



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

December  
2025



**Holiday Bazaar**

at Davis Memorial Christian Church  
1500 W. Franklin St.  
Taylorville, IL 62568



**Saturday, December 6 from 10:00am-5:00pm**

**Setup information for Vendors**

Vendors may call Sandy at 217-565-1724 to reserve their space.  
Spaces are 10x10 with a table included for \$25 per space reserved.

Vendors are allowed to set up their space(s)  
on Friday, December 5 from 6-8p.m.

**Men's Breakfast**

We cordially invite you to the next "Men's Breakfast" which will be held on Saturday, December 6th 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

## Minister's Column

Do you have peace?

We live in an unpeaceful world but God intended for us to live peaceful lives.

The Bible tells us that peace is acquired by trusting in God through faith in Jesus Christ, which results in peace with God and a peace of mind that surpasses understanding.

Once acquired, this peace can guard the heart and mind, and we are then called to pursue peace with others.

Peace with others involves making every effort to live peaceably, which requires actively pursuing peace with humility, gentleness, and patience.

Key actions include forgiving others, being a peacemaker rather than a troublemaker,

and demonstrating love and kindness, even in disagreements.

Whether we realize it or not, peace is something that everyone throughout history has longed to experience. The Bible addresses the topic quite a bit, and it's no surprise that it draws a distinct line between our relationship with God and our ability to truly enter into peacefulness.

To have peace we must let go of the things that steal our peace.

"Unfailing love and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed!" (Psalms 85:10 NLT)

I believe when truth is not in us or untruth comes from us there will be no peace.

I also wholeheartedly believe

we can never feel joy or live in the midst of joy until we live in peace.

"God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God."  
(Matthew 5:9 NLT)

I love blessings and when we pursue peace we receive blessings.

Lord God,  
I know I play a part in the peace that I have but it is from You that I receive it.  
Thank You! Amen. 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.

### Taylorville Skilled Nursing & High Point

On Sunday, December 21st, Davis Memorial will lead the worship service at Taylorville



Skilled Nursing at 2:30 p.m. and High Point 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.

### 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.

### Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to the Family of Vella Kimble. Vella passed away on November 8 and her funeral was on November 12.



## Twelve Days of Christmas

What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?



From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament

- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit—Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit—Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control
- The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostle's Creed

This knowledge was shared with me and I found it interesting and enlightening and now I know how that strange song became a Christmas Carol...so pass it on if you wish. Merry twelve Days of Christmas, Everyone.

### First Sunday Potluck



Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, December 7th right after our worship service. We will be serving breakfast at this one. 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, please send Dennis Clark to a different summer camp this year.

—Billy

### Thought for the Day

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.



### 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).

### 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.



### Angel Tree



We will once again have an Angel Tree this year. Please be watching the tree in the Narthex for the envelopes with the age of a child to buy for. If you don't want to purchase a gift, monetary donations are welcome. Also, if you are interested in helping out with the shopping and/or wrapping, please contact Kathy Sullivan at 217-836-1718.



**Serving Sunday**  
**December 7, 2025**

**Elder** — Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins  
**Diaconate** — Team 1

**Serving Sunday**  
**December 14, 2025**

**Elder** — Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins  
**Diaconate** — Team 2

**Serving Sunday**  
**December 21, 2025**

**Elder** — Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins  
**Diaconate** — Team 3

**Serving Sunday**  
**December 28, 2025**

**Elder** — Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins  
**Diaconate** — Team 4

**Serving Sunday**  
**January 3, 2025**

**Elder** —  
**Diaconate** — Team 1

**Serving Sunday**  
**January 10, 2025**

**Elder** —  
**Diaconate** — Team 2

**Office Hours**

**Monday—Closed**

Tuesday—8:00 a.m. to noon  
& 1- 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday—8:00 a.m. to noon  
& 1-3:30 p.m.

Thursday—8:00 a.m. to noon  
& 1-3:30 p.m.

**Friday—Closed**

**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!!!



**Meals on Wheels**



Our church is responsible for Meals on Wheels the week of Monday, December 29-Friday, January 2 (there will be no delivery on Thursday, January 1). Please check your schedule and let Barb Miller (820-1099) know if you can help out with one day, two days, or more.



## Poinsettias



A tradition of our church, that everyone enjoys, is the memorial poinsettias at Christmas. If you wish to bring a plant, put a note on it naming who the memorial is honoring. It is always so pretty to see all the different colors and sizes of poinsettias decorating our sanctuary! After Christmas is over, we ask that you please take your plant home.

## Caroling

On Sunday, December 21st at 2:00 p.m., we will meet here at the church to go caroling to the nursing homes & shut-ins. Everyone is invited to go along! We will take a small treat box to each place, so if you would like to make cookies or candy to include, please bring it then.



Angie Morrison	December 1
Maureen Wise	December 1
Courtney Puccetti	December 2
David Gardner	December 5
Beverly Morrison	December 7
Earlene Fisher	December 8
Matt Morrison	December 12
Boyd Dammerman	December 14
Ken Montgomery	December 14
Tamara Wisnasky	December 15
Terri England	December 17
Gena Craggs	December 18
Ashley Finfrock	December 19
Emma Wilson	December 19
Bonnie Riggs	December 21
Michelle Rostron	December 23
Karen Lowis	December 27
Alysha Justice	December 29
Noel VanDeman	December 29
Angelina White	December 29
Angie Bourke	December 31



Arby & Maureen Wise	December 10
Mike & Patty Rykhus	December 11
David & Janet Hendricks	December 31
Jeb & Heather Odam	December 31

## CWF Luncheon

CWF met at  
Angelo's on  
Thursday,  
November 20



with 12 members present. The ladies presented Sheryl Nagle with a thank you gift for all she does for us and for the church. The group voted to donate \$300 to our church's Angel Tree and \$250 to Kemmerer Village for Christmas gifts for their clients. Linda Binger talked about the diamond painting she is raffling off. The drawing will be December 14. First ticket drawn wins the Nativity scene and the next ticket drawn wins the second painting. Tickets will be sold at the Christmas Bazaar at DMCC. If anyone is interested in selling tickets that day, let Linda know. Preschool is requesting volunteers to assist with the Christmas Party to assist with games. Students will participate in carnival games. Let Barb, Gena or Kandi know if you are interested in helping. DMCC is responsible for Meals on Wheels the end of December. Our next meeting will be December 18 at 11:30a.m. at Angelo's. Everyone is encouraged to bring treats to share.

## Christmas Eve Service



We will have our  
Christmas Eve  
Service at 6:00 p.m.  
on Wednesday,  
December 24th.

Please plan to come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with your church family.

## 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.

## 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:**

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Jaxton Oliver, Malakai  
Wilson, Peggi Cisco,  
Bethany Beeson, Dylan  
Beeson, Nora Audry,



Penny Moomey, Brad Mansfield,  
Shelby Cook, Max Wayman, 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 Finfrock, 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



### **Offering for 11/2/25**

Attendance: 114  
General Fund: \$1913

### **Offering for 11/9/25**

Attendance: 90  
General Fund: \$1503.25

### **Offering for 11/16/25**

Attendance: 90  
General Fund: \$1937  
Celebrate Recovery: \$150  
Military Packages: \$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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