



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

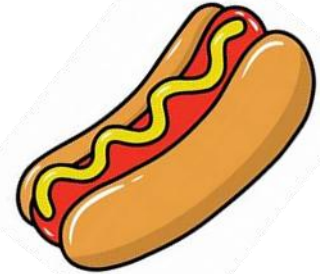
August  
2026

**City-Wide Fall Gathering**

Date: September 12, 2026

Place: Davis Memorial Christian Church  
1500 W. Franklin St.  
Taylorville, IL 62568

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Mark your calendars and join us for music by our own Praise Band, free food including hot dogs, chips, baked beans, popcorn, snow cones...

Plan to participate in games, fun for all ages. Also featuring a bounce house for the kiddos! Relax and enjoy hayrides with our own Pastor Dennis!

Everyone is invited to attend!!!



## **Minister's Column**

“Look within Yourself and find the truth. We should all strive to be more like Jesus.

The person who is quick to criticize others may be revealing a lack within themselves.

You will find many people who are quick to point out what others are doing wrong, yet slow to praise them for what they are doing right.

Criticism often comes easier than encouragement. Finding faults can become a habit, while recognizing someone's efforts takes intentionality.

Jesus warned us about this very thing.

“And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?” (Matthew 7:3)

Before we point a finger at someone else, perhaps we should pause and ask, “Lord,

what are You trying to show me about myself?”

That doesn't mean we should ignore sin or never speak truth. But Scripture tells us that truth should be spoken in Love, with humility and grace.

“Instead we speak the truth in Love, growing in every way more and more like Christ.” (Ephesians 4:15)

Proverbs reminds us:

“Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.” (Proverbs 27:6)

There is a difference between correction out of Love and constant criticism.

Criticism tears down.

Encouragement builds up.

Pride looks for faults.

Humility looks in the mirror.

“Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to

those who hear them.”  
(Ephesians 4:29)

Lord, Search my heart and  
remove anything in me that is  
quick to judge and slow to love.  
Teach me to see others through  
Your eyes, to speak with grace,  
and to build up rather than tear  
down. Let my words reflect  
Christ. In Jesus' Name I Pray,  
Amen. --Dennis

### **Thank You!!!**

Thank you for  
spending part of  
your day on August  
8th with those of us at Bethel  
Baptist Church. We enjoyed  
hearing your Praise Team and  
having some time to get to know  
some of the people at DMCC. A  
big thank you to the teams that  
participated in our Cornhole  
Tournament. Congratulations to  
the winning DMCC team of  
Michael Fuentez and Renee  
Driver.



### **Preschool Has Started!**

It's not too late  
to sign your child  
up for Preschool  
this year. Our  
year started on Monday, August  
24th and meets 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](http://davismemorialchristian.org)) or  
coming into the church office  
(Tuesday-Thursday from  
8:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.).

### **First Sunday Potluck**



Our next Potluck will  
be on Sunday,  
September 6th, 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.

## **CWF News**



The ladies met on Thursday, August 20th at Angelo's with 12 ladies attending. 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 earned \$951 from the No Fuss fundraiser. Thanks to all who donated.

We will meet September 17 in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 a.m. for a party. Harmony will entertain us. Please bring an item for the portable food pantries that feed homeless and others when the Food Pantry is not open.

## **Men's Breakfast**

We cordially invite you to the next "Men's Breakfast" which will be held on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 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



## **J-Walkers: Walking With Jesus**

(After School Program)

J-Walkers will begin on Thursday, September 3 right after school (3:30 p.m.) at the First United Methodist Church.



Each week students will be transported from North School and Memorial School. The goal of this program is to introduce children to Jesus, letting them know how much they are loved. We focus on following Jesus and learning to live in the ways he wants us to live. The weekly activities include snacks, games, worship, and activities.

### **The schedule of dates are:**

September 3, 10, 17, 24

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19

December 3, 10, 17

January 7, 14, 21, 28

February 4, 11, 18, 25

March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

May 6



## Children's Prayers to God



Dear God, I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday night. That was really cool.  
—Thomas

## Thought for the Day

We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand.



--Randy Pausch

## 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**



## 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**

## 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).



## High Point

 On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## 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.



### Offering for 8/2/26

Attendance: 80  
General Fund: \$3300.88  
Missions: \$10

### Offering for 8/9/26

Attendance: 93  
General Fund: \$3238.15

### Offering for 8/16/26

Attendance: 96  
General Fund: \$1428.95  
Missions: \$5.00  
Fellowship: \$50.00

### Offering for 8/23/26

Attendance: 74  
General Fund: \$2418.05



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| Kay Brewer     | September 3  |
| Vicki Gaillard | September 6  |
| John Gardner   | September 9  |
| Billi Woodruff | September 11 |
| Jenny Lewis    | September 11 |
| Jill Short     | September 13 |
| Greg Gaillard  | September 13 |
| Laura Gardner  | September 16 |
| Dick Adams     | September 23 |
| Mark Satterlee | September 24 |
| Janet Cisco    | September 24 |
| Judy Adams     | September 28 |
| Nancy Jones    | September 30 |



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| Dick &         |              |
| Cindy Adams    | September 12 |
| Fred &         |              |
| Sandy Delahunt | September 20 |



## **The Coffee or The Cup**

This really is profound, I am going to try and keep this in mind the next time I feel 'stressed'....



A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life.

Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups – porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite – telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: 'If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is

the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups... And then you began eyeing each other's cups.

Now consider this: Life is the coffee; the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us.' God brews the coffee, not the cups....Enjoy your coffee!

'The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.' Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

Michelle Gramajo, Jeff Powers, Linda Allen, Marcia Collins, Jaxton Oliver, Malakai Wilson, Bethany Beeson, Dylan Beeson, Nora Audry, 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**

**September 6, 2026**

**Elder**—Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
**Diaconate** — Team 1

### **Serving Sunday**

**September 13, 2026**

**Elder**— Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
**Diaconate** — Team 2

### **Serving Sunday**

**September 20, 2026**

**Elder**— Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
**Diaconate** — Team 3

### **Serving Sunday**

**September 27, 2026**

**Elder**— Carmelo Montes, Kim Brune  
**Diaconate** — Team 4

### **Serving Sunday**

**October 4, 2026**

**Elder**—Ronda Fassero, J. Newlin  
**Diaconate** — Team 1

### **Serving Sunday**

**October 11, 2026**

**Elder**—Ronda Fassero, J. Newlin  
**Diaconate** — Team 2



**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 (824-8181).

***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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