



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

January
2025



Game Night

Celebrate Recovery is hosting a Game Night on New Year's Eve (December 31st) at 7:00 p.m. here at the church. You are welcome to

bring a finger food and your favorite game to share. We hope you will join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!



Minister's Column

Do you know it all? There was a time in my life that thought I knew it all but I have found that I don't know it all.

Or I definitely don't know as much as I thought I knew.

"Stop deceiving yourselves. If you think you are wise by this world's standards, you need to become a fool to be truly wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As the Scriptures say, "He traps the wise in the snare of their own cleverness." And again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise; he knows they are worthless.""

(1 Corinthians 3:18-20 NLT)

Opposing God's way for our own way is foolish.

When we think thoughts of self, we cheat ourselves. When we think we are wise, we are actually fools. If we insist on our own story and opinions, the "Author and Perfecter of faith" (Hebrews 12:2) may as well write His story somewhere else.

Jesus asked the lame man, "Do you want to be healed?" (John 5:6)

Many of us should confront that same question today: Do we want to be healed?

Ever noticed? God doesn't force Himself on people who don't want Him. We must decide if we want His healing—if we want the mind of Christ.

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We cannot come opinionated, full of our own thinking—our rights, our formula, our way, our plan of what should happen—and name it God's.

We must have God's thinking so that even our best thinking doesn't become tainted with self-righteousness, self-promotion, or self-pity.

God's thoughts are not our thoughts. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord."
(Isaiah 55:8)

What if our whole breakthrough is less about what we think and more about what God thinks?

To let go of our own minds is to walk by the mind of Christ.

If we were to think like Christ, imagine the immense

potential of how much we could do and how we could love just like Christ.

As you begin your journey of knowing Christ, don't come hardened, already knowing everything, assuming your thoughts are correct.

Don't come deciding you've already read the Bible and know its stories, verses, and doctrines.

Come as a blank slate.

Come humble.

Come hungry.

Come needy.

Come ready.

Come believing.

Come willing.

Come expecting God's Word to meet you and renew you.

Come anticipating a transformation by God.

Lord God, I know I don't know much but I'm learning and

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starting to understand a little more every day. Amen.

I don't have to know it all, because Christ does, and I'm starting to allow His mind to lead me!
—Dennis

Diaconate Meeting



We will have a brief Diaconate Meeting immediately following our worship service on Sunday, January 12th.

We hope to only keep you about 15-20 minutes.

Taylorville Skilled Nursing & High Point

On Sunday, January 26th, Davis Memorial will lead the worship service at Taylorville Skilled Nursing at 2:30 p.m. and High Point 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.



Linda Berck	January 1
Janet Montgomery	January 1
Shelley Canizares	January 4
Christa Sheedy	January 4
Dorris Schroyer	January 5
Bob Ricci	January 5
Carmelo Montes	January 5
Mike Biiler	January 6
Janiece Rutherford	January 9
Cara Montgomery	January 9
Brock Cornwell	January 9
Laura Benson	January 9
Laura Mitchell	January 12
Brett Peters	January 12
Robert Shake	January 15
Rebecca Westerhouse	January 15
Roy Conrad	January 16
Kim Cornwell	January 17
Kelsey Conrad	January 18
Alice Newlin	January 18
Will Biiler	January 20
Kandi Smith	January 24
Barbara Miller	January 25
Shelley Carlen	January 25
Jean Ortman	January 27
Kevin Boehme	January 31



Kevin & Penny Biiler	January 13
Corey & Nancy Halfiger	January 16
Gordon & Linda Gesell	January 22

True Riches (Money is Not True Wealth)

There was once a boy who was growing up in a very wealthy family. One day, his father decided to take him on a trip to show him how others lived who were less fortunate. His father's goal was to help his son appreciate everything that he has been given in life.

The boy and his father pulled up to a farm where a very poor family lived. They spent several days on the farm helping the family work for their food and take care of their land.

When they left the farm, his dad asked his son if he enjoyed their trip and if he had learned anything during the time they spent with this family.

The boy quickly replied, "It was fantastic, that family is so lucky!"

Confused, his father asked what he meant by that.

The boy said, "Well, we only have one dog, but that family has four—and they have chickens! We have four people in our home, but they have 12! They have so many people to play with! We have a pool in our yard, but they have a river running through their property that is endless. We have lanterns outside so we can see at night, but they have the wide open sky and the beautiful stars to give them wonder and light. We have a patio, but they have the

entire horizon to enjoy—they have endless fields to run around in and play. We have to go to the grocery store, but they are able to grow their own food. Our high fence protects our property and our family, but they don't need such a limiting structure, because their friends protect them."

The father was speechless.

Finally, the boy added, "Thank you for showing me how rich people live, they're so lucky."

Moral of the Story: True wealth and happiness aren't measured by material belongings. Being around the people you love, enjoying the beautiful, natural environment, and having freedom are much more valuable.

Preschool Registration

We are planning to start Preschool Registration real soon. If you have a child that will be 3 or 4 by September 1st of 2025, please be watching for more details.



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!!!

First Sunday Potluck

Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, January 5th, 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, January 4th 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

CWF Luncheon



CWF celebrated Christmas, December 19 with 14 people present. Thank you to Kathy Sullivan for the cute Santa Clauses, Kay Brewer for the festive cherry cheesecake and Nancy Jones and Betty Moore for the delicious caramels. A time of silence was held in memory of Donna Stephens who was an active member. She will be missed. I would like to thank everyone that helped with funeral dinners in any capacity. This service means so much to our bereaved families. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 16 at Angelo's at 11:30 a.m. If weather is bad, Nancy Jones will contact you to let you know what the plans will be. May you have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Food Pantry

Please don't forget the people of our community who may be facing hunger.



We have a cart, located in the Narthex for you to drop off your items. Some items to consider are: cans of fruit, veggies, soup, Spaghetti, etc. Also peanut butter, crackers, cereal, pudding, Hamburger Helper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, razors, etc.

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

Buck Miller, 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 Lowis, 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

Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Tom & Shelley Carlen after the passing of Tom's mother, Hazel Carlen. Hazel passed away on Monday, December 23rd.



Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Donna Stephens. Donna passed away on Friday, December 6th.



Children's Prayers to God



Dear Mr. God, I wish you would not make it so easy for people to come apart. I had to have 3 stitches and a shot.

-Janet

Thought for the Day

A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down.



Preschool Fundraiser

The Preschool will have an Angelo's Take & Bake pizza fundraiser in January. The details are being finalized and we will get the dates and prices to you after the first of the year. Please be watching the bulletin &/or email for the details.





Offering for 12/1/24

Attendance: 95
General Fund: \$3516
Missions: \$5
Military Packages: \$50

Offering for 12/8/24

Attendance: 101
General Fund: \$1713
Preschool: \$70
Military Packages: \$112

Offering for 12/15/24

Attendance: 88
General Fund: \$1383
Pentecost: \$25
Celebrate Recovery: \$150

Offering for 12/22/24

Attendance: 116
General Fund: \$4487
Christmas: \$10



**Serving Sunday,
January 5, 2025**

Elder —
Diaconate – Team 1

**Serving Sunday,
January 12, 2025**

Elder —
Diaconate — Team 2

**Serving Sunday,
January 19, 2025**

Elder —
Diaconate – Team 3

**Serving Sunday,
January 26, 2025**

Elder —
Diaconate — Team 4

**Serving Sunday,
February 2, 2025**

Elder —
Diaconate – Team 1

**Serving Sunday,
February 9, 2025**

Elder —
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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