



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”*

*Interim 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.*

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)**

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Music Recognition

This Sunday, June 1st at 10:15 a.m.
 Please join us in our worship with music and the recognition of those who share their gifts of music in ministry..

Graduate Recognition

Also join us as we recognize the graduates from our congregation (both from High School and College). Those being recognized are Elyse Hendricks, Tricia DeClerck, Cicily Kohler, Lindsey Bliler, and Amanda Westerhouse.

“Jeffrey Landscaping Designed Project Moves Forward”

Eighty-seven plants were planted on the south side of the church as a part of our landscaping project. Under the supervision of the Property Committee, Co-Chaired by Brent Windell and Jerry Chance, this project has been making head way.

Brent & Matt Morrison laid the brick border, roto tilled the soil and covered it with gravel. Kim & Steve Craggs picked up the plants last Saturday. They were to have been planted on Sunday but inclement weather delayed it until the morning of Memorial Day.

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Southern's Stirring

Barbara Brown Taylor, one of my favorite theologians, authors, and preachers, tells the following story in her book Home By Another Way, which I shared at the communion table last week. I repeat it here because I think it bears retelling.

In 2 Corinthians 12: 7b-9 Paul says, "A thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me."

"Several years ago I heard a story that has stayed with me, mostly because I do not understand it. It is a true story, about a woman whose life was coming apart at the seams. When one of her friends told her about a silent retreat at a nearby convent, she decided to give it a try. She had never done anything like that before.

"Once she arrived, she received her room assignment and was standing in the dormitory elevator with her suitcase in her hand when a short, plump nun stepped inside with her. The woman pressed the button for the fourth floor. The nun pressed the button for the third floor. Then the nun said, 'What brings you to us, my dear?' and the woman spilled her guts. 'My mother has just died, I think my father may be an alcoholic, my marriage is falling apart, and I feel like I am going crazy.'

"Before she could say any more, the elevator went 'ding' and the doors opened. The nun gave the woman a funny little smile. 'God must love you very much,' she said, and disappeared through the closing doors.

"God must love you very much"? What does *that* mean? We don't tend to think of a string of catastrophes as a sign of God's love, but that nun was clearly making some kind of connection. I am not even sure I want to know what it is, but I tell you the story because Paul seems to know about it too. . .

"I do not know why Paul's thorn in the flesh has provoked so much interest through the years, but it has. Everybody wants to know what it was, but no one can say for sure. Good guesses include epilepsy, migraine headaches, malaria, depression, partial blindness, or a speech impediment. . . Whatever it was, he could not get rid of it - and that, I think, is what fascinates us - that this holy man, who was chosen by God to be the greatest missionary of all time - this spiritual giant had something physical going on with him that bugged him every day of his life.

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REMINDER

Remember that the articles for the next "Visitor" will be due at noon on Tuesday, June 3rd.



Statistics for May 25, 2008

Attendance: 115

General Fund: \$2476.00

Preschool: \$10.00

CMF: \$25.00

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



Sandy Montgomery, Roger Jones, Whitey Griffiths, Maddie Tucker, Eileen Wareham, Margaret Porter, Sabrina Wiseman, Ann Brown, Matilda Vaughn, Marcia Collins, Thelma Clark, Eloise Buckley, Wilma Tolle, Hudson, Hayden, and Peyton DeMichael, Elba Raven (Mary Dooley's sister), Oleta Hawkins, Bernadine McKinney, Patty Waterman, Betty Beamer

Serving our Country: Nick DePue, (Iraq), Zachary Younker (Iraq), Caleb Sexson (Iraq), Chad DeFrates, (Iraq)



Serving Sunday, June 1, 2008

Greeters—John & Marion Forbes

Candlelighters — David Gardner, Drake Hergett

Elders— Earlyne Keel, Jonathan Newlin

Diaconate— Carmelo Montes, Dana Montes, Keith Bliler, Nate Bliler, Jeb Odam, Heather Odam

Jr. Diaconate— Tricia DeClerck, Emma Wilson

Comm. Prep— Angie White

Comm. Clean-up— Sheila McKinney, Brian McKinney

Sound Tech— Chris Miller, Mike Bliler

Choir Director— Dave Hixenbaugh

Organist — Janiece Durham



Thought for the Day

Triumph is just "umph" added to try.



Evan Montgomery **May 29**
Drake Hergett **May 30**
Penny Bliler **June 1**
Chris Miller **June 2**
Phyllis Wessel **June 2**
Walt Sexson **June 3**
Mary June Weiser **June 4**



Brian & Sheila McKinney **June 1**



Greeter Schedule

June 1 John & Marion Forbes
June 8 Open
June 15 Margie Lamb
June 22 Open
June 29 Bob & Gloria Carter

We really need people to begin signing-up to be Greeters for the month of June and July. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please take the time to sign up. It is important to greet our 'newcomers' as well as our 'regulars.'

Garage Sale

The Garage Sale is just around the corner (June 13-14) so start saving your items now. The first day you can drop off your **smaller items** (these will be stored in the Youth Room) will be on **June 2nd**. Please don't bring any of your **bigger items** until **June 8th** since there is a Graduation Party in the Fellowship Hall on the 7th. The Garage Sale will run from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, June 13th and 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, June 14th.



"Flock Talk"

Congratulations to Angela Collins for graduating from Richland Community College with a degree in nursing. Angela is the daughter of Marcia and Joe Collins and the granddaughter of Marguerite Hendricks.

Congratulations to Adam Moore on his recent engagement. Adam is the son of Bob Jr. and Vickie Moore and the grandson of Darlene Wilson and Robert Moore Sr.

DID YOU KNOW...there is a lost and found box in the Narthex coat room. If you misplace an item, please check that box.

Grief Support Group

A Grief Support Group meets the second and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at Taylorville Memorial Hospital in room 463.

Much thanks,
Sister Rose & Sister Virginia
(824-3331)



Calling All Graduates



Graduation time is drawing near and we would like to honor our graduates during worship service, June 1st. If you have a graduating senior (either from High School or College) in your family, please contact the church office (824-8181). We would also appreciate any information concerning their future plans, interests, activities, etc. Thanks for your help.

We will need one person to help with the Food Pantry on Friday mornings beginning in June. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please let Carol Daugherty know, or call the church office at 824-8181.



Relay for Life



DMCC is going to be involved in the Christian County Relay for Life which is being held Friday, June 27, starting at 5:00 pm at the Don Bragg Memorial Sports Complex which is behind Jaynes Park. Barb Miller will be the captain of our team and so far there are 12 other members of the team (we can still recruit more until June 2). At this time, we are still asking people to take on raising some money and walking during the Relay. If you can do this, please contact Barb at 287-1055. This year the lumina

ria are for sale at the same low price of \$5 and if you wish to purchase these, just ask one of our team members. Thank you for making a difference in the fight against cancer.
—Barb Miller

Moment for Mission

Sharing knowledge, improving health

Education can save lives and that's the goal of the Basic Health Education Project in Argentina. The traveling educational program, offered to churches, ecumenical groups and non-governmental organizations, aims to inform people about health issues such as HIV/AIDS, a growing problem that has received minimal attention because of cultural, moral, and religious stigmas.

The Basic Health Education Project, initiated by the Disciples of Christ in Argentina and headed by Ines Sarli, M.D., offers workshops on topics such as illness prevention, basic first aid, sex education, child care, assessment of public community health services and sanitation, health as a human right and leadership training. Sarli, who completed her term as a Global Ministries missionary to Paraguay, has gone to Argentina to serve as a global mission volunteer in the area of health education. Through her work and that of others involved in this program, people in Argentina will get the facts they need to face the future with hope.

The project is supported by special giving to Global Ministries.

(Source: Global Ministries News)



2008 Camp Dates, Fees, Locations



Camp Name	Dates	Deadlines & Fee	Grades Finished
Genesis Camp-CWS	6/4-6	Before 5/5-\$130; After 5/5-\$230	2 & 3
Shalom Camp-CWS	6/9-14	Before 5/12-\$235; After 5/12-\$335	9-12
Grandparents & Me -CWS	6/16-18	Before 5/19-\$125; After 5/19-\$225	1-6
ADDaM Camp	6/22-29	Before 5/26-\$225; After 5/26-\$325	8-12
Koinonia Camp-CWS	6/23-28	Before 5/26-\$235; After 5/26-\$335	3-8
Disciple Camp-CWS	7/7-12	Before 6/9-\$235; After 6/9-\$335	3-8
Leadership Camp-CWS	7/7-12	Before 6/9-\$235; After 6/9-\$335	9-12
Logos Camp-CWS	7/14-19	Before 6/16-\$235; After 6/16-\$335	3-12
Alpha/Omega Camp-CWS	7/28-8/2	Before 7/30-\$235; After 7/30-\$335	3-8
Labor Day Family-CWS	8/29-9/1	Fees Vary	Families
Exodus I Camp--PP	6/22-28	Before 5/22-\$260; After 5/22-\$360	3-5
Exodus II Camp-PP	6/29-7/5	Before 5/29-\$260; After 5/29-\$360	6-12
Charisma Camp-Ursa	7/7-11	Before 6/9-\$160; After 6/9-\$260	3-8
Bridge Builders Camp	8/7-14	Before 5/6-\$900	8-12

CWS=Camp Walter Scott PP=Pilgrim Park Ursa=Ursa Retreat Center

Vacation Bible School



DMCC's Vacation Bible School will be from July 20th thru July 24th this year. Our Sunday thru Thursday program will start at 5:30 p.m. and we will dismiss at 8:00 p.m. VBS is for kids from Kindergarten-5th grade.

There will be some strange goings on a night or two, and some even stranger things going on the rest of the week!

With the theme being "POWER LAB", you can expect a few mad scientists, some weird experiments, and some general all-around zaniness!

We hope to inspire and delight the children with the knowledge of God's power and how He gives us the power to do some 'MIRACLES' in His name.

A light supper will be served each evening, as well as a lab-created 'snack'.

So kid's, ask your folks if you may join us here at DMCC for fun, food, and so much more! We'll reserve a lab coat and goggles for you!!!

Angel Choir

Our Angel Choir will continue to meet on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. with our last practice being on June 25th. The choir will present a 4th of July program on June 29th for the Children's Moment.

Angel Choir Wednesday practices will resume at the beginning of school in the fall.

Thanks, Janet Montgomery



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“He was one of us, in other words. He would kneel down to say his prayers at night and feel that thing stab him. He would stand up to speak and have to wait a minute until he stopped feeling dizzy. He would try to get his mind focused on God and find himself reaching for his medicine instead. Whatever that thorn was, it got in Paul’s way, so much so that he begged God not once but three times to take it away from him.

“The answer to that prayer turned out to be a big revelation for him, ‘My grace is sufficient for you,’ God said, ‘for power is made perfect in weakness.’

“ . . . God knows that being problematic is just part of being human. Every one of us suffers from some thorn or another. Every one of us has a shipwreck or two in our past, and every one of us has days - maybe even whole years - when we are short, weak, insecure, and tactless.

“The good news is that none of that disqualifies us from serving God. On the contrary, those things belong on our list of credentials, because the fact that the church survives with people like us in charge is the surest proof in the world that Christ is alive and well and dwelling in us. How else could we have endured, either as individuals or as a people? God’s grace is sufficient for us.

“I am still not sure what that nun was trying to tell the woman in the elevator, but I think it had to do with everything that woman was about to find out - that in the very midst of her losses, with pieces of the sky still falling all around her, she was about to be more eligible than she had ever been to discover the power of Christ that is made perfect in weakness. It is the power that enable each of us, like Paul, to make our own fool’s speeches, thinking back on all the awful and wonderful things that have happened to us and say, ‘God must love us very much.’”

God’s peace, Vicki

Youth “Lunch & Movie”

The Youth will meet on Saturday, June 7th for “Lunch & a Movie” from 12-4 p.m. Please pick up your Parent Permission slips.

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Bob Shake and Lonnie joined those listed above to verify, place and plant all 87 plants in one day.

It is remarkable to see the change and how beautiful and welcoming it is.

One quarter of the project remains to be planted with plants donated by members of the congregation. If you are interested in donating a plant (duplicate of what we have already planted), please contact Brent, Jerry or Kim.

A special thanks is extended to Jeffrey Landscaping for working up the overall design and selling us good, healthy plants. We are grateful to them for how they have worked with us to keep this project within our budget.

Summer Newsletter Schedule

Beginning June 2nd you will be receiving “The Visitor” biweekly throughout the summer. The dates for publishing and delivery will be the following weeks:

June 2	July 14	August 11
16	28	25
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CWF Day Group



The CWF Day Group met on May 9th at the home of Dorris Schroyer. We had 10 in attendance and enjoyed sharing some favorite recipes and a very favorite item (whatever—from childhood to recent). Lesson material covered the seating arrangement at God’s table, opening our minds to a new way of being church together. Our next meeting will be on June 13th at the home of Donna Depolo (1100 Russell) at 2:00 p.m. Don’t forget to bring your meatloaf recipe.