



"THE VISITOR"
Davis Memorial Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

July
2025

No Men's Breakfast in July

Attention...Attention...Attention

The Christian Men's Fellowship will **not** host a breakfast in July due to the holiday weekend. We wish you all a blessed and happy 4th of July.

Sincerely
Jonathan Newlin



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. If you are in this age group, please consider attending!

Minister's Column

Maybe this is you or you know someone who is struggling with this.

"My guilt overwhelms me—it is a burden too heavy to bear." (Psalms 38:4 NLT)

What is the antidote?

When you've sinned or made a mistake and you feel awful for what you did, even after you've asked God for forgiveness, you're likely experiencing shame.

But if you haven't confessed your sin to God, you're likely feeling guilty.

Guilt says, 'I did something wrong', while shame says, 'Something is wrong with me.'

Guilt can actually be a good thing because it draws us

closer to God to repent and receive his forgiveness.

But shame on the other hand, is not from God and can hold us back from walking in the forgiveness and freedom from shame that Jesus already gave us.

If you are feeling guilty from sin or from something you did that was not honoring God, confess your sin and accept God's forgiveness.

"If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." (1 John 1:8-9 NLT)

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and

the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9 NIV)

"Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away." (Acts 3:10 NLT)

Unconfessed sin can create distance from God. If you haven't repented and confessed, now is the time my friend.

Pray this prayer to confess your sin to God.

Lord God, I confess that I have sinned and what I did was wrong. I repent from my sin, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I surrender this guilt and sin to you Lord, and I Thank You that I have been

forgiven. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Now believe God has forgiven you! —Dennis

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

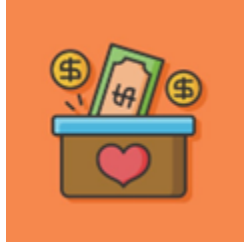
Held at:
Davis Memorial Christian Church
1500 W. Franklin, Taylorville



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

CWF No Fuss Fundraiser

CWF is sponsoring their No Fuss Fundraiser once again. Letters went out at the end of May requesting a cash donation instead of selling tickets, cooking something to sell or work at a fundraiser. Money will be collected through the months of June and July. Make your check payable to CWF. If making a cash donation, be sure to put in an envelope indicating that it goes to CWF. Gifts can also be placed in offering trays. Yes, you can also donate if you are not an active part of CWF.



The money from our No Fuss Fundraiser is used to donate to various charities. In the past, we have supported Week of Compassion, Safe Passages, DMCC Angel Tree, Backpack Program and Kicks for Kids.

Men's 12-Step Program



We have a Men's 12-Step Program that meets on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested, call Dennis Metsker (217-254-5027).

A Cat Goes to Heaven

A cat dies and goes to Heaven. God meets him at the gate and says, 'you have been a good cat all of these years. Anything you desire is yours, all you have to do is ask.' The cat says, 'Well, I lived all my life with a poor family on a farm and had to sleep on hardwood floors.' God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, a fluffy pillow appears.



A few days later, 6 mice are killed in a tragic accident and they go to Heaven. God meets them at the gate with the same offer that He made the cat. The mice said, 'All our lives we've had to run. Cats, dogs and even women with brooms have chased us. If we could only have a pair of roller skates, we wouldn't have to run anymore.' God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, each mouse is fitted with a beautiful pair of tiny roller skates.

About a week later, God decides to check and see how the cat is doing. The cat is sound asleep on his new pillow. God gently wakes him and asks, 'How are you doing? Are you happy here?' The cat yawns and stretches and says 'Oh, I've never been happier in my life. And those Meals on Wheels you've been sending over are the best!

Children's Prayers to God



Dear God, my Grandpa says you were around when he was a little boy. How far back do you go?

—Love, Dennis

Thought for the Day

It's easy to identify people who can't count to ten. They're in front of you in the supermarket express lane.



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. They are available on the DavisMemorialChristian.org website and Facebook page or at the church office.

First Sunday Potluck

Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, July 6th, 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.

Hickory Estates



On Sunday, July 13th, 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 a Men's 12-Step Program that meets on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested, call Kim Brune (217-825-8595).



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.

Thank You So Much



Thank you so much for letting us use your space to celebrate our daughter graduating high school. It was a blessing and very much appreciated. THANK YOU!

—The Butterfields

Thank You

Thank you for letting us use your parish hall for our girls' graduation & party. It was the perfect place to celebrate with our girls.

—Catherine Daily
& Jennifer Howard



Serving Sunday

July 6, 2025

Elder — Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins

Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday

July 13, 2025

Elder — Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins

Diaconate — Team 2

Serving Sunday

July 20, 2025

Elder — Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins

Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday

July 27, 2025

Elder — Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins

Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday

August 3, 2025

Elder — Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel

Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday

August 10, 2025

Elder — Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel

Diaconate — Team 2

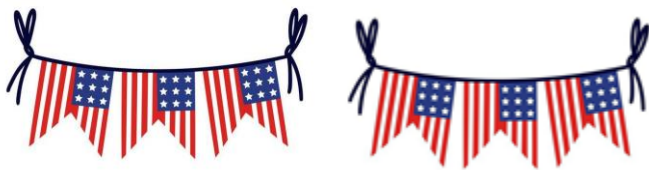
CWF Luncheon



Our No Fuss Fundraiser will continue through the month of July.

The group uses these funds for charitable donations and to cover the cost of funeral dinners that donations don't cover. This year we donated \$200 of toiletries to Safe Passage. Thanks to all who have already donated.

Our next meeting will be July 17 at Angelo's at 11:30 and is open to all women of the church. We enjoy a time of good food and fellowship.



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.



Kevin Rensman, 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 Lewis, Dani Moore (Jennifer Tracey's cousin), Linda Binger, Darlene Wilson, Brenda Finfrock, 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 5/25/25

Attendance: 76
General Fund: \$751.90

Offering for 6/1/25

Attendance: 101
General Fund: \$2225

Offering for 6/8/25

Attendance: 81
General Fund: \$4292.89
Preschool: \$40
Pentecost: \$20

Offering for 6/15/25

Attendance: 97
General Fund: \$1518
Celebrate Recovery: \$150
Preschool: \$20

Offering for 6/22/25

Attendance: 72
General Fund: \$1049



Blain Cornwell	July 2
Kolbi Noren	July 3
David Hendricks Sr.	July 4
Dennis Metsker	July 6
Megan Rueff	July 6
Marcia Collins	July 7
Carol Wilson	July 7
Tom Carlen	July 12
Jacob Satterlee	July 14
Gloria Ebler	July 14
Alexis Christer	July 15
Kathy Satterlee	July 16
Baron Odam	July 16
Julianna Faber	July 19'
Heather Odam	July 19
Margie Lamb	July 19
Charley Craggs	July 20
Pat Waterman	July 21
Sheila McKinney	July 22
Kellie Cornwell	July 24
Shane Newlin	July 25
Myles Mateer	July 26
Tim Jones	July 31



Steve & Connie Damery	July 7
Mark & Joslyn Mathon	July 8
Drew & Billi Woodruff	July 20
Merle & Earlene Fisher	July 28
Rick Jr. & Candace Peters	July 30



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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