



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

August  
2025

## **Preschool Registration**

Preschool will be starting soon!

It is not too late to register your 3  
or 4 year old for the upcoming

school year (we only have a few more spots available).

We will begin on Wednesday, August 20th with a “Meet  
Your Teachers Day” from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The first day  
will officially start on Friday, August 22nd from 8:00 a.m.-

noon. Registration costs for this year will be \$10. We will  
once again combine the 3 & 4 year olds together in the  
same class and will hold classes on Monday, Wednesday  
& Friday. Tuition fees will be \$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.



## Minister's Column

With everything going on in this chaotic world, people around us are going to feel anxiety about the future, but we shouldn't. We should have peace because we have Jesus. And when people ask us why we're so calm, Jesus is the answer.

Don't let anyone steal your identity in the Lord. In the end, the anti-Christ will call himself God, exalting himself above everything that's worshiped, but not for long. Jesus will come and destroy him with the breath of His mouth! Make sure you're on the right side of that battle. Stay firm in the Lord.

Don't be stubborn, don't be stupid. Don't be one of those people who hear the truth of God's Love and refuse to receive it.

His Love is so big, so deep, so penetrating, so transforming; I really am afraid for those who reject this Love.

And that gets us to the bottom line today—God's love.

"Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God." (Ephesians 3:17-19 NLT)

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Let God's Love give you peace.

Let God's Love hold you in His truth.

Let God's Love define who you are in Him.

Receive His Love now, today, and every day for the rest of your life until Jesus' return.

Lord God, Thank You for Loving me! I want to receive Your Love today and always! I believe Your Love for me is perfect and unconditional. I invite You to lead me in Your Love every day for the rest of my life. Amen.

—Dennis

### Sympathy



We offer our deepest sympathy to the Family of Jean Ortman. Jean passed away on Sunday, July 13th.

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We offer our deepest sympathy to the Family of Marshall Jarvis. Marshall passed away on June 27th.



### **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**

### Block Party



We will have our Annual Block Party on a Sunday this year. So please plan to join us on Sunday, September 7 from 4-8p.m. here at the church.



## THE THINNER

There was a Scottish tradesman, a painter called Jack, who was very interested in making a pound where he could. So he often would thin down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time.



Eventually the Presbyterian Church decided to do a big restoration job on one of their biggest churches. Jack put in a painting bid and because his price was so competitive, he got the job. And so he set to it, with a right good will, erecting the trestles and putting up the planks, and buying the paint and...yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with the turpentine.

Well, Jack was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly done, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder. The sky opened and the rain poured down, washing the thin paint from all over the church and knocking Jack far off the scaffold to land on the lawn.

Now, Jack was no fool. He knew this was a judgement from the Almighty,

so he fell on his knees and cried, 'Oh God! Forgive me! What should I do?' And from the thunder, a mighty Voice spoke, 'Repaint you thinner, and go and thin no more!'

## Women in Recovery



There is a Women in Recovery group that meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. here at the church. If you feel like you could benefit from being with others that may be facing the same challenges, please come and join us. If you have any questions, please call Kandi Smith at 217-825-8079.

## 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.



**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

**Serving Sunday**  
**August 17, 2025**

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

**Serving Sunday**  
**August 24, 2025**

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

**Serving Sunday**  
**August 31, 2025**

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

**Serving Sunday**  
**September 7, 2025**

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

**Children's Prayers to God**



Dear God, do you draw  
the lines around the  
countries? If you don't,  
who does?

—Love, Nathan

**Thought for the Day**

The best bridge between  
hope and despair is often  
a good night's sleep.




**First Sunday Potluck**

Our next Potluck will  
be on Sunday, August  
3rd, 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. **We will  
not have a 1st Sunday Potluck in  
September because we will be getting  
ready for the block Party later that  
day.**






### Taylorville Skilled Nursing & Carriage Crossing


 On Sunday, August 3rd, Davis Memorial will lead the worship service at Taylorville Skilled Nursing at 2:30 p.m. and Carriage Crossing 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.

### Hickory Estates

On Sunday, August 17th, 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.



### Taylorville Care & Taylorville Estates

 On Sunday, August 31st, 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.

### 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).

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Janet Simmons	August 2
Lindsey Finfrock	August 4
Sally Cook	August 5
Brian McKinney	August 6
Courtney Rueff	August 8
Scott Finfrock	August 9
Kathy Sullivan	August 10
Nancy Hafliger	August 11
Claire Hadley	August 15
Ryan German	August 16
Craig Johnson	August 17
Alexis Sams	August 21
Randy Smith	August 24
Brenda Finfrock	August 24
Melissa Honn	August 24
Lois Whitaker	August 25
Kim Brune	August 26
Ronda Fassero	August 28
Juletta Ellis	August 29
Jeff Stickel	August 31



Charles & Jennifer Dammerman	August 7
Kelly & Gena Craggs	August 10
Mike & Ronda Fassero	August 12
Matt & Angie Morrison	August 15
Blain & Kim Cornwell	August 19
Mark & Kathy Satterlee	August 25
Bob & Sharyl Craggs	August 31

## CWF Luncheon



CWF met Thursday, July 17 with 17 members present. We voted to donate \$200 to \$250 to buy food and toiletries that will be kept at the Police Station for homeless people. Thank you Kathy for doing the shopping. In addition, \$220 will be sent to Week of Compassion to be shared by the two disciple churches damaged in the tornado in St. Louis.

Our No Fuss Fundraiser will conclude at the end of this month. So far over \$1,000 has been collected. A final report will be in next month's article. Thank you to all who donated.

Our next meeting will be August 21 at Angelo's at 11:30 and is open to all women of the church. We enjoy a time of good food and fellowship.

## 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.





Jaxton Oliver, Malakai Wilson, Peggi Cisco, Bethany Beeson, Dylan Beeson, Nora Audry, Penny Moomey, Brad Mansfield, Shelby Cook, Max Wayman, Vella Kimble, Chris Ferrill, Nicholas Shaw, Celine, Sharyl Craggs, Lynn Higgason, Gale Christopher, Roy & Joelynda Conrad, Karen Lowis, Dani Moore (Jennifer Tracey's cousin), 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



### **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**



### **Offering for 6/29/25**

Attendance: 92

General Fund: \$1333

Preschool: \$25

Missions: \$50

### **Offering for 7/6/25**

Attendance: 95

General Fund: \$3946

### **Offering for 7/13/25**

Attendance: 78

General Fund: \$1023

### **Offering for 7/20/25**

Attendance: 96

General Fund: \$1794.71

Celebrate Recovery: \$150





**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.  
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