



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

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Minister's Column

"We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves."

(2 Corinthians 4:7 NLT)

We are fragile clay jars containing a great treasure in our hearts.

"And yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the potter. We all are formed by your hand."

(Isaiah 64:8 NLT)

If we allow our Father, He will mold this great treasure into so much more.

"The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.

He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. The Lord is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust."

(Psalms 103:8-14 NLT)

God formed Adam out of "the dust of the ground," according to Genesis 2:7, and Psalm 103:14 says, "He remembers we are only dust."

Though we are weak and imperfect, when we fill ourselves with the Word of God, we become containers of His blessing, ready to be poured out for His use.

All of us are valuable to the Lord; God can use even a cracked pot! But first we must be wholly consecrated to God. 2 Timothy 2:21 reminds us.

"If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work."

(2 Timothy 2:21 NLT)

Today, let's allow God to do incredible things in and through our lives.

Father God, I am Yours. I want to be a vessel fit for Your use. I will continue to dedicate myself to You. I want to be filled with Your Word, fit and ready for every good work You have for me. In Your Son's Name I Pray Amen, Amen.

-Dennis

J-Walkers: Walking with Jesus



J-Walkers (an afterschool program) is being held on Thursdays at First United Methodist Church (200 S. Walnut). 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.

First Sunday Potluck

Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, February 1st 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.



Cracked Pot

There was an old man who lived in a village in India. Every morning, he would place a long stick across his back, hang a water pot from each end, and walk several miles to the river to get fresh water for his family.



But the two water pots were not the same. One had a series of small cracks in its side, causing it to leak.

The old man would fill both pots at the river, but by the time he got back to his home, the cracked pot would be half empty, the water having leaked out during the walk.

The cracked pot grew increasingly ashamed of its inability to complete the task for which it was made. One day, while the old man filled the two pots at the river, the cracked pot spoke to him.

“I’m sorry. I’m so embarrassed that I cannot fulfill my responsibilities as well as the other pot.”

The old man smiled and replied, “On the walk home today, rather than hanging your head in shame, I want

you to look up at the side of the path.”

The cracked pot reluctantly agreed to do as the old man asked. As they left the riverbank and started on the path, he couldn’t believe his eyes. On his side of the path was a beautiful row of flowers.

“You see,” the old man said, “I’ve always known you had those cracks, so I planted flower seeds along your side of the path. Each day, your cracks helped me water them. And now, I pick these flowers to share their beauty with the entire village.”

What if the things that make you imperfect in one light actually make you perfect in another?

What if you are the cracked pot, imperfect for its assumed task, but perfect for a more creative one?

Sometimes all it takes is one person who can help you see yourself in a new light. Who can show you a better way. Who knocks you off the default path and onto your path.

Find those who see your full, unique, imperfect self and embrace it.

Life is too short to spend it with people who constantly try to fix you. To change you. To mold you into their vision.

The cracks you've been taught to hate make you perfect...

For a person you haven't even met yet. For a task you haven't even found yet. For a journey you haven't even started yet.

You are the cracked pot. Perfectly imperfect. Remember that.

Taylorville Care & & Taylorville Estates

On Sunday, February 15th, 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.



Women in Recovery



There is a Women in Recovery group that meets on Monday evenings at 5:00 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 Angie White and her family following the recent loss of her son, Gene.



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

Children's Prayers to God



Dear God, I keep waiting for spring, but it never did come yet. What's up? Don't forget. —Mark

Thought for the Day

It's the little things in life that determine the big things.



Jenna Sparling	February 1
Tracie Boehme	February 3
Nancy Honn	February 6
Mary Dooley	February 16

CWF Luncheon

CWF met at Angelo's on Thursday, January 15 with 9 members present. Our next meeting will be February 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Angelo's (weather permitting).



Serving Sunday

February 1, 2026

Elder — Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel
Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday

February 8, 2026

Elder — Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel
Diaconate — Team 2

Serving Sunday

February 15, 2026

Elder — Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel
Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday

February 22, 2026

Elder — Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel
Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday

March 1, 2026

Elder — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune
Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday

March 8, 2026

Elder — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune
Diaconate — Team 2

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).

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.



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!!!



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.



Men's Breakfast

We cordially invite you to the next "Men's Breakfast" which will be held on Saturday, February 7th 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

Thank You



I would like to thank everyone for the cards , gifts and goodies over the Christmas/New Year holidays. I have enjoyed everything!!!
Thanks again!

—Sheryl

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 12/28/25

Attendance: 85
General Fund: \$2356

Offering for 1/4/26

Attendance: 93
General Fund: \$4553

Offering for 1/11/26

Attendance: 90
General Fund: \$1032.12

Offering for 1/18/26

Attendance: 102
General Fund: \$1928.10
Celebrate Recovery: \$150

Offering for 1/25/26

Attendance: 23
General Fund: \$217.95



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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