



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. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex area.

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.



Minister's Column

You can change!
Circumstances can change!

But as my wife always says,
You have to be part of the
solution, not part of the
problem.

Why is it that we find
ourselves thinking: Nothing
will ever change, I'm always
going to be like this, My
situation will never change,
He'll never change, She'll
never change, I'm never going
to be as good as so-and-so?

"I am the Lord, and I do not
change. That is why you
descendants of Jacob are not
already destroyed."
(Malachi 3:6 NLT)

The only thing that can never
change is God. Everything
else can change.

If you cannot find hope in
your situation, change
probably isn't going to come.

We really wouldn't have to
suffer if we would put our
hope in God and stop looking
at all of the circumstances
we can't control.

Here's the good news: You
can enjoy life if you decide
to! But you must truly
believe that it is God's will
for you to experience
continual joy.

Now decide and make the
effort to enter the joy that
God made available to you
before the earth was formed.

God doesn't change, but He
can change you if you let Him.

Lord God, I used to feel like
my situations would never
change, but I know that You

can and have changed them. I choose to live in this change and receive Your joy. I trust You to change more in my life and the lives of those around me who also put their trust in You. In Your Son's Name I say these things. Amen.

"Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—my Savior and my God." (Psalms 42:5 NLT)
—Dennis



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

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!



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.

The Elephant Rope

As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was



obvious that the elephants could, at anytime, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.

He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. "Well," trainer said, "when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free."

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn't, they were stuck right where they were.

Like the elephants, how many of us go through life hanging onto a belief that we cannot do something, simply because we failed at it once before?

Failure is part of learning; we should never give up the struggle in life.



Children's Prayers to God



Dear God, I bet it's very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.
—Nancy

Thought for the Day

Life is not a problem to be solved, but a gift to be enjoyed.



Thank You



We are so thankful for the people at DMCC that conduct the worship service at the Nursing Homes. You are always on top of things and we so appreciate it! Thanks again!!!

—Yolanda & Annette

Graduates

If you have someone graduating from High School or College this spring, please call the office (824-8181). We would like to recognize them in one of our upcoming worship services.



Pictures



If you have any pictures of the recent baptisms or church events, please send them to Dennis to be included on our picture display.

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
May 4, 2025

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday
May 11, 2025

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 2

Serving Sunday
May 18, 2025

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday
May 25, 2025

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday
June 1, 2025

Elder — Randy Smith, Tracie Boehme
Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday
June 8, 2025

Elder — Randy Smith, Tracie Boehme
Diaconate — Team 2

First Sunday Potluck

Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, May 4th, 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



CWF held their monthly luncheon April 17 at Angelo's with 13 present. A brief business meeting was held. The ladies want to do the No Fuss Fundraiser once again. Letters will go out the third week of May. The Fundraiser will run until the middle of July. The women voted to donate \$200 to the church directory and \$200 to Week of Compassion for flood relief. The ladies decided to have a picnic for their May 15 meeting at Manners Park at the Chautauqua Bldg. at 11:30 a.m. Ladies are to bring a sack lunch and drink. Lawn chairs may be needed for those not wanting to sit at a picnic table.

Men's Breakfast

We cordially invite you to the next "Men's Breakfast" which will be held on Saturday, May 3rd 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.

Men'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 Dennis Metsker (217-254-5027).



Taylorville Care & Taylorville Estates



On Sunday, May 11th, 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.

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.



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.



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.



George Ortman Family, Jaxton Oliver, Malakai Wilson, Allen Stanley, Peggi Cisco, Bethany Beeson, Dylan 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 Lowis, 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 3/31/25

Attendance: 106
General Fund: \$1391
Preschool: \$35

Offering for 4/6/25

Attendance: 104
General Fund: \$1705
Preschool: \$30

Offering for 4/13/25

Attendance: 107
General Fund: \$3999.25
Preschool: \$60
Easter: \$36

Offering for 4/20/25

Attendance: 201
General Fund: \$2022.62
Celebrate Recovery: \$150

Food Pantry Can Drive



For the entire month of May DMCC will be having a can drive to support the local food pantry. Please help us out by bringing in a can or two of fruits and/or vegetables each Sunday. We would like to fill the shopping cart full to the top each Sunday! Thank you for your support!



Mickey Davis	May 5
Fred Delahunt	May 5
Bob Craggs	May 7
Karen Smith	May 7
Mickey Newlin	May 9
Daniel Gardner	May 9
Susie Noren	May 11
Marina Noren	May 11
Darlene Wilson	May 16
Meyer Ellis	May 17
Natalie Ellis	May 17
Tad Craggs	May 18
Brent Hooper	May 19
Kelly Craggs	May 22
Jordan Keel	May 22
Stuart Parsons	May 23
Sharyl Craggs	May 24
Brittney Rueff	May 27
Dave Berck	May 27
Jonathan Coady	May 28



Rev. Bill Kerns &	
Barb Grabner-Kerns	May 3
Tom & Shelley Carlen	May 17



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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