



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

September
2025



We will have our Annual Block Party on Sunday this year. So please plan to join us on Sunday, September 7 from 4-8p.m. here at the church (1500 W. Franklin St., Taylorville). We will have free hot dogs, chips, baked beans, cookies, popcorn and sno-cones. For entertainment, we will have the DMCC Praise Band, bounce houses and hay rides. Plan to come and enjoy an evening of fun with your friends and neighbors! Everyone is invited to attend!!!



Minister's Column

"I still complain and I don't like it.

Plain and simple, complaining is a sin and God hates sin.

Ask yourself:

How quick do I become impatient and begin to complain when stuck in traffic or while waiting in checkout lanes?

How quick do I spot and point out faults that my friends or family have?

Do I complain about my job when I should be Thanking God that I have one?

The best antidote for complaining is Thanksgiving.

Thankful people do not complain.

The Bible says that we are to: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name."

(Psalms 100:4 NLT)

We need to make it a daily goal to live a life of Thanksgiving.

Let's be as positive and grateful as possible. Try going to bed at night pondering everything we have to be thankful for. Let it be the first thing we do in the morning.

Thank God for things we might normally take for granted, a parking place, waking up in time for work, a meal, your family.

Keep at it until we develop

the habit of living with an attitude of gratitude.

Lord God, I want to live with an attitude of gratitude, starting right now! I thank You for Loving me and for Blessing me. Help me see the positive things in life and to Thank You for them. Amen.

—Dennis

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.

First Sunday Potluck

We will not have a 1st Sunday Potluck in September because we will be getting ready for the block Party later that day.



J-Walkers: Walking with Jesus

J-Walkers (an afterschool program) is being held on Thursdays at First United Methodist Church (200 S. Walnut) this year. Each week students will be transported from North School & Memorial School. The goal of this program is to introduce children to Jesus, letting them know how much they are loved. September 4th will be the first session. The times are from right after school until 5:00 p.m.



Taylorville Care & Taylorville Estates



On Sunday, September 21st, 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.

TWO LITTLE BOYS



A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town, their two young sons were in some way involved.

The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.

The husband said, 'We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!' The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, 'Where is God?'

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the questions in an even sterner tone. 'Where is God?' Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in

the boy's face, 'WHERE IS GOD?'

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, 'We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it.'

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.

Children's Prayers to God



Dear God, did you mean for giraffes to look like that or was that an accident? —Norma

Thought for the Day

It is good to remember that the tea kettle, although up to its neck in hot water, continues to sing.



Support Group Coming Soon



"A Way Forward" is a support group for those who have lost a loved one or friend as well as for those who have someone facing a terminal illness.

As with all groups of this nature it is a safe space for individuals to share their experiences and emotions. People will have the opportunity to connect with others who are going through similar events and help them feel less alone as well as learn coping skills.

We will begin meeting in October with meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the church. There is no fee involved and is open to all. For more information contact: Dayle Badman, who will be facilitating this group, hdayle@ctifiber.com or phone 217-652-2997.



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

Sympathy



We offer our deepest sympathy to Jeff Stickel and his family following the loss of his mother, Mary Stickel on July 26th.

Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Dwight Wilham & his family following the loss of his sister, Denise Byrne on July 25th.



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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Serving Sunday
September 7, 2025

Elder — Kim Brune, Carmelo Montes
Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday
September 14, 2025

Elder — Kim Brune, Carmelo Montes
Diaconate — Team 2

Serving Sunday
September 21, 2025

Elder — Kim Brune, Carmelo Montes
Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday
September 28, 2025

Elder — Kim Brune, Carmelo Montes
Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday
October 5, 2025

Elder — Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin
Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday
October 12, 2025

Elder — Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin
Diaconate — Team 2

Preschool Registration

Preschool has begun! It is not too late to register your 3 or 4 year old for the 2025-2026 school year (we only have a few more spots available). The first day officially started on Friday, August 22nd from 8:00 a.m.-noon. Registration costs for this year are \$10. We once again combined the 3 & 4 year olds together in the same class and will hold classes on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Tuition fees are \$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.



CWF Luncheon



CWF met Thursday, August 21st with 14 ladies present. Our next meeting will be

Thursday, September 18th at Angelo's at 11:30 and is open to all women of the church. We will have a very brief business meeting to discuss donations. Come and join us for a time of good food and fellowship.

CWF is considering starting another group so that the women who work could join our group. The group would either meet in the evening or on Saturday or Sunday. Please let Nancy Jones know if you are interested. Her email address is najones746@gmail.com or let our church secretary, Sheryl, know.

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**



Kay Brewer	September 3
Andrew Lamb	September 3
Vicki Gaillard	September 6
John Gardner	September 9
Jim Humphrey	September 9
Jay Bliler	September 10
Zane Finrock	September 10
Jenny Lewis	September 11
Riley Morrison	September 11
Anita Parsons	September 11
Kathy Ricci	September 11
Billi Woodruff	September 11
Jill Short	September 13
Mary Norris	September 15
Laura Gardner	September 16
Dick Adams	September 23
Erica Montes	September 23
Janet Cisco	September 24
Angie Keel	September 24
Mark Satterlee	September 24
Frank Rutherford	September 27
Judy Adams	September 28
Colene German	September 28
Bill Kerns	September 28
Nancy Honn	September 30



Steve & Laura Benson	September 9
Dick & Cindy Adams	September 12
Dave & Linda Berck	September 15
Fred & Sandra Delahunt	September 20



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 Lewis, Dani Moore (Jennifer Tracey's cousin), Darlene Wilson, Brenda Finrock, Donna Depolo, 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, 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.



Offering for 7/27/25

Attendance: 83
General Fund: \$621

Offering for 8/3/25

Attendance: 90
General Fund: \$2557

Offering for 8/10/25

Attendance: 79
General Fund: \$3736.61
Celebrate Recovery: \$5

Offering for 8/17/25

Attendance: 92
General Fund: \$1457
Celebrate Recovery: \$150

Offering for 8/24/25

Attendance: 96
General Fund: \$1154.65
Preschool: \$40

“Attention! - Attention! - Attention!”
Annual ‘Drive-Thru’ Fish Fry
October 10th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

I would like to announce that the “Christian Men’s Fellowship” will be hosting their annual “Fish Fry”, Friday, October 10 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. It will be a “Drive-Thru” again this year. **No tickets will be sold at the door, and we will accept “pre-paid” tickets only.** Tickets can be purchased from any CMF member, or at the church office.



We need people to buy and sell tickets, prepare carry-out meals, set-up, clean-up, cook, cut cakes, and to work in the carry-out line. We also need donations of cakes and pies. We ask that the desserts be brought in disposable containers, because we will be using the sinks to thaw fish. **Desserts can be brought to the church, Thursday, October 9 from 5:00-7:00 p.m., or Friday, October 10 from 9:00a.m.-noon.**

I'm confident with your help, support, and prayers this year's "Fish Fry" will be a huge success.

Sincerely, Jonathan
& CMF (Disciples Men)

Work Schedule:

- 1) We will set-up the canopy on Sunday, October 5 at 2:00 p.m.
- 2) Move cookers from garage (9:00 a.m.-Noon) on Thursday, October 9; & set-up on Friday, October 10 from 9:00 a.m.-Noon
- 3) We will clean the cookers and store them in the garage on Saturday, October 11 at 9:00 a.m.
- 4) We will take down the canopy Sunday, October 12 at 2:00 p.m., if not completed on Saturday.



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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