



**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 2007:  
"Growing Spiritually Healthy Christians?"***

Dr. Lonnie S. Southern & Rev. Vicki Southern Co-Pastors  
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)**

September  
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## **Preschool is Back!**



Did you know that this is the 29th year of your preschool? They are back in full swing for another fun filled year "packed" with lots of love and learning. Yea Preschool!

## **This Sunday is Fall Round-up and Grandparents Sunday**



Please join us this Sunday as we celebrate our Grandparents! We will also have our Fall Round-up, Promotion Sunday and a Double Baby Blessing. Don't forget to wear your western attire! After the Worship Service, please join us for some refreshments.



Southern's Stirring  
"Fall Round Up, Grandparents Sunday and we're off and running"

Vicki and I have enjoyed catching up with many of you following a busy summer. We've delighted in hearing about your adventures and vacations as well as telling you about our activities. Have you noticed, there are many projects, programs and ministries well underway and it's not fall yet.

Our **DMCC Pre-school** is off to a great start, having had two parent orientation meetings. The 3 and 4-year-old children are singing, playing and learning.

Our **Kids' Club** redecoration of the children's wing is amazing. Have you seen the artwork in the Acts Room with stage and TV, the Story Room with its tent and the Creation Station with the new counter extending around the room with child size stools? In each room there are important items that are missing and still need to be purchased and installed to completely serve our growing ministry. At next week's Board Meeting we'll be presented with a proposal to spend up to \$2000.00 from the Butterfield Estate to complete this vital aspect of our children's ministry. This is separate from the money we approved last meeting for the redecoration of the nursery. See elsewhere in the newsletter regarding the Kids' Club shower and Open House.

We have 31 perspirers, 21 prayers and 14 payers supporting **Miracle Day** on Saturday

September 29 at Camp Walter Scott. This is truly exciting to see the enthusiasm building for this one-day mission trip. We have collected \$675 for this project to buy building materials. Thanks prayers for remembering to pray once per day for good weather, safety and for the Holy Spirit.

This next Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> is our **Fall Round Up and Grandparents Day**. You are encouraged to come to church in western attire. Horses and wagons may be hitched to the baseball back stop. Water is available from the faucet on the south side of the church. Leave your pistols and chewing tobacco at home. Please wipe your boots before entering the sanctuary and plan to enjoy a great worship experience including the sermon entitled "The Church of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance" by Robert Versteg. In addition we will have a moment for Promotion Sunday and bless 2 babies: Beau Maureen Wise, daughter of Arby and Maureen Wise, and sister of Ella Wise and Baron Thomas Odam, son of Jeb and Heather Odam, and brother of Ava Odam. Grandparents are Rich Jr. and Chris Wilson and Great Grandparents are Rich Sr. and Jean Wilson.

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## **REMINDER**



Remember that the articles for the next "Visitor" will be due at noon on Tuesday, September 11th.



## **Statistics for September 2, 2007**

Attendance: 119

General Fund: \$3237.00

Preschool: \$63.00

Missions: \$5.00

Miracle Day: \$40.00

\$200.00 (given by CMF)

\$100.00 (given by CWF)

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

ENDOW YOUR CHURCH CONTRIBUTION THROUGH YOUR WILL!



## **Thought for the Day**

Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy.



## **Serving Sunday, September 9, 2007**

**Greeters**— Sharyl & Bob Craggs

**Candlelighters**—David Gardner, Drake Hergett

**Elders**— Mary Dooley, Ruth Sullivan

**Diaconate**—Bill Barnes, Stacy Barnes, Linda Jones, Kathy Satterlee, Mark Satterlee, Barb Miller

**Jr. Diaconate**— Jake Miller, Cicily Kohler

**Comm. Prep.**— Shelley Carlen

**Comm. Clean-up**— Janet Cisco, Barbara Humphrey

**Sound Tech**— Chris Miller



Sandy Montgomery, Roger Jones, Whitey Griffiths, Maddie Tucker, Emma Mackey, Eileen Wareham, Jim Keel, Wilma Tolle, Gene White, Allen Scott, Margaret Porter, Kim Craggs, Jim Matthew, Jean Wilson, Shawn White, Bob Shake, Kathy Sullivan

Serving our Country: Josh Brummett (Iraq)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Lonnie Southern	September 6
John Palmer	September 7
T.J. Zucco	September 7
Ellen Oller	September 8
Chuck Westerhouse	September 8
Wilma Spencer	September 8
Thomas Montgomery	September 8
Jean Steele	September 9
Joe Steele	September 9
Jim Humphrey	September 9
Jaylene Norris	September 9
John Gardner	September 9
Jay Bliler	September 10
Ellie Montgomery	September 10
Riley Morrison	September 11
Mike Collins	September 11



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Steve and Laura Benson	September 9
Joe and Marcia Collins	September 10
Gene and Angie White	September 10
Leland and Olive Oller	September 11
Dick and Cindy Adams	September 12
Bob and Gloria Carter	September 12



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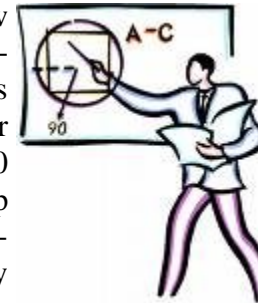
## Food Pantry



We will be collecting items for the Taylorville Food Pantry this Sunday, September 9th. There will be a cart located in the Narthex for you to drop off your items.

## New Seminar on Boundaries

There will be a New Seminar on Boundaries beginning this Sunday, September 9th from 9:00-10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall as part of the Intergenerational Sunday School Class.



Please join us as we study the book written by Cloud and Townsend.

## Missing



Do you have or do you know where any of the books in the Mitford Series are? The Author is Jan Karon. If you have them (and are done with them), please return them to the church library. We have a request for the next book in the series after "A New Song".



## "Flock Talk"

Donnis Marcellus has been elected 11th district president for the Ladies Auxiliary. Congratulations Donnis! (Source: V.F.W. Post 4495 Quarterly Newsletter)

Congratulations to Christa and Billy Sheedy of Morrisonville on the birth of their first child, a son, Ian Conner Sheedy, born on Tuesday, August 28, 2007. Ian was born at 9:13 a.m. in Springfield Memorial Hospital, weighing in at 8 lbs. 2 oz. and measuring 21 1/2" long. Proud grandparents are Anna and Jerry Chance of Taylorville and Nancy and William Sheedy of Morrisonville.

Congratulations to Jim Humphrey and his team on their 1st place win at the Janice Kettlekamp Golf Outing held on August 18th. (Source: Taylorville Breeze Courier)

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Lucille Phares. Lucille passed away last week.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Brian McKinney and his family on the loss of his Aunt, Velma Sheedy this past Sunday.

We have received Bob Shake's resignation as Webmaster, IT assistant and lead media coordinator. As a volunteer, Bob has invested hundreds of hours in each of these areas of ministry, which has helped us grow into a new area of service. He will be pursuing other interests and we are very grateful for his dedicated Christian labor.

## Wiener Roast Sunday, September 30th



Summer is almost over and it's time to be thinking about the cooler days of fall...and hot dogs, chili, toasted marshmallows, campfire songs, and fellowship with our DMCC family. So mark your calendars for Sunday, September 30th at 5:00 p.m. as that is the day the Membership Committee is planning a wiener roast to be held by the parking lot and garage. The church will provide the hot dogs, buns, drinks, plates, napkins, and forks. Please be sure to bring a lawn chair, and if you have a covered dish to bring

along or some sticks for roasting hot dogs that would be great. Come and join us, it's going to be a good time!

## MIRACLE DAY IN A NUTSHELL

SATURDAY, September 29, 2007 from 8:00 am to 5:00 p.m.

Camp Walter Scott in Dieterich (south of Effingham).

Disciples coming together from all over the region.

Work (including painting, plumbing, carpentry, flooring, refurbishing of classrooms, cleaning and landscaping) fellowship, service, partnering in ministry, food, fun and Spirit—all to be done in one day!! All the ingredients that are needed for a miracle to happen.

The coordinators of the "Miracle Day" project are looking for volunteers to donate cookies and muffins, to go along with the lunch that will be served to the workers on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at Camp Walter Scott. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. You may drop off your donations to the church office during their working hours: from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm on Friday, September 28, 2007.



## Marriage Encounter

As Barry shared during the Offertory, we have found Marriage Encounter to be a beneficial enrichment in our relationship. We thought there might be couples in the church who are not aware of this program and would like to learn more or possibly attend a weekend. The next weekend is scheduled to begin October 26th in Eureka, Missouri. Pick up a brochure at church to register. For more information, the brochure has a contact couple listed, or feel free to talk with us. Charlotte and Barry Davis.



### **What it is:**

- \*For every husband and wife who desire a richer, fuller life together.
- \*For couples of any age—married a short time or many years.
- \*Sponsored by various Christian faiths—both Catholic and Protestant denominations.
- \*To spend a weekend away from daily pressures with time to communicate together as a couple (not as a group).
- \*An opportunity to join a community of encountered couples for continued support in the growth of each couple's relationship.

### **What it's not:**

- \*A marriage clinic.
- \*A social gathering of couples.

### **What Happens during the Weekend:**

- \*The weekend begins around 8 p.m. Friday and ends around 5 p.m. Sunday.
- \*The program is led by four married couples within the framework of Christianity.
- \*Thought-provoking questions are answered and shared by couples during private times together in the privacy of their own rooms.
- \*The programs and meals occur in a meeting area reserved for all registered couples.
- \*Each couple has a private room in the same motel where the meetings are located.
- \*The cost is \$40 per couple (including motel and meals) plus an additional donation, if desired.

## MOMENT FOR MISSION

### The window



*Sometimes, the most difficult wound to heal can be an injury to the soul. Looking out the window of a church in the Kei Region of South Africa, Global Ministries missionary Rev. Dawn Barnes found the perfect medicine to heal the hurt inside.*

As I was sitting in worship one Sunday morning, I was looking out the window at the awesome view. The church, surrounded by lush, green mountains, sits in the center of the village and has a magnificent view from all the windows. What a way to worship!

Then, I noticed this window, dirty, with a crack in the lower right pane. I realized that sometimes, as Christians, we can be in the most wonderful settings, but on the inside, we are shattered, broken, or feeling unclean.

Sometimes we want to hide this pain, sometimes we share it with those closest to us, and sometimes we take this hurt with us to the grave. Often we do not know where to turn or what to do. God was inside this church where I sat looking at the broken window, but God was also outside the church in this amazing creation.

This photo of the window reminds us that we are all human—broken, unclean, sinful—and God still loves us. God remains with us, among the lush, green valleys and mountains, in our homes, and in our churches. God heals us, cleanses our souls and renews our spirits. Let us not forget our humanness, but let us always remember what lies beyond the broken and dirty window.

(Source: Global Ministries News)

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We are sad to report that we will not be able to project the pictures of grandparents. These pictures will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall to be enjoyed during the Grandparents Reception following our worship service. Our membership committee is preparing some tasty treats and has volunteered to display these photos to help us with this problem.

The **By-laws Task Force** is working steadily to gather information from our members and friends regarding the updating of our mission and purpose statement. We hope that you have completed your survey and returned it to the office; or that you have participated in one of the small group gatherings that are underway. Those not having had an opportunity will be contacted by phone and interviewed at that time.

In light of Bob Shake's resignation, see Flock Talk, we are now searching for a new Webmaster and someone to help with the media center. If you are interested or know of someone who might be interested in learning about these expanding new ministries, please contact Vicki or me.

Grateful for your ministry in the name of Christ,

Lonnie

P.S. -I wish to thank Donnis Marcellus and her team for their help with Lucille Phares' bereavement dinner. This was put together on short notice over a holiday weekend and I'm very grateful, as I know the family was, for the thoughtful preparation, warm hospitality and gracious service

## Thank-you



Even on a busy holiday weekend, our CWF women were there to help. (Lucille Phares Bereavement Dinner)

Thank you for your help in setting up the fellowship hall, preparing and/or serving the food and the task of clean-up.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Donnis Marcellus  
CWF Service Chairman