect, but because we are not capable of being perfect. That does not mean we are not good. It just means we need to keep working on ourselves or better yet let Him keep working in and on us.

We are capable of doing greater works that we already are and Jesus is telling us that.

"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!" (John 14:12-14 NLT)

That's a Promise.

It's not that He doesn't always do it, it's just that we are looking for Him to do it in a certain way and He does it His Way.

For some it's: Trust and Faith

For others it's: Faith and Trust

Lord God, I Love the promises You make to us.

Help us help others and help us be better. Blessings on Your and My Day. All of this I ask in Your Son's Name Jesus, Amen.

God Bless You, Your Friends and Your Entire Family.

—Dennis

Thanks for the Prayers!

I'm home! Thanks to all your prayers—I had 4 wounds on my legs & 3 are no longer needing medication.



Prayer does work. Thank you for the many cards sent to me. I appreciate you all.

—Linda Binger

P.S. Still needing prayers

Meals on Wheels



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 interested in helping at the next one. (820-1099).



Angie Morrison	December 1
Maureen Wise	December 1
David Gardner	December 5
Bev Morrison	December 7
Earlene Fisher	December 8
Matt Morrison	December 12
Boyd Dammerman	December 14
Ken Montgomery	December 14
Tamara Wisnasky	December 15
Terri England	December 17
Gena Craggs	December 18
Emma Wilson	December 19
Ashley Finfrock	December 19
Karen Lewis	December 27
Alysha Justice	December 29
Angelina White	December 29
Noel VanDeman	December 29
Angie Bourke	December 31



Mr. & Mrs. Jim Humphrey	December 1
Arby & Maureen Wise	December 10
Mike & Patty Rykhus	December 11
Jeb & Heather Odam	December 31
David & Janet Hendricks	December 31

Taylorville Care & Taylorville Estates

On Sunday, December 15th, 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.



Hickory Estates

On Sunday, December 29th, 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.



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!!!

Twelve Days of Christmas

What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.

- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit—Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit—Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
- The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

This knowledge was shared with me and I found it interesting and enlightening and now I know that strange song became a Christmas Carol...so pass it on if you wish. Merry Twelve Days of Christmas, Everyone.



Poinsettias



If you are interested in bringing a poinsettia to help decorate the sanctuary, you can do so at any time. If you are bringing it in honor of or in memory of someone, please make sure you have their name (as well as who is giving it) on the plant when you bring it in or have it delivered.

First Sunday Potluck

Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, December 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.



Men's Breakfast



We cordially invite you to the next "Men's Breakfast" which will be held on Saturday, November 2nd from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the fellowship Hall. Egg, ham & cheese omelets along with biscuits are featured on the menu. Come join us for some fine food and fellowship. Sons and friends are always welcome.

Sincerely, Jonathan Newlin
& Disciples Men

Christmas Parade



If you are interested in walking in the Christmas Parade, please join us on Saturday, December 7th at 5:00 p.m. We have small group of people who will represent the church, and also the Preschool. We are also asking for candy donations, so if you don't want to or are unable to walk, you can still be involved. You can drop your donation off at the church office, or see Kandi Smith.

CWF Luncheon

CWF held their monthly luncheon on November 21 at Angelo's with 14 in attendance. Our next luncheon will be Thursday, December 19 at Angelo's at 11:30 a.m. The group voted to donate \$100 to Safe Passage. CWF is open to all women of the church.

P.S. Thank you to all who donated food and worked at the Binger Bereavement Luncheon.



Pictured are Debbie Prince, Coordinator of Safe Passage, Linda Jones & Chief Wheeler

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***

Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Linda Binger & Family after the passing of her son, Devin Binger on November 16th.



Children's Prayers to God



Dear God, Thank you for the baby brother but what I asked for was a puppy. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.

-Amanda

Thought for the Day

Failure isn't falling down, it's staying down.



Prayer Requests

Donna Stephens, Penny Moomey, Jake Lozier, Brad Mansfield, Shelby Cook, Max Wayman, Evelyn Thomas Risse, Dawn Crites, Vella Kimble, Chris Ferrill, Nicholas Shaw, Celine, 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, 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





Offering for 10/27/24

Attendance: 100
General Fund: \$1583
Preschool: \$25
Missions: \$25

Offering for 11/3/24

Attendance: 95
General Fund: \$1779

Offering for 11/10/24

Attendance: 115
General Fund: \$2920
Military Packages: \$50

Offering for 11/17/24

Attendance: 84
General Fund: \$1138
Celebrate Recovery: \$150
Military Packages: \$25

Offering for 11/24/24

Attendance: 140
General Fund: \$1262



Serving Sunday, December 1, 2024

Elder — L. Dexheimer, Marcia Collins
Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday, December 8, 2024

Elder — L. Dexheimer, Marcia Collins
Diaconate – Team 2

Serving Sunday, December 15, 2024

Elder — L. Dexheimer, Marcia Collins
Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday, December 22, 2024

Elder — L. Dexheimer, Marcia Collins
Diaconate – Team 4

Serving Sunday, December 29, 2024

Elder — L. Dexheimer, Marcia Collins
Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday, January 5, 2025

Elder —
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.

Editor of the "Visitor" Sheryl Nagle

Our church phone is (217) 824-8181. All guests are welcome!

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