



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

April
2025

Easter Services & Events

Maundy Thursday Service

(Reenactment of the Last Supper)
6:30p.m. on Thursday, April 17th

Easter Sunrise Service

7:30a.m. on Sunday, April 20th

Breakfast after Sunrise Service

8:30a.m. on Sunday, April 20th

Regular Worship Service

(with Baptisms)
10:15a.m. on Sunday, April 20th



Minister's Column

God gives His children big dreams to pursue in life. However my big dreams have changed because my priorities have changed.

In order for my new dreams to be fulfilled, I had to spend time in training, cooperating with God in a process of personal development.

This process included time, determination and hard work.

We cannot fulfill God's plans and purposes without developing the necessary skills.

"Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work, they labor hard all summer, gathering food

for the winter."

(Proverbs 6:6-8 NLT)

Ants more than make up for their small size with simple determination, and we can learn a giant-size lesson from them.

We must be just as self-motivated and self-disciplined as the ant.

As you develop that kind of self-motivation and discipline to live for Christ, you will become all God created you to be and also lead others to Him in the process.

So keep pressing on, growing in determination, and watch your dreams come true!

Lord God, I want to be all You created me to be and fulfill the dreams You've put in my
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heart. Help me to stay focused on You and put in the time, determination and hard work necessary to grow in Christ and live out the plans You have for me. In Your Son's Name I Pray, 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)

—Dennis

After-School Program



We are 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.

Color My World



We have a Fellowship Group that is meeting each Thursday afternoon from 3-4:30 p.m. here at the church. This is open to anyone. They 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!

Junior High Retreat

Taylorville Christian Church is sponsoring an overnight Junior High Retreat at their church on Friday, July 25th until Saturday, July 26th. This is for kids entering 6th-8th Grade. We will have more information as it becomes available. If you are in this age group, please consider attending!



Church Work Days



Come help us clean up around the church on Saturday, May 3 & May 17 from 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m. If you have questions contact Bob Shake at 217-820-5047 or Dennis Metsker at 217-254-5027.

Dirty Washing

(Your Judgements Say More About You
Than the Person You Judge)

A young couple moved into a new house. The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the washing outside. "That laundry is not very clean; she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better detergent." Her husband looked on, remaining silent. Every time her neighbor hung her washing out to dry, the young woman made the same comments. A month later, the young woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she's finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?" The husband replied, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life...What we see when watching others depends on the clarity of the window through which we look. So don't be too quick to judge others, especially if your perspective of life is clouded by anger, jealousy, negativity or unfulfilled desires. "Judging a person does not define who they are. It defines who you are."



Monday—Closed

Tues.—8:00a.m.-noon, 1- 3:30p.m.

Wed.—8:00a.m.-noon, 1-3:30p.m.

Thurs.—8:00a.m.-noon, 1-3:30 p.m.

Friday—Closed

Children's Prayers to God



Dear God, is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his golf words in the house? —Anita

Thought for the Day

If you want to make an easy job seem mighty hard, just keep putting off doing it.



All Daughter Luncheon

All ladies are invited to an All Daughter Luncheon on Saturday, May 10th at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. There will be a short program and opportunity for pictures along with lunch and dessert. Please get a ticket so we know how many to prepare lunch for. A \$5 donation is welcome, but not necessary. More details in the next Visitor.



Missions for Taylorville

Missions for Taylorville will hold their work day on Saturday, June 7 from 9am-4pm. The



application forms (both for homeowners needing assistance & volunteers willing to help) are available on the Missions for Taylorville Facebook page or you can pick one up from any of the participating churches.



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**



Serving Sunday

April 6, 2025

Elder — Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin

Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday

April 13, 2025

Elder — Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin

Diaconate — Team 2

Serving Sunday

April 20, 2025

Elder — Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin

Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday

April 27, 2025

Elder — Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin

Diaconate — Team 4

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.

PLEASE NOTE **First Sunday Potluck**

Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, April 6th **(and not March 30th as was previously reported)**, right after our worship service. Everyone is invited to stay and 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.



CWF Luncheon



We held our March luncheon on Thursday, March 20th with 15 ladies in attendance. We plan to meet on Thursday, April 17 at Angelo's at 11:30 a.m. We hold our bi-annual business meeting during this time. Please join us!

Men's Breakfast

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



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.

Hickory Estates



On Sunday, April 27th, 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.

Women's 12-Step Program

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



Making a Difference



Is your organization looking for a community involvement opportunity? Consider providing a meal on a Tuesday Evening for Celebrate Recovery (CR), a faith-based group providing Recovery support from, "Habits, Hang-up's and Hurts." For more information, please contact us at dmccs@ctitech.com or call 217-824-8181.

Preschool Registration

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year for the DMCC Preschool is now open. Registration costs 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.



Garage Sale

The date has been set for the Annual Garage Sale here at the church. It will be on Saturday, June 28th from 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Please watch for more details as the time draws closer.



Kim Pitti, Dylan Beeson, Jaxton Oliver, Malakai Wilson, Allen Stanley, Peggi Cisco, Bethany Beeson, Nora Audry, Buck Miller, Penny Moomey, Jake Lozier, Brad Mansfield, Shelby Cook, Max Wayman, 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

Alex Dees (USMC), 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 3/2/25

Attendance: 89
General Fund: \$1932
Preschool: \$18

Offering for 3/9/25

Attendance: 100
General Fund: \$4961
Preschool: \$45

Offering for 3/16/25

Attendance: 120
General Fund: \$1827
Celebrate Recovery: \$150
Preschool: \$40

Offering for 3/23/25

Attendance: 83
General Fund: \$1159
Preschool: \$8



Donna Depolo	April 1
Gena Dunn	April 1
Chance Rutherford	April 5
Cinda Hayes	April 8
Ava Odam	April 13
Chuck Hendricks	April 18
Kylie Newlin	April 18
Catherine Kocurek	April 21
Alexis Finfrock	April 22
Jamie Montes	April 23
Marissa Heinz	April 24
Madison Tucker	April 25
Ella Wise	April 26



Scott & Ashley Finfrock	April 1
Rex & Janet Montgomery	April 5
John & Laura Gardner	April 9
Robert & Kris Shake	April 11
Floyd & Jill Short	April 15
Tracy & Tiffany Stevens	April 20
Tracie & Kevin Boehme	April 25



Church Hours:
Tues.-Thurs. 8:00a.m. till 3:30p.m.
(12:00-1:00p.m. lunch)
Monday & Friday Closed
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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