



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

October
2025

“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.

Minister's Column

"Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth."

(1 Timothy 6:6 NLT)

What I take from that verse is that a godly person who is content is in the best place they can be.

Joy doesn't come from having our circumstances in order and under control; it comes from what's in our heart.

This world is full of people who have what they think they want, and they're still not happy. In fact, some of the most unhappy people in the world are people who seem to "have it all."

Contentment on the other hand is not about fame or being well-known, how much money we have, our position

at work or our social circle. It's not found in our level of education or what side of the tracks you were born on.

Contentment is a heart attitude. There's nobody happier than a truly thankful person, a truly content person.

The word content means; being satisfied to the point where nothing disturbs us no matter what's going on, but not satisfied to the point that we never want any change.

We all want to see things get better. But where we are right this minute doesn't have to disturb us. We can choose to believe that God is working and things are changing and we will see the result of it in due time.

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"By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence. And because of his glory and excellence, he has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share his divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires." (2 Peter 1:3-4 NLT)

Lord God, I want to be content and satisfied with where I am, right here, right now. Give me the strength to choose to be content every single day. In Jesus' Name I Pray, Amen Amen.

—Dennis



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.

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.



"The front row please." she answered.

"You really don't want to do that", the usher said, "The pastor is boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No," he said.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No." she said.

"Good," he answered.



Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Allen Stanley and his family following the loss of his wife, Tanya, on August 27.



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. We have 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.

First Sunday Potluck

Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, October 5th 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.



Children's Prayers to God



Dear God, in Bible times, did they really talk that fancy?

—Norma

Thought for the Day

Sometimes we are so busy adding up our troubles that we forget to count our blessings.



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.

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. The times are from right after school until 5:00 p.m.



Men's Breakfast



We cordially invite you to the next "Men's Breakfast" which will be held on Saturday, October 4th 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
& Disciples Men



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

Serving Sunday
October 19, 2025

Elder — Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin
Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday
October 26, 2025

Elder — Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin
Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday
November 2, 2025

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday
November 9, 2025

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 2

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 on Monday, October 1st 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.

Choir Practice

Our Choir meets every Wednesday for practice and provides our special music for 2 out of the 4 Sunday's each month. Anyone who loves music is invited to come at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!!!



Military Packages

We will again send Christmas packages to local military personnel deployed overseas. We will also donate items to the Veterans Homes in Quincy and Danville.



This year, again, we only request monetary donations. The money collected will be used for the items we send, as well as postage to send the boxes.

At this time, we are asking for names of any local military personnel who may be deployed overseas. If you have a loved one, or know of someone who would like to receive a Christmas package, please supply the name and address to DMCC by calling 217-824-8181.

Names and monetary donations are needed by the end of November (deadline will be announced in the November newsletter).



Mike Rykhus	October 1
Rex Montgomery	October 2
Jennifer Tracey	October 4
Bob Shake	October 5
Brittany Newlin	October 5
Shawna Matthews	October 5
Rev. Jim Whitaker	October 6
Danny Lowis	October 9
Eric Bruder	October 11
Charles Dammerman	October 12
Dawn DeClerck	October 12
Elizabeth Goodman	October 15
Justin Hooper	October 15
Ramsey Dammerman	October 16
Ryan Buerk	October 17
Linda Binger	October 18
Jane Bliler	October 24
Jake Miller	October 28



Tom & Jennifer Tracey	October 15
Frank & Janiece Rutherford	October 20

CWF Luncheon



CWF meets on the third Thursday of each month. The next time they meet will be on

Thursday, October 16th at Angelo's at 11:30 a.m. and is open to all women of the church. 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.



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

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).



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

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**

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 8/31/25

Attendance: 92

General Fund: \$3810

Offering for 9/7/25

Attendance: 89

General Fund: \$1805

Preschool: \$40

Because I am on vacation, this is as far as I could report on the Sunday statistics. I will catch it all up in the November newsletter. —Sheryl





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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