



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

April
2026

Upcoming Lenten/Easter Services

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.
w/Baptisms
No 1st Sunday Potluck



Minister's Column

A lot of people are choosing to focus on everything but Jesus, thinking that something in this world will fill the hole in their hearts.

They think a move or a new car will satisfy them.

Maybe more money, more education, a better job, a fancier title, more toys...then they'll be happy and satisfied.

Maybe a new church.

No. These things are not the answers for an unsatisfied persons needs in life.

They need Jesus. He can be the source for the wisdom and strength necessary to weather the storms of life.

True satisfaction and fulfillment are found only in Jesus, not in material

possessions, status, or career advancements, which leave people searching for more.

The Bible advises setting our minds on eternal things rather than earthly things to find lasting peace.

Here's some scripture that reminds me what I need most in life.

2 Corinthians 4:18 NLT

"So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever."

Colossians 3:2 NLT

"Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth."

Philippians 4:19 NLT

"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."

Jesus shared these words in John 4:14 NLT: "But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

Nothing else will give us what is necessary to survive or thrive in this world.

Lord Jesus,
Thank You for Your Sacrifice on The Cross for my sake. I choose to turn away from the empty promises of this world and look to You alone. You are my hope and my strength, and I trust You with all my needs.
Amen. -Dennis

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.



Women's 12-Step Program



We have a Women's 12-Step Program that meets on Sunday afternoons at 12:30 p.m. If you are interested, call Kandi Smith (217-825-8079).



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

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.

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.

Easter Morning Breakfast

We will serve a light breakfast on Easter Sunday (4/5) at 8:00 a.m. Since we will prepare a breakfast, there will not be a potluck on this day.



First Sunday Potluck



Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, May 3rd, 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.

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.



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).

CWF Luncheon

CWF met on
Thursday, March 19 at
Angelo's with 13



members present. Our next meeting will be April 16 at 11:30 at Angelo's. We will hold a brief business meeting at this time. All women welcome. We have a good time.

We are invited to a Women's Conference at Calvary Baptist Church on May 8 & 9. The guest speaker is Erin Davis. If you are interested in attending, call Calvary Baptist Church.



Donna Depolo	April 1
Cinda Hayes	April 8
Ava Odam	April 13
Chuck Hendricks	April 18
Catherine Roberts	April 21



Rex & Janet Montgomery	April 5
John & Laura Gardner	April 9
Floyd & Jill Short	April 15
Tracy & Tiffany Stevens	April 20
Kevin & Tracie Boehme	April 25

Taylorville Care & Taylorville Estates

On Sunday, April 19th, 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.



You Be Jesus

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you be Jesus.'



Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Kathy Satterlee and her family following the passing of her mother, Angie White, on Tuesday, March 24.



Men's Breakfast

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

Children's Prayers to God



Dear God, If you watch in Church on Sunday, I will show you my new shoes.

—Barbara

Thought for the Day

Every person should have a special cemetery lot in which to bury the faults of friends and loved ones.



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**



Serving Sunday

April 5, 2026

Elder — Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin

Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday

April 12, 2026

Elder — Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin

Diaconate — Team 2

Serving Sunday

April 19, 2026

Elder — Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin

Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday

April 26, 2026

Elder — Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin

Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday

May 3, 2026

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss

Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday

May 10, 2026

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss

Diaconate — Team 2

Linda Allen, Dawn Brown,
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



Offering for 3/1/26

Attendance: 113
General Fund: \$1906
Celebrate Recovery: \$150

Offering for 3/8/26

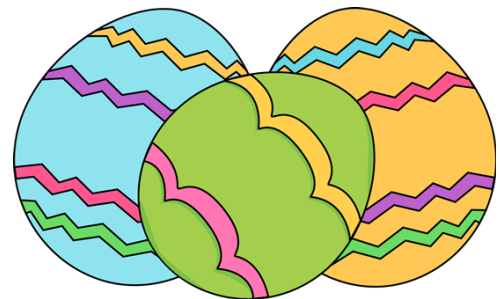
Attendance: 89
General Fund: \$3781.82

Offering for 3/15/26

Attendance: 96
General Fund: \$1640.35

Offering for 3/22/26

Attendance: 104
General Fund: \$1865





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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