



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

February  
2025



**Office Hours – Effective  
February 1, 2025**

**Monday – Closed**

**Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Thursday – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Friday – Closed**

## Minister's Column

Is this hard to do?

"But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing."  
(Matthew 6:3 NLT)

We start out serving our families and friends and loving it. But after awhile, our hearts begin to change and we begin to expect something in return. Eventually, we no longer have the heart of a servant.

The Bible says to give without letting "your left hand know what your right hand is doing." In other words, God wants us to serve and give without caring if people notice or recognize us.

Have you fallen into the mindset it's time to let

others know how much you give or you're tired of giving because it seems like no one gives back?

If so, ask God to give you His heart so that you can give selflessly without a concern for recognition or something in return.

"Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full-pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." (Luke 6:38 NLT)

But not if you shout it from the mountain tops or even whisper it from behind the wall.

(Continued)

Lord God,  
 I want to have Your heart for  
 service so that I can give to  
 others the way You want me to,  
 selflessly and with Your joy.  
 Amen.

"Love your enemies! Do good to  
 them. Lend to them without  
 expecting to be repaid. Then  
 your reward from heaven will  
 be very great, and you will truly  
 be acting as children of the  
 Most High, for he is kind to  
 those who are unthankful and  
 wicked." (Luke 6:35 NLT)

—Dennis

**After-School Program**



We are 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 Wednesdays of the month and then  
 on the 4th Wednesday, they get out at 1:00  
 p.m. If you are able to help, please contact  
 Dennis at 824-8181 or 254-5027.



Jenna Sparling	February 1
Tracie Boehme	February 3
Connie Damery	February 3
Nancy Honn	February 6
Dawn Brown	February 7
Cindy Hooper	February 8
Owen Mateer	February 11
Kevin McCarthy	February 11
Grace Mathon	February 12
Kevin Montgomery	February 14
Mary Dooley	February 16
Blake Peters	February 17
April Mateer	February 19
Susan Kowalczyk	February 21
Gordon Gesell	February 24

**Hickory Estates**

On Sunday,  
 February 9th,  
 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!!!

## Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year for the DMCC Preschool is now open. Registration cost for this year will be \$10. Tuition fees have increased for the 3 year olds to \$75 a month and for the 4 year olds to \$85 a month. There is a very accessible scholarship program so please consider applying. Applications for preschool registration and scholarship may be picked up at the office at 1500 W. Franklin, Taylorville. Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8-noon & 1-3:30p.m. They will also be available on the DavisMemorialChristian.org website and Facebook page.



## Women's 12-Step Program

We will start the 12-Step Program over again on Sunday, February 9 at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested call Kim Brune (217-825-8595).



## Color My World



We have a Fellowship Group that will meet each Thursday afternoon from 3-4:30 p.m. here at the church (beginning on February 6). This is open to anyone. We will meet to color, visit, share scripture and just enjoy each other's company. Bring any coloring supplies you wish to use! If you have any questions, please contact Kim Brune (217-825-8595) or Linda Jones (217-254-4189). We hope to see you there!



## The Boy and the Ice Cream (Don't Be So Quick to Judge First Appearances)

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table.



A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

“How much is an ice cream sundae?” the boy asked.

“50 cents,” replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it.

“How much is a dish of plain ice cream?” he inquired. Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was a bit impatient.

“35 cents,” she said brusquely.

The little boy again counted the coins. “I’ll have the plain ice cream,” he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked

away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and departed.

When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw.

There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were 15 cents—her tip.

Moral of the Story: Don’t be so quick to judge others at first appearance. Very often the people we least expect to help, are those that give the most generously so share your warmth unabatedly with the world.



### First Sunday Potluck

Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, February 2nd, 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, February 1st 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



17 women met at Angelo's on January 16 to enjoy food and fellowship. We welcomed three new ladies. The next meeting will

be Thursday, February 20 at Angelo's at 11:30 a.m. Please join us.

## Nursery



We have a nursery available during our Sunday church services, (for 5 year olds and under). All other children and youth are invited to attend our Children's Church or must remain with their parents.

## Thank You!!!



We would like to thank the Carolers who stopped by to wish us a Merry Christmas. You can't even begin to realize how you made our day! We couldn't quit smiling!!! We also greatly appreciate the cards that have continued to come. It's so nice to know that we have not been forgotten. We have definitely not forgotten you!. We are on the mend and are looking forward to coming back to church as soon as we are able. We love you all so much!!!

Sincerely,  
Roy &  
Joelynda Conrad

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held on Monday, June 16-Thursday, June 19



from 6:00-7:30 p.m. It will be held at the Methodist Church. We are partnering with the Methodist, Catholic & Presbyterian Churches. We need volunteers to help and we need kids to sign up! Please help us make this year's VBS our biggest and best yet!!! We have registration forms available in the church office.

## 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 Lewis, Dani Moore (Jennifer Tracey's cousin), Linda Binger, Darlene Wilson, Brenda Finrock, 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

## 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.

## Children's Prayers to God



God, I read the bible.  
What does beget mean?  
Nobody will tell me.

--Love, Allison

## Thought for the Day

Laughter is the brush that sweeps away the cobwebs of the heart.





**Offering for 12/29/24**

Attendance: 75  
General Fund: \$1086.75

**Offering for 1/5/25**

Attendance: 58  
General Fund: \$21,473

**Offering for 1/12/25**

Attendance: 91  
General Fund: \$9118.55

**Offering for 1/19/25**

Attendance: 107  
General Fund: \$1116.71  
Preschool: \$20  
Celebrate Recovery: \$150

**Offering for 1/26/25**

Attendance: 80  
General Fund: \$4162.97



**Serving Sunday,**  
**February 2, 2025**

**Elder** — Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel  
**Diaconate** – Team 1

**Serving Sunday,**  
**February 9, 2025**

**Elder** — Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel  
**Diaconate** — Team 2

**Serving Sunday,**  
**February 16, 2025**

**Elder** — Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel  
**Diaconate** – Team 3

**Serving Sunday,**  
**February 23, 2025**

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

**Serving Sunday,**  
**March 2, 2025**

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

**Serving Sunday,**  
**March 9, 2025**

**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**

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

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