



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

October
2026

“Attention! - Attention! - Attention!”

Annual ‘Drive-Thru’ Fish Fry
October 9th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The “Christian Men’s Fellowship” will be hosting their annual “Fish Fry”, Friday, October 9 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. It will be a “Drive-Thru” again this year. **No tickets will be sold at the door, and we**



will accept “pre-paid” tickets only. Tickets can be purchased from any CMF member, or at the church office. We need people to buy and sell tickets, prepare carry-out meals, set-up, clean-up, cook, cut cakes, and to work in the carry-out line. We also need donations of cakes and pies. We ask that the desserts be brought in disposable containers, because we will be using the sinks to thaw fish. **Desserts can be brought to the church, Thursday, October 8 from 5:00-7:00 p.m., or Friday, October 9 from 9:00a.m.-noon.**

I’m confident with your help, support, and prayers this year’s “Fish Fry” will be a huge success.

Sincerely, Jonathan
& CMF (Disciples Men)

Work Schedule:

- 1) We will set-up the canopy on Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 p.m.
- 2) Move cookers from garage (9:00 a.m.-Noon) on Thursday, October 8; & set-up on Friday, October 9 from 9:00 a.m.-Noon
- 3) We will clean the cookers and store them in the garage on Saturday, October 10 at 9:00 a.m.
- 4) We will take down the canopy Sunday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m., if not completed on Saturday.

Minister's Column

Conflict within family – whether by blood, marriage, friendship, or church – is often inevitable because people are different. We have different personalities, histories, expectations, opinions, wounds, priorities, and ways of communicating.

But there is something deeper from a Christian perspective:

Why does conflict happen in families?

1. We are imperfect people.

Even people who Love Jesus still struggle with pride, selfishness, impatience, and unforgiveness.

“What causes quarrels and fights among you? Don’t they come from the evil desires at war within you?”

(James 4:1 NLT)

2. The closer we are, the greater the opportunity to hurt one another.

Strangers usually don’t have the power to hurt us the way family does. We have expectations of family and when those expectations aren’t met, disappointment can turn into resentment.

3. We don’t always see things from the same perspective.

Two people can experience the same situation and remember it completely differently. Both may sincerely believe they are right.

4. Pride makes conflict worse.

Sometimes the issue isn’t really what happened. The issue becomes, “I want you to admit that I’m right.”

And that is where humility becomes so important.

“Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your Love.” (Ephesians 4:2 NLT)

5. Satan loves division.

The enemy understands that divided families, divided marriages, and divided churches become weakened families, marriages, and churches.

But here's the good news: Conflict does not mean the family is broken.

Sometimes conflict is an opportunity for a family to learn how to Love, forgive, communicate, listen, and grow.

Jesus didn't tell us to avoid difficult people. He taught us how to Love them.

"Love each other. Just as I have Loved you, you should Love each other."

(John 13:34 NLT)

Family isn't defined by never having conflict. Family is defined by what we do when conflict comes.

We can choose to win the argument or win our brother.

We can choose pride or humility.

We can choose resentment or forgiveness.

We can choose division or Love.

Because in a Christian family, being right should never become more important than being Christlike.

Father, Help me to let go of anything that is hurting my relationship with others. In Jesus' Name I Pray, Amen.

--Dennis

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).



Help Needed!!!

If anyone is available to help out with the kids at Children's Church and/or



Celebrate Recovery, we could really use you! We would like to have someone different for each week, so you would only have to be there once a month. If you would be able to volunteer, please contact Pastor Dennis or Ruth Otis (Youth Minister).



Pizza & Movie Night



We will have a pizza & Movie Night on Friday, October 23rd.

Pizza will be served at 5:30 p.m. with the movie to follow. We will be watching "The Sheep Detectives". If you plan to come, please sign the sheet in the Narthex so we will have enough pizza for everyone!

Bulletin Bloopers



The church office will be closed until opening. It will remain closed after opening.

It will reopen Monday.

Thought for the Day

Your best teacher is your last mistake.



Rex Montgomery	October 2
Jennifer Tracey	October 4
Bob Shake	October 5
Rev. Jim Whitaker	October 6
Danny Lowis	October 9
Eric Bruder	October 11
Charles Dammerman	October 12
Dawm DeClerck	October 12
Ramsey Dammerman	October 16
Linda Binger	October 18



Tom & Jennifer Tracey October 20

Taylorville Care & Taylorville Estates



On Sunday, October 25th, Davis Memorial Christian Church 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.



First Sunday Potluck



Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, October 4th, 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.

Prayer List:

Michelle Gramajo, Jeff Powers, Linda Allen, Marcia Collins, Jaxton Oliver, Malakai Wilson, Bethany Beeson, Dylan Beeson, Nora Audry, Brad Mansfield, Shelby Cook, 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 Ward (Qatar), 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





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

Men's Breakfast

We cordially invite you to the next "Men's Breakfast" which will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, 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



Preschool Has Started!

It's not too late to sign your child up for Preschool this year. Our



school 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) or coming into the church office (Tuesday-Thursday from 8:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.).

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.

CWF News



Our first annual birthday party was a success. The food was delicious and Harmony entertained us. Thanks to Margie Lamb, Nancy Honn, Linda Jones and Dorris Schroyer for the food. Next month we will be back to Angelo's on Thursday, October 18th at 11:30 a.m. Our fundraiser made almost \$1,100. Again, thanks to all who donated. We donated almost \$200 to Week of Compassion which provides disaster relief worldwide. Did you know Week of Compassion donated \$5,000 to our church to help members affected by the tornado?



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:

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





Offering for 8/30/26

Attendance: 80
General Fund: \$1074

Offering for 9/6/26

Attendance: 90
General Fund: \$3382.68

Offering for 9/13/26

Attendance: 76
General Fund: \$3157.62
Celebrate Recovery: \$100

Offering for 9/20/26

Attendance: 70
General Fund: \$1696

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

October 4, 2026

Elder—Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin
Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday

October 11, 2026

Elder—Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin
Diaconate — Team 2

Serving Sunday

October 18, 2026

Elder—Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin
Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday

October 25, 2026

Elder—Ronda Fassero, Jonathan Newlin
Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday

November 1, 2026

Elder—Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 1

Serving Sunday

November 8, 2026

Elder—Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
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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