



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

March
2026

Upcoming Lenten/Easter Services

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday Service
10:15 a.m.

Thursday, April 2

Holy Thursday
Last Supper Re-enactment
6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3

Prayer Vigil
3:00-6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 5

Light Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.
Easter Service at 10:15 a.m.
No 1st Sunday Potluck



Minister's Column

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake." (Psalms 23:1-3 NKJV)

Many if not most days of my life now I feel like I'm living or lying in a green pasture.

So I can relate with David at least a little when he talks about God making him to lie down in green pastures.

I'm sure that, as a shepherd himself, it might be frustrating when you're trying to move your sheep to new grazing land and everything is brown and dead. But this is what we know about life with God as our shepherd—He never gets frustrated by looking for green pastures. He

always knows where to find them and then He leads us to those places.

I know that there are people reading this today who feel dry inside.

It's like life has been hard for a long time and somewhere along the way, they lost the peace and rest that their soul needs.

Maybe it's their job that feels dry, or maybe it's their marriage that feels dry.

The Lord wants to turn those places into green pastures.

He promises to not just make us lie down in green pastures, but to lead us beside still waters.

I think at times we get complacent about the quality of water that we drink, where

we get our needs met, and what satisfies our deepest longings.

Don't allow just any well or any pasture to satisfy you.

Don't settle for a stagnant, polluted pond, when you can drink from the pure, flowing river of life that God provides.

Pureness and peace comes by making the Lord our Shepherd.

Are you allowing Him to lead you today? If you're not, then don't be surprised if you feel dry and polluted.

Remember, He can restore your soul but not in some ponds.

In other words, no matter how you feel today—dry, sad, lost, hopeless, hurt—God promises

to restore you if you follow Him.

If that's how you feel today, simply ask Him right now to show you His green pastures.

Then follow as He leads.

Lord God, Thank You for being a Good Shepherd who always makes sure that I have all that I need, even restoring my soul! Please show me Your green pastures and still waters today. Help me to live in that place with You and never leave. Amen

-Dennis

Meals on Wheels

Our church is responsible for Meals on Wheels the week of March 30-April 2 (No delivery on April 3). If you are available and can help out, please contact Barb Miller at 820-1099.





On God's Time

A man walked to the top of a hill to talk to God.



The man asked, "God, what's a million years to you?" and God said, "A minute."

Then the man asked, "Well, what's a million dollars to you?" and God said, "A penny."

Then the man asked, "God...can I have a penny?" and God said, "Sure...in a minute."

Preschool Noodle Fundraiser



The DMCC Preschool has begun their spring noodle fundraiser. They are selling the bags for \$3.50 each and will be selling them until Monday, March 23rd. If you are interested in helping support our preschool, please contact Gena Craggs, Kandi Smith or the Church Office. The noodles will be here in time for Easter.



Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour on Saturday, March 7, so you aren't late for your Sunday activities!

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.



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, March 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.

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).



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!!!

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.



Men's Breakfast



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

VBS Volunteers Needed **June 23-25 from 2:30-5:30p.m.**

We need:

1. Rooted Bible Adventures: this leader will guide children as they experience the daily Bible story
2. Sing & Play Tune Lagoon: lead opening and closing times
3. Treetop Treats: Prepare and serve snacks, lead prayers before eating
4. Imagination Station: leads science activities that point to God
5. Sticky Scripture: lead children in repeating each day's Bible point, show video and guide children in locating Bible verses
6. Wild Games: lead children in games that connect with the daily Bible point
7. Canopy Closing: recap what the children experienced that day and lead closing songs
8. Crew leaders: develop relationships with children in your group as you lead them to various activities. Assist with activities as needed
9. Registration: check children in each evening

What do I need to be a great VBS volunteer:

Love for God, love for kids, and a great smile

You don't need

1. to plan your own activities: detailed plans will be provided for you
2. To be there every day: If you can only come 1 or 2 days, you are welcome to help

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sheryl Van Dyke at FUMC (217-433-3246), Phil Romagnoli at First Presbyterian (404-803-0239), or Sheryl Nagle at Davis Memorial (217-824-8181).



Taylorville Skilled Nursing & High Point

On Sunday, March 8th, 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.



Hickory Estates

On Sunday, March 22nd, 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.



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.



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, my brother told me about how you are born but it just doesn't sound right. What do you say?

—Marsha

Thought for the Day

Whoever gossips to you will be a gossip of you.





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| Karen Palmer | March 2 |
| Audra Boehme | March 8 |
| J.T. Boehme | March 8 |
| Jason Krouse | March 8 |
| Jennifer Dammerman | March 12 |
| Kayla Durbin | March 14 |
| Debbie Delinsky | March 15 |
| Brenda Gillenwater | March 19 |
| Michael Blake | March 29 |
| Joelynda Conrad | March 30 |

CWF Luncheon

CWF met on Thursday, February 19 at Angelo's with 14 members present. We updated phone numbers on our funeral dinner list as well as signed St. Patrick's cards for shut-ins and nursing home residents. Our next meeting will be March 19 at 11:30 at Angelo's. All women welcome. We have a good time.



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



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

Serving Sunday

March 15, 2026

Elder — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune

Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday

March 22, 2026

Elder — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune

Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday

March 29, 2026

Elder — Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune

Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday

April 5, 2026

Elder — Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin

Diaconate — Team 2

Angie White, Marcia Collins, 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 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

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7!



Offering for 2/1/26

Attendance: 194
General Fund: \$2659.47

Offering for 2/8/26

Attendance: 86
General Fund: \$3709

Offering for 2/15/26

Attendance: 82
General Fund: \$1038.81

Offering for 2/22/26

Attendance: 103
General Fund: \$2293.90





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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