



Church Hours are 8:00 a.m. till 12:00, 12:00-1:00 lunch, and from 1:00-3:30 p.m. If you have special needs please call ahead.

*Pastoral Theme for 2008:
"Discovering Discipleship"*

Dr. Lonnie S. Southern & Rev. Vicki Southern Co-Pastors
Rev. Jim Whitaker, Minister Emeritus
Sunday School is 9:00 a.m. 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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**"THE VISITOR"
Davis Memorial Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**

January 7,
2008

WELCOME

We wish to welcome Kim Craggs, Jon and Michelle Hergett to our DMCC family. Kim and Michelle transferred their membership from the Methodist faith, while Jon transferred his membership from the Catholic faith. Welcome to you all!!!

Southern's Stirring

"Passing the Baton"

Vicki & I want to begin the new year by thanking our outgoing officers who have lead the congregation for the past year: Mary Dooley-Moderator, Janiece Rutherford, -Vice Moderator, Worship Chair-Nancy Honn, Membership Chair-Shelley Carlen, Outreach Chair-Brenda Finrock, and Stewardship/Finance Chair-Wilma Spencer. These leaders have worked many long hours to improve the quality of our mutual ministry.

Those continuing on are: Dorris Schroyer-Secretary, Nancy Jones-Treasurer, Steve Damery-Pastor/Personnel, Jerry Chance & Brent Windell-Property, Janet Montgomery, Christian Education.

We welcome Bill Barnes-new Moderator, Matt Morrison-Vice Moderator, Steve Craggs-Stewardship, John Gardner-Worship, Diane Steffen-Membership, and Carol Daugherty-Outreach. Please pray for these who have stepped forward to take the baton of leadership.

Mission Trip to Port Arthur, TX Hurricane Rita & Katrina Recovery—"Since September 2005, more than 7,000 people have gone to the Gulf Coast to help rebuild the devastated regions after Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. This is the story of one of those volunteers.

View of a Volunteer

"I first went to the gulf because I was asked

by my pastor to organize a team of people who were interested in going" says Denise Rogers who is a member of Northwood Christian Church in Indianapolis. Denise said they began studying the importance of mission work just a few weeks before Katrina and Rita hit the gulf coast. Just as their class was ending, the storms hit and Denise was called into action.

The trips she has been on have helped her get to know her fellow church members much better. She also said she saw the Gospel in a whole new light. "The Gospel comes alive for me when I go on these trips to the gulf. I feel like I am doing what we are called to do when I am working on someone's house."

Denise says going on a trip to the gulf is a powerful experience. "It will change your life especially if you haven't been on a trip to the gulf." She also adds, "You are blessed if you have the time to go on a trip like this. Don't be afraid to offer your time and talents to help those in need."

Our Mission Trip will be to Port Arthur, TX April 12-19.

God's Peace,
Lonnie

P.S. We have 6 people who have joined our 2008 Mission Team.

From DMCC:	Parkway Christian:
Lonnie Southern	Gayle Burg
Vicki Southern	John Moore
Jonathan Newlin	Jean Reeder



Statistics for January 6, 2008

Attendance: 145

General Fund: \$3053.00

Preschool: \$30.00

Missions: \$11.00

(Weekly giving needs to meet expenses-\$3292.72)

Thought for the Day

It is good to remember that the tea kettle, although up to its neck in hot water, continues to sing.



Serving Sunday, January 13, 2008

Greeters—

Candlelighters — Jordan Keel, Nathan Atchison

Elders— Dave Hixenbaugh, Brent Windell

Diaconate— Bill Barnes, Stacy Barnes, Ronda Fassero, Maureen Wise, Wilma Spencer, Barb Miller

Jr. Diaconate— Jake Miller, Cicily Kohler

Comm. Prep.— Donna Stephens

Comm. Clean-up— Janet Cisco, Barbara Humphrey

Sound Tech— Chris Miller, Nicole Newlin



Sandy Montgomery, Roger Jones, Whitey Griffiths, Maddie Tucker, Emma Mackey, Eileen Wareham, Jim Keel, Margaret Porter, Christy Lowe, Carol Daugherty, Frances Wirtanen (friend of Lonnie & Vicki), Ben Spencer, Bernadine McKinney, Walt Sexson

Serving our Country: Josh Brummett (Iraq), Nick DePue, (Iraq), Zachary Yunker (Iraq), Caleb Sexson (Fort Bragg, NC)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Lydia Hopkins	January 11
Jennie Wygant	January 13
Gertrude Kennerly	January 14
Alex Maxwell Jr.	January 15
Carol Boehme	January 15
Bob Shake	January 15
Rebecca Westerhouse	January 15



Kevin & Penny Bliler	January 13
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Mission Trip 2008



Are you interested in this year's Mission Trip to Port Arthur, TX? The dates will be April 12-19.

Thank you for prayers and cards after my fall. I'm over the bruises and sore places and very thankful to be back to my old self. God Bless!



Janiece Durham

Church Office Closed



The Office will be closed on Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday. It will re-open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 22nd.

Giving Statements Available

The Giving Statements are available. You may pick yours up after church on Sunday or in the office during the day.



"Flock Talk"

Congratulations to Phillip & Brittini Bliler on the birth of their daughter, Haley Alyse on December 30th. Haley weighed in at 3 lbs. 8 oz. She will be joining her big brother, Noah at home. Proud Grandparent is Mikel Bliler and Proud Great Grandparents are Marion and Elaine Bliler.

We received a phone call from Wilma Sutter who is a "snow bird" to Kentucky. She has an apartment in Lexington and sends her greetings to all in the church.

Food Pantry

We will be collecting for the Taylorville Food Pantry this Sunday, January 13th. There is a cart located in the Narthex for you to drop off your items.




REMINDER

Remember that the articles for the next "Visitor" will be due at noon on Tuesday, January 15th.

Kids' Club Dinner Schedule


Jan. 9 — Dorris Schroyer	Feb. 20 — ?
Jan. 16 — Jonathan & Mickey Newlin	Feb. 27 — ?
Jan. 23 — Tracie Boehme	Mar. 5 — ?
Jan. 30 — Michelle & Gary Merker	Mar. 12 — ?
Feb. 6 — Jonathan & Mickey Newlin	Mar. 19 — ?
Feb. 13 — Potluck	Mar. 26 — Potluck

NOTE: The following items will be available on Wednesday evenings, so there is no need to bring them: napkins, plates, silverware, cups, condiments, juice mix, and ice.



WALK-INS WELCOME

CENTRAL ILLINOIS
COMMUNITY BLOOD CENTER



DATE **Wed, Jan 16th and Thu, Jan 17th**

TIME **12:30pm to 6:00pm**

PLACE **Taylorville Memorial Hospital Auditorium**

TO REGISTER, CONTACT **Pat Hartel ~ 824-8825**
(OR ONLINE)

Kids' Club Needs Volunteers

Kids' Club Sunday Morning is experiencing an increase in attendance, which is wonderful...however, in order for this program to continue to succeed, we are in **great need of leaders/teachers**, for Sunday Morning and for the Wednesday evening program.

Kids' Club teaches the same workshop on the same topic for three (3) weeks, to a different age group each week. So, we are looking for individuals who can and will **commit to spending three weeks at a time** leading/teaching Kids' Club Sunday Morning or the Wednesday evening program. All teaching and workshop materials are provided.

Our topic schedule for 2008:

Epiphany—December 30—January 20

Beatitudes—January 23—February 10

Parable of the Talents—February 13—March 2

The Last Supper—March 5—March 23

Parable of the Sower—March 26—April 13

The Great Commandment—April 16—May 4

The Mustard Seed—May 11—June 15 (Summer/Sundays only)

Jesus "I Am" Statements—June 22—July 27 (Summer/Sundays only)

Parable of the Great Banquet—August 3—September 7 (Summer/Sundays only)



Please contact Stacy Barnes at 824-6400, Dana Montes' at 824-4683, or Janet Montgomery at 824-7384, if this is your calling or if you would like **more information about this rewarding opportunity**. Thank you!



I would like to thank Whitey Griffiths, Jerry Chance, Jacob Satterlee, Mark Satterlee, Larry Eggerman, and Fred Steffen for working in the kitchen at the last "Men's Breakfast." There were 31 people in attendance. We would like to thank Matt Morrison who presented the program about Lehigh cement and it's production. Thanks to Rich Wilson, Jr. who arranged the program and to Dr. Lonnie Southern who opened and closed us with prayer.

Sincerely, Jonathan Newlin