



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

July
2026

*Have a Safe and Happy
4th of July!!!*



Minister's Column

Jesus' words: "Well, then," he said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and give to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21 NLT)

Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. "There is still one thing you haven't done," he told him. "Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

(Mark 10:21 NLT)

"I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference." (Revelation 3:19 NLT)

Your life is not about how much stuff you own. One of the biggest lies the devil wants people to believe is that their value comes from money,

possessions, or popularity. But those things can never truly satisfy your heart.

People were drawn to Jesus because His confidence came from God, not from what He owned or how others saw Him. The Bible teaches that God often chooses people who seem poor by the world's standards to be rich in faith and receive the blessings He has promised to those who love Him.

What really matters is not what you have, but how you use what God has given you. Whatever gifts, talents, time, or resources you have, use them to help others, serve the church, and share God's love with people who don't know Him yet.

That's what matters.

But on the other side of that

coin, don't place expectations on people because of what you have done for them.

Give freely.

Love generously.

Serve faithfully.

If your giving comes with strings attached (even expectations), it is no longer a gift - it becomes a transaction.

Jesus never told us to keep score. He called us to be faithful.

Some people will appreciate your kindness, and some will not. Some will return your love, and some will walk away. Yet we are still called to give, serve, and love because Christ first loved us.

Your reward is not found in the praise of people. Your reward is found in the smile of

God.

Give to God what belongs to God - your heart, your devotion, your obedience, and your love.

Father, Help me value people more than possessions and faithfulness more than recognition. Teach me to give generously, serve humbly, and love without expecting anything in return. May my life bring honor to You in all I do. Amen. --Dennis

Meals on Wheels

Please mark our calendars! Our church is responsible for



Meals on Wheels the week of Monday, August 31-Friday, September 4. If you are able to help out, please contact Barb Miller at 217-820-1099.

First Sunday Potluck



Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, July 5th, 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.

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

Children's Prayers to God



Dear God, it is great the way you always get the stars in the right place. Why can't you do that with the moon?
—Jeff

Thought for the Day

Your value does not decrease based on someone's inability to see your worth.
Unknown



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Jesus & the American Flag

Diamond Art Picture Raffle



Linda Binger has graciously donated a diamond art picture that she made to be raffled off in support our preschool. The picture is of the religious & patriotic nature with Jesus and the American Flag. The tickets will be \$5 each and are currently being sold. The picture will be raffled off on Sunday, July 5th.

Men's Breakfast



There will not be a Men's Breakfast in July because of the July 4th holiday.

Our next "Men's Breakfast" will be held on Saturday, August 1st 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

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.



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

The Ant and the Contact Lens



Brenda was almost halfway to the top of the tremendous granite cliff. She was standing on a ledge where she was taking a breather during this, her first rock climb. As she rested there, the safety rope snapped against her eye and knocked out her contact lens. "Great," she thought. "Here I am on a rock ledge, hundreds of feet from the bottom and hundreds of feet to the top of this cliff, and now my sight is blurry." She looked and looked, hoping that somehow it had landed on the ledge. But it just wasn't there. She felt the panic rising in her, so she began praying. She prayed for calm, and she prayed that she may find her contact lens.

When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and clothing for the lens, but it was not to be found. Although she was calm now that she was at the top, she was saddened because she could not clearly see across the range of mountains. She

thought of the Bible verse "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth."

She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

Later, when they had hiked down the trail to the bottom of the cliff they met another party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?"

Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across a twig on the face of the rock, carrying it!

The story doesn't end there. Brenda's father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a cartoon of an ant lugging that contact lens with the caption, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for

You. I think it would do all of us some good to say, “God, I don’t know why You want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it’s awfully heavy. But, if You want me to carry it, I will. “God doesn’t call the qualified, He qualifies the called.”

High Point

On Sunday, July 12th, Davis



Memorial will lead the worship service at 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, July 26th, 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.

CWF News



Our No Fuss Fundraiser is still going on until August. We do this instead of other fundraising. Please donate what you can. Make checks payable to CWF. The gift can be dropped in the offering plate, dropped off at the church during regular business hours or mailed. Thank you to all who have already donated.

Also a big thank you to all who brought food and/or helped with the Hendricks funeral dinner.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 20th at Angelo’s at 11:30 a.m. The meeting is open to all women of Davis Memorial. We would love to see you! We order from the menu and pay for our own meal.





Blain Cornwell	July 2
Dennis Metsker	July 6
Marcia Collins	July 7
Carol Wilson	July 7
Tom Carlen	July 12
Jacob Satterlee	July 14
Kathy Satterlee	July 16
Baron Odam	July 16
Margie Lamb	July 19
Heather Odam	July 19
Carley Prince	July 19
Charley Craggs	July 20
Tim Jones	July 31



Drew & Billi Woodruff July 20

If you haven't shared your Birthday or Anniversary date with us, please call the church office (824-8181), email me (dmccs@ctitech.com) or leave a note on my desk. We would love to be able to include your name on these lists!!!

--Sheryl

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 Lewis, 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

July 5, 2026

Elder—Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins

Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday

July 12, 2026

Elder—Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins

Diaconate — Team 2

Serving Sunday

July 19, 2026

Elder—Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins

Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday

July 26, 2026

Elder—Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins

Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday

August 2, 2026

Elder—Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel

Diaconate — Team 1



Offering for 5/31/26

Attendance: 93

General Fund: \$1453.64

Offering for 6/7/26

Attendance: 90

General Fund: \$4063

Preschool: \$20

Missions: \$40

Offering for 6/14/26

Attendance: 91

General Fund: \$2838.07

Offering for 6/21/26

Attendance: 85

General Fund: \$1382

Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to the David Hendricks Sr. Family. David passed away on Saturday, June 20.





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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