



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

November
2025

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 November 20th so we can mail the packages on December 2nd.



Minister's Column

Step One—Believe in Jesus Christ.

Get that base covered so that when He comes, He is coming for you.

Do not simply believe in any random "higher power."

There is no other higher power, no other name by which we can be saved. It is Jesus Christ alone.

He is my only hope, and He needs to be your only hope, too.

"Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh

crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations." (Revelation 22:1-2 NLT)

"Look, I am coming soon! Blessed are those who open the words of prophecy written in this book."
(Revelation 22:7 NLT)

Jesus is coming, and whether or not we have we have accepted His death on our behalf does determine our eternal fate—this is not a "repent or else" message.

I do not have a clue nor does anyone know when He is returning.

However I do know that Jesus paid for all our mistakes because of His love, and then He left to prepare a place for us. When He returns for us, He is coming as a bridegroom to receive His bride unto

Himself.

I do not think He wants to return for a bride who only chose Him because they feared His wrath (no matter how real that is!).

I think He is returning for a bride that genuinely Loves Him.

Turn your heart toward this Love.

Go beyond believing in God.

Believe in Jesus and what He did. Jesus made a way for us to live with Him in Paradise for all eternity.

Lord Jesus, Thank You that You are coming soon! I believe in You and in Your return, but I want more than this. Please help me as I turn my heart to Love You more. Amen.

—Dennis

GO TO CHURCH WILLIAM

On a sunny morning, William's mother came into her son's room and said, "William, it's Sunday. Time to get up! Time to get up and go to church! Get up!"



From under the covers came mumbles, "I don't want to go!"

"What do you mean?" she said. "That's silly! Now get up and get dressed and go to church!"

"No!" he shot back. "I'll give you two reasons. I don't like them and they don't like me!"

"Nonsense," she told him. "I'll give YOU two reasons to go. First, you are 42 years old, and second, you are the PASTOR!"

Fall Back



Don't forget to set your clocks back before you go to bed on Saturday, November 1st so you make it to your Sunday activities at the right time!

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.

First Sunday Potluck

Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, November 2nd 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, November 9th, 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, November 30th, 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.



Children's Prayers to God



Dear God, how come you did all those miracles in the old days and don't do any now?

—Billy

Thought for the Day

The best way to get the last word is to apologize.



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, November 1st 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
November 2, 2025

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday
November 9, 2025

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 2

Serving Sunday
November 16, 2025

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday
November 23, 2025

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday
November 30, 2025

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday
December 7, 2025

Elder — Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins
Diaconate — Team 1

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 meet on Monday, November 3rd 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.

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!!!



Floyd Short	November 1
Jonathan Newlin	November 4
Jackson Mathon	November 6
Breann Christer	November 7
Candace Peters	November 7
Lynn Dexheimer	November 11
James Assad	November 11
Sally White	November 14
Dana Schmid	November 14
Brooke Christer	November 14
Emilia German	November 15
Mike Fassero	November 18
Adam Schimmelpfenning	November 19
Patty Rykhous	November 20
Janet Hendricks	November 22
Rich Wilson	November 24
Rye Bliler	November 26
Coady Johnson	November 26
Joslyn Mathon	November 27
Kayla Coady	November 27
Fisher Dammerman	November 27
Jacob Noren	November 27
Erica Wessling	November 27
Linda Jones	November 29
Michelle Sklenka	November 29



Jonathan & Mickey Newlin	November 11
Roy & Joelynda Conrad	November 26
Tad & Cathy Craggs	November 27

Fish Fry Report—2025

I would like to thank everyone, from the bottom of my heart, and the depths of my soul, who worked so hard to make this year's Fish Fry a great success. I would like to thank all of those who: bought and sold tickets, prepared carry-out meals, set-up, clean-up, cooked, cut cakes, and worked in the carry-out line. Thanks to all who donated desserts.



A special thanks to Sheryl Nagle, who printed over 600 tickets. Thanks to Dave Berck who has been my co-chairman for over 30 years. Thanks to my wife, Helen Newlin, who has heard me talk about the fish fry since Labor Day.

I would like to share some scripture from 2 Timothy 4:7-8; I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. This applies to everyone who worked at the fish fry. You are all good and "faithful servants."

We served over 464 people. I cannot give you a complete financial report until Monday when we pay our bill at Ron's Produce. But we made a gross amount of \$5,420 before expenses. Last but not least, thank our almighty God for fantastic weather and bringing

God's people together for one common goal. Thanks again for your help, prayers, and generous

Sincerely, Jonathan Newlin

PS: Thanks for a special answered prayer; for Fred Delahunt for agreeing to be my co-chairman.



CWF Nativity Picture Raffle



CWF will be raffling off tickets to win a Nativity Picture that Linda Binger has graciously offered to make. The tickets will be \$5 each and will be sold in the near future. The picture will be raffled off sometime in December.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 23rd, right after church, we will have our Annual Congregational



Meeting. This is to vote on our budget for 2026. We promise it won't take too long!

CWF Luncheon

CWF met at Angelo's on Thursday, October 16 with 10 members present. A short business meeting was held. CWF agreed to donate \$50 to Outreach Committee to buy personal hygiene items for women for the Food Pantry. Discussion was held about donations to our church angel tree and Kemmerer Village for gifts for residents. Action was postponed and will be discussed next month when we know about need for funds.

Linda Binger is going to do a diamond Christmas picture to be raffled off with funds going to CWF.

Join us Thursday, November 20th at Angelo's at 11:30 a.m. for a time of fellowship and food. All women welcome. We order off the menu and pay for our own meal.

Happy Thanksgiving. We all have many things to be thankful for. Also, thank you to all veterans for your 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).

Hanging of the Greens Service

If anyone would be interested in doing one of the scripture readings for our upcoming Hanging of the Greens Worship Service (11/23/25), please let us know. You can contact Kathy Sullivan (217-836-1718), Dennis Metsker (217-254-5027) or call the church office (217-824-8181).



Fish Fry 2025 Financial Report

Expenses:	
Ron's Produce	\$2,644.33
Kroger's Misc.	85.28
Kroger's Dinner Rolls	195.00
Total:	<u>\$2,924.61</u>
Gross Income:	\$5,469.00
Expenses:	<u>2,924.61</u>
Net Income:	\$2,544.39

Note: Cost of propane was taken from the monthly Men's Breakfast collection.

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**



Offering for 9/14/25

Attendance: 80

General Fund: \$781

Preschool: \$10

Offering for 9/21/25

Attendance: 86

General Fund: \$952

Offering for 9/28/25

Attendance: 93

General Fund: \$2109

Offering for 10/5/25

Attendance: 110

General Fund: \$3747

Offering for 10/12/25

Attendance: 94

General Fund: \$2040.01

Offering for 10/19/25

Attendance: 80

General Fund: \$2420.12

Celebrate Recovery: \$150

Offering for 10/26/25

Attendance: 95

General Fund: \$1491



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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