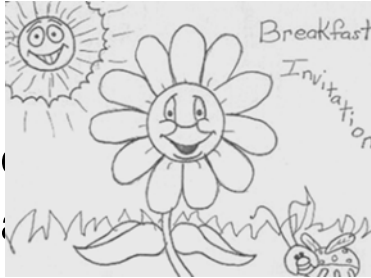




“THE VISITOR”
Davis Memorial Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

May
2026



Men’s Breakfast

We cordially invite you to the next “Men’s Breakfast” which will be held Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00-9:00 in the fellowship hall. Sausage gravy and biscuits will be featured on the menu. Come join us for some fine food and fellowship. Sons and friends are always welcome.

Sincerely, Jonathan
& Disciples Men

CWF Luncheon

CWF met on Thursday, April 16 at Angelo’s with 11 members present. **Our next meeting will be May 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Manner’s Park (Chautauqua Building).** We will conclude our business meeting at that time. All women are welcome. We always have a good time.



Minister's Column

The unavoidable truth is that life doesn't last forever.

Even the things we enjoy in life - hearing, eyesight, desire for our spouses, hair, the strength of our bodies - these things fade as we age.

The question that all of us need to answer is, what are we doing with what we have now?

What are you doing with what you have now?

Are you holding onto it, hoping for a better day? Are you using what you have for the Lord so that when what you have in this life disappears, you still have a reward waiting for you in Heaven?

Or are you wasting what you have now on worldly pursuits, on what sounds good to you today?

Are you spending all your resources for your own pleasure while you can, leaving yourself eternally bankrupt?

"Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever."
(1 John 2:15-17 NLT)

We need to live today with eternity and the rest of our lives in view. Nothing we have will last forever, but what we can gain by using what we have

now for the Lord will last forever.

None of us know what's coming tomorrow, so choose to serve the Lord today.

Father God, Thank You for reminding me that, while I can try to make plans, I really never know what tomorrow will bring. I give my life and all that I have to You today. Guide me in this life and help me to use what I have for You and Your glory! 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.

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).



Sympathy



We offer our deepest sympathy to Brenda Finrock's Family. Brenda passed away on Saturday April 18th. Visitation will be at Sutton's on Thursday, April 30th from 10-Noon. A memorial service will begin at noon. Following the service, She will be laid to rest at Camp Butler National Cemetery.

Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to Stacie Green and her family following the passing of her grandfather, recently.



Sympathy



We offer our deepest sympathy to Joelynda Conrad and her Family following the passing her husband, Roy, recently.



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!!!



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.

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).

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.



Thank You!

On behalf of the VA Illiana Health Care System patients and staff, we extend our appreciation to you



for your donation of the clothing items for the Veterans. It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide to Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again in the future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Aaron J. Cain
Chief, Voluntary Service
Center for Development and
Civic Engagement

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.

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**



Mickey Davis	May 5
Fred Delahunt	May 5
Barb Lake	May 5
Karen Smith	May 7
Bob Craggs	May 7
Mickey Newlin	May 9
Daniel Gardner	May 9
Sharyl Craggs	May 24
Jonathon Coady	May 28
Jessica Guzman	May 28



Tom & Shelley Carlen

May 17

High Point



On Sunday, May 10th, Davis Memorial will lead the worship service at High Point 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.

Hickory Estates

On Sunday, May 24th, 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.

Seagull in Heaven



A father was at the beach with his children when his four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore, where a seagull lay dead in the sand. 'Daddy, what happened to him?' the son asked. 'He died and went to Heaven,' the dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, 'Did God throw him back down?'

Children's Prayers to God



Dear God, is Reverend Coe a friend of yours, or do you just know him through the business?

—Donny

Thought for the Day

When 'I' is replaced by 'we', even 'illness' becomes 'wellness'.



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, Joelynda Conrad, Karen Lowis, Dani Moore (Jennifer Tracey's cousin), Darlene Wilson, 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



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

Serving Sunday

May 17, 2026

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss

Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday

May 24, 2026

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss

Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday

May 31, 2026

Elder — Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss

Diaconate — Team 2

Serving Sunday

June 7, 2026

Elder — Randy Smith, Tracie Boehme

Diaconate — Team 1



Offering for 3/29/26

Attendance: 114
General Fund: \$1232,37
Easter Missions: \$45

Offering for 4/5/26

Attendance: 154
General Fund: \$5143

Offering for 4/12/26

Attendance: 100
General Fund: \$1575

Offering for 4/19/26

Attendance: 101
General Fund: \$2036
Preschool: \$200



Missions for Taylorville

Missions for Taylorville will hold their work day on Saturday, June 13 from 9am-4pm. The application forms (both for homeowners needing assistance & volunteers willing to help) are available on the Missions for Taylorville Facebook page or you can pick one up from any of the participating churches.





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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