



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

August
2026

Music and Worship

Bethel Baptist Church (1919 N. 1000 East Rd.) would like to invite you to “Music in the Pavilion” on August 8th, 2026. Our concert will feature the Davis Memorial Christian Church’s Praise Team. The event will start

at 4:00 p.m. (and concludes at 7:00 p.m.) A meal will be delivered to everyone in attendance. There will be lots of things for children to enjoy. Playground equipment and games of all kinds will be available for them. The setting allows parents to enjoy the concert while having their children in their sight the entire time.



After the first set of music, Bethel would like to challenge Davis Memorial Christian Church to a few cornhole matches. Please bring two of your best cornhole teams (two people on a team). They will play each other in the first match and then Bethel’s two teams will play each other. The two winning teams will play each other to determine the champions of the evening. Come cheer on your team!

We look forward to great music, games, food, and fellowship. The event will take place rain or shine. Please bring lawn chairs for this outdoor event. We look forward to seeing you there.

Minister's Column

“Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, but they all died. Anyone who eats the bread from heaven, however, will never die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and this bread, which I will offer so the world may live, is my flesh.” (John 6:49-51 NLT)

Sometimes God's Word can be confusing, but those verses aren't.

When Jesus says: “Anyone who eats this bread will live forever...this bread...is my flesh.”

He is not talking about literally eating His body. He's speaking figuratively about receiving Him by faith.

Just as eating food becomes part of you and sustains your life, trusting in Jesus means depending on Him completely for your spiritual life.

When He says He will give His flesh, He's pointing ahead to the cross. His body would be broken, and He would willingly die so that the world could have life.

What does this mean for us today?

Everyone is hungry for something. People try to fill that hunger with success, sports, relationships, popularity, money, entertainment, or achievement. Those things can satisfy for a little while, but eventually they leave us wanting more.

Jesus says, “Come to Me. I alone can satisfy the deepest hunger of your heart.”

The question isn't whether you're hungry. The question is: What are you feeding your soul?

Only Jesus can give the kind of life that doesn't end when this life does.

Ask yourself, Am I trying to satisfy my soul with temporary things, or have I trusted the One who is the Bread of Life?

Jesus invites everyone – not just to admire Him, but to receive Him and find true life in Him.

Heavenly Father, Forgive us for trying to fill our hearts with things that never truly satisfy. Help us to hunger for You more than success, possessions, or the approval of others. Teach us to trust in Jesus every day, knowing that He alone gives forgiveness, purpose, and eternal life. May our lives point others to the One who satisfies every hungry soul. In Jesus' Name I Pray, Amen.

--Dennis



Meals on Wheels

Please mark your 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, August 2nd, 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

Preschool Begins Soon!



It's not too late to sign your child up for Preschool this year. Our year starts on Monday, August 24th and will meet on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:00a.m.-noon. We follow the public school calendar so if Taylorville schools are out (weather, holidays or other reasons), we will not meet either.

You can sign your child up by visiting our website (davismemorialchristian.org) or coming into the church office (Tuesday-Thursday from 8:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.).

Jesus & the American Flag Diamond Art Picture Raffle



Michelle Rostron is the winner of the Jesus and the American Flag picture and is donating it to the church for everyone to enjoy. I would like to thank everyone for their support and donations to this preschool fundraiser. I raised \$420!

--Linda Binger

Men's Breakfast

We cordially invite you to the next "Men's Breakfast"



which 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

Children's Prayers to God



Dear God, I'm doing the best I can. Really. —Frank

Thought for the Day

The tongue has no bones, but is strong enough to break a heart. So be careful with your words. --Unknown



Hands

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19. A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million.
It depends whose hands it's in.



A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6.
A baseball in Mark McGuire's hands is worth \$19 million.
It depends whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands.
A tennis racket in Pete Sampras' hands is a Wimbledon Championship.
It depends whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.
A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea.
It depends whose hands it's in.

A sling shot in my hands is a kid's toy.
A sling shot in David's hands is a mighty weapon.

It depends whose hands it's in.

Two fish and 5 loaves in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.

Two fish and 5 loaves in God's hands will feed thousands.
It depends on whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.
Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.
It depends on whose hands it's in.

As you see now it depends whose hands it's in. So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationships in God's hands because it depends whose hands it's in.

Taylorville Care & Taylorville Estates

On Sunday, August 23rd,  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.



CWF News



The ladies met on Thursday, July 16th at Angelo's with 11 ladies attending.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 20th at Angelo's at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon 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.

We unanimously decided to donate \$200 to Detective Nick Todd, of the Taylorville Police Department, who suffered severe burns in an accident earlier this month.

It is not too late to donate to our 'No Fuss' Fundraiser. You can bring or mail your donation to the church office or drop it in the offering on Sunday morning. Please make sure to note on the envelope or the memo line that it is for the CWF Fundraiser. Thank you to all who have made donations!



Janet Simmons	August 2
Sally Cook	August 5
Kathy Sullivan	August 10
Nancy Hafliger	August 11
Craig Johnson	August 17
Alexis Sams	August 21
Randy Smith	August 24
Lois Whitaker	August 25
Kim Brune	August 26
Ronda Fassero	August 28
Jeff Stickel	August 31



Charley & Jennifer Dammerman	August 7
Mike & Ronda Fassero	August 12
Blain & Kim Cornwell	August 19
Mark & Kathy Satterlee	August 25
Bob & Sharyl Craggs	August 31

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 (Oklahoma), 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

August 2, 2026

Elder—Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel

Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday

August 9, 2026

Elder—Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel

Diaconate — Team 2

Serving Sunday

August 16, 2026

Elder—Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel

Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday

August 23, 2026

Elder—Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel

Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday

August 30, 2026

Elder—Kathy Sullivan, John Steckel

Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday

September 5, 2026

Elder—Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune

Diaconate — Team 1



Offering for 6/28/26

Attendance: 101

General Fund: \$1224.64

Offering for 7/5/26

Attendance: 75

General Fund: \$3145.41

Offering for 7/12/26

Attendance: 95

General Fund: \$1987.54

Offering for 7/19/26

Attendance: 90

General Fund: \$1670.26

Offering for 7/26/26

Attendance: 90

General Fund: \$1694.52





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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