"THE VISITOR"
Davis Memorial Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

November
2026

Time Change This Weekend!

The time changes this Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 a.m. So, don't forget to set your clock back 1 hour before you go to bed this Saturday night! You get an extra hour of sleep!!!



Minister's Column

I don't know about you, but I screw things up. I say things I shouldn't and I do things I shouldn't.

So whose standard am I using when I say I mess up or screw up?

God's Standard.

He has a standard by which I should speak and act, and at times I do things outside that standard.

So what's the fix?

Repent: Ask God for forgiveness then try not to do it again.

Here is the thing my friend, there are consequences in every act that is outside of God's Will. Sometimes those consequences are severe and other times not so much.

But there is always a consequence.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."
(Proverbs 3:5-6 NRSV)

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. And lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV)

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."
(Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT)

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." (Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV)

All those transactions say in verse 5, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart", however they all

have a little different twist in verse 6.

NRSV and NIV versions say, “and He will make straight your paths.”

NKJV says, “And He shall direct your paths.”

The NLT says, “and He will show you which path to take.”

Whatever version you’re reading, we need to Trust the Lord with all our hearts and He will direct us at that moment in our life what’s best, and that’s what matters.

The problem is we go our own way instead of His way, that’s when we have negative consequences.

The take from all of this is, when we mess up, ask God for forgiveness then go on with your life trying to do God’s Will.

Lord, You know I mess up, please don’t give up on me and some day I will consistently do Your Will. Trusting You with All my Heart. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Blessings on Your Day!

--Dennis

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).

Women’s 12-Step Program



We have a Women’s 12-Step Program that meets on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested, call Kim Brune (217-825-8595). We will be starting a new group about mid-January.



Floyd Short	November 1
Jonathan Newlin	November 4
Lynn Dexheimer	November 11
James Assad	November 11
Owen Palmer	November 15
Mike Fassero	November 18
Adam Schimmelpfenning	November 19
Rich Wilson	November 24
Coady Johnson	November 26
Kayla Coady	November 27
Fisher Dammerman	November 27
Erica Wessling	November 27
Michelle Sklenka	November 29
Linda Jones	November 29
Mary Evans	November 30



Jonathan & Mickey Newlin	November 11
Buck & Amanda Polley	November 15

Prayer List:



Jemma Evans, Jackson (Byron & June Sloan's grandson), Lydia Wright, 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

High Point



On Sunday, November 8th, Davis Memorial Christian Church 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.

First Sunday Potluck



Our next Potluck will be on Sunday, November 1st, 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.



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.).

CWF News



The ladies met on Thursday, October 15th at Angelo's. The Semi-Annual Business Meeting will be held at our November luncheon on Thursday, November 19th at Angelo's. The ladies decided to be ready for the meeting by 11:15 a.m. Please join us!

Men's Breakfast

We cordially invite you to the next "Men's Breakfast" which will be held on Saturday, November 7th, 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



Bulletin Bloopers



The concert held in Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who labored the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell upon her.

Thought for the Day

Don't waste a good mistake...Learn from it.

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:

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



Fish Fry Report-2026

From the bottom of my heart, and depths of my soul, I would like to thank all of those who worked so hard, and gave generously of their time to make this year's fish fry a success. Thanks to all who bought and sold tickets, prepared carry-out meals, set-up, cleaned up, cooked, worked the carry-out line, and donated desserts.

It's very heart-warming to observe all God's people come together to promote one common goal. Also, thanks for all the prayers that were lifted up for this event.

Last, but not least, thank God for a beautiful day, keeping everyone safe, and fellowship that was shared.

Thanks once again for your undivided support. We all witnessed the best work-force ever! Sincerely, Jonathan

Financial Report

We served around 444 people. We received a gross amount of $5,338. After expenses of $2,962 (Ron's Produce), we made an approx. net profit of $2,376, which included some very generous donations. The cost of the dinner rolls, seasonings, ham and paper towels at Kroger's was taken from the monthly Men's Breakfast collection throughout the year. The cost of fish currently stands at 5.25 a lb. and we ordered over 300 lb. ($1,575).

Praise Band Equipment Fundraiser



During the month of November, we will have a fundraiser to help raise funds for equipment for our Praise Band. There are different dates to choose from with different donation amounts (each day corresponds with a donation amount that matches the date).



Offering for 9/27/26
Attendance: 82
General Fund: $1268
Celebrate Recovery: $25

Offering for 10/4/26
Attendance: 78
General Fund: $2603
Reconciliation: $20

Offering for 10/11/26
Attendance: 72
General Fund: $2655.50
Celebrate Recovery: $25
Military Packages: $20

Offering for 10/18/26
Attendance: 81
General Fund: $1886
Preschool: $40

Offering for 10/25/26
Attendance: 91
General Fund: $2371







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

Serving Sunday
November 15, 2026
Elder—Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 3

Serving Sunday
November 22, 2026
Elder—Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday
November 29, 2026
Elder—Fred Delahunt, Sarah VanHuss
Diaconate — Team 4

Serving Sunday
December 6, 2026
Elder—Lynn Dexheimer, Marcia Collins
Diaconate — Team 1



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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