



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)**

**October 1,
2007**



We cordially invite you to the next "Men's Breakfast," which will be held Saturday, October 6, from 8:00—9:00 a.m., in the fellowship hall. French toast and sausage will be featured on the menu. The program will consist of a discussion on our up-coming annual event, the "Fish Fry". There will be a brief treasurer's report. Come join us in some fine food and fellowship, and also find out how you can be a participating partner in our main fundraiser of the year. Sons and friends are always welcome.

Sincerely, Jonathan Newlin

**This Sunday, October 7th is
World Communion Sunday!**

Southern's Stirring

Proud of Hard Workers

I sit here in the morning darkness pondering this weekend past. We accomplished Miracle Day. We were a part of 450-500 workers who showed up at Camp Walter Scott for Miracle Day.

Our DMCC people worked so hard painting, cleaning, roofing, selling t-shirts, registering, feeding, building fencing, and landscaping. Well, 1300 feet of barbed wire fence was strung, 3 cabins had structural expansions including bath & showers, the main bath house was re-roofed as were 3 cabins and 5 hogans (sleeping shelters), the path to the chapel was rebuilt and the labyrinth was refurbished among many other items like preparing, serving & cleaning up after breakfast and lunch. In all we had 31 workers at the camp and I thank them all for their diligent work and they earned the title "perspirers."

But I'm just as proud, as I know Vicki is, of our 23 pray-ers and 11 payers. We asked them to pray for good weather, safety and God's Spirit on all our workers. We were blest with all three — 85°, sunny and clear, at this writing I know of no accidents in transit or on the job site, and there was such a graciousness about our work together. I must confess that there is some muscle soreness among our older workers! Was that Ben Gay I smelled yesterday at church?

I'm so very proud of our mission spirit of working to serve others in the spirit of Jesus Christ. —Lonnie AKA Dr. Hair-less Face

P.S. Please take a moment to see the nursery rooms that have been repainted by Chris Wilson. She has invested many hours developing the Noah's Ark theme and the Rainbow room. It gives our rooms a fresh bright and welcoming appearance for our youngest children and blends well with the work accomplished by the Kids' Club.

Wiener Roast Thank You

Thanks to everyone who attended the wiener roast and brought all of those wonderful covered dishes, what good cooks we have! We had a nice turn out (about 30-35) and the weather was much better than last year, although it could have been just a little bit cooler. Also, thanks to Jerry Chance and Brent Windell for getting the fire going and helping set up tables, and to those who donated firewood (Sullivan's, DeMichael's, Windell's and Carlen's) and to Jonathan Newlin for entertaining us all with his music...it was great fun. And, thank you to Gloria and Bob Carter and Tom Carlen for all of their help.

REMINDER



Remember that the articles for the next "Visitor" will be due at noon on Tuesday, October 9th.



Statistics for September 30, 2007

Attendance: 136

General Fund: \$2201.00

Preschool: \$58.00

Reconciliation: \$36.00

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

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Family Time and Prayer:

Read: Luke 10:25-37

Reflection: It's easy not to help others. It's easy to make up excuses to what we don't want to do. What about the phrase about "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you?" What does God want us to do as Christians?

Prayer: Lord, Help us to know your will in all that we do and help us do it. In your name we

Thought for the Day

Hindsight explains the injury that foresight would have prevented.



Serving Sunday, October 7, 2007

Greeters—Janet Montgomery, Rex Montgomery, Mickey Davis

Candlelighters—Drake Hergett, Jordan Keel

Elders—Bob Craggs, Sharyl Craggs

Diaconate—Stacey DeMichael, Sharon Pierce, Keith Bliler, Nate Bliler, Jeb Odam, Wilma Spencer

Jr. Diaconate—Tricia DeClerck, Emma Wilson

Comm. Prep.—Kari Beyers

Comm. Clean-up—Sheila McKinney, Brian McKinney

Sound Tech—Chris Miller



Sandy Montgomery, Roger Jones, Whitey Griffiths, Maddie Tucker, Emma Mackey, Eileen Wareham, Jim Keel, Wilma Tolle, Allen Scott, Margaret Porter, Jim Matthew, Jean Wilson, Shawn White, Kathy Sullivan, Christy Lowe, Don Tingley, Carol Daugherty, Eula Bendor, Ray Beck

Serving our Country: Josh Brummett (Iraq), Nick DePue, Iraq



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Brittany Newlin	October 5
Bob Shake	October 5
Rev. Jim Whitaker	October 6
Brent Windell	October 7
Zane Finfrock	October 10
Vickie Moore	October 10

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Alan & Susan Jackson October 10



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- 4) Play a fast paced quiz **game** about the Good Samaritan and see how much you know.
- 5) Meet our modern-day Good Samaritans (**EMTs**) that take care of injured people and make your very own small first-aid kit.
- 6) Learn who our neighbors are and what we can do to help them stay well by assembling a **hygiene kit** for some of those neighbors.

Workshop schedule

	Kindergarten & 1st	2nd & 3rd Grades	4th & 5th Grades
Wed 9/26	Cooking	EMT/First Aid	Game
Wed 10/3	Game	Cooking	EMT/First Aid
Wed 10/10	EMT/First Aid	Game	Cooking
	Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades	3rd, 4th & 5th Grades	
Sun 9/30	Film/Video	Mission Kits	
Sun 10/7	Mission Kits	Storytelling with Mural	
Sun 10/14	Storytelling with Mural	Film/Video	

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Thank you to CWF for the wonderful meal, Dr. Lonnie and Rev. Vicki, and the congregation for all your prayers and comfort during the loss of our husband, father, and grandfather.
—The family of A. Gene White

New Opportunities for Volunteers

Media Technician:

We are in need of a team consisting of people, young or old, male or female, member or not, to work on a Media Tech Team. These people need to have some background in computer use, particularly power point slides and a willingness to be present at worship. Training is available in the use of our sound board in addition to the computer work.

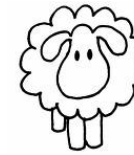


Webmaster:

We are looking for someone who would like to re-design our website and keep it updated with all of the weekly information from our different congregational ministries. If you are interested in either volunteer position, please contact Vicki or Lonnie.



SUPPORT THE PEOPLE AND CAUSES YOU LOVE THROUGH YOUR WILL!



“Flock Talk”

DMCC Preschool wants to recognize alumni that participated in the Taylorville Homecoming this past weekend. Hannah Dorchinez and Kraig Heil for being selected to the Homecoming Court, and to the DMCC Alumni who are part of the Taylorville Football team: Cody Metsker, Chad Barlow, Kirk Harris, Keegan Ward, Jordan Chlebus, Blain Lacy, Brad Kovack, Carson Becker, Ryan Tapp, and Shane Bouvet. YEA! We are proud of you!!!

CMF Raffle

The Christian Men’s Fellowship (Disciples Men) will be holding a raffle at their annual “Fish Fry,” Friday, October 12th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Items to be raffled are: hand-crafted “fiddler’s bench,” and a homemade “blanket.” Tickets are \$1.00 each, or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Tickets will be on sale October 7 (before and after church), and also the night of the fish fry. Take this opportunity to support the CMF, and also have a great chance to be the winner of a beautiful gift.



Sincerely, Jonathan Newlin

*You are Invited to Attend
A Farewell Worship Service
Honoring the Ministry of
Rev. Dr. Herbert Knudsen
Regional Minister and President
Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin
Sunday, October 21, 2007
3 pm*

*First Christian Church
401 W. Jefferson St.
Bloomington, IL 61701*

*Love Gifts for the Knudsen's may be sent to CCIW,
1011 N. Main St., Bloomington, IL 61701
in care of Fay Bailiff.*

Farewell Card and Love Gift for Herb Knudsen

You are invited to contribute a card and love gift to Rev. Dr. Herb Knudsen, as he concludes his ministry as our Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW). He has given distinguished service to Christ and our many congregations during the past nine and a half years of thoughtful, enthusiastic and creative ministry. These expressions of our appreciation will be presented to him, along with many others, on Sunday October 21, 2007 3:00 PM at the 1st Christian Church, Bloomington. **We have been asked to make our checks to CCIW – Knudsen farewell and these must be into our DMCC office no later than Sunday October 14, 2007.** Our gifts will be combined with others from the region, and a surprise presentation is being planned at the after worship reception. If you would like to be a part of our delegation going to this farewell worship service, please contact Mary Dooley, Lonnie or Vicki Southern.

DMCC Preschool Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kick-Off

This morning I would like to speak with you about a part of our church that is very important to me and holds a very special place in my heart. DMCC Preschool, lovingly called “PRETTY SCHOOL” at our house. I have observed our preschool through many eyes. As a Board Member, a committee member, and as a grandmother. I guess you could say I have witnessed it and its impact from the OUTSIDE in. WHAT A PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO SAY “I believe without a doubt that our preschool is second to none anywhere.” Why — let me tell you.

Miracles happen in those two little preschool rooms. There are opportunities and experiences going on every single minute. Science & Math, Music, Art, & Stories, sharing and caring and let's not forget imagination & responsibility. You can't imagine the energy, love and respect that is a part of every day. The positive attitude and atmosphere that surrounds the young children from our congregation and community that attend—abounds. What a wonderful experience for our 3 & 4 year olds.

Congregation, you have the opportunity to buy into this program—to feel ownership in it, to support and promote it. Dream for your children or grandchildren—of sending them to DMCC Preschool. Tell your family, your friends, your neighbors to check us out. Come to an Open House. See what it is all about. Believe me you won't be sorry!

On Friday, our Preschool kicked off their cookie dough fundraiser. For the next 2 Sundays you will have the opportunity to purchase cookies in the Narthex. The money raised is used to support the opportunities and experiences I spoke of earlier. It has also been used to teach our children to look beyond themselves and share with a Disciple Preschool that suffered from extensive damage done by Hurricane Katrina. I would encourage you to support this fundraiser. The money you spend will be well spent. I guess you could say...you are investing in our future.

So go ahead—dream for our young ones—invest in their future—make a difference that will count. SUPPORT DMCC PRESCHOOL. You will be glad you did.

Alice Newlin
(Presented during morning
worship on September 30)

Welcome to Kids' Club

The Good Samaritan (September 26-October 14, 2007)

One day a man asked Jesus, "What must I do if I want to live with God after I die?" Jesus answered the man with a question, "What does it say in the scriptures?" The man replied "Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as much as you love yourself." "That's right," Jesus said, "Do that and you will live with God forever." Then the man asked, "Who is my neighbor?" So Jesus told him a story about a Samaritan. In the land where Jesus lived, people didn't like Samaritans.

A man was walking down a road all by himself. Suddenly some robbers came and grabbed the man and beat him up. They took his money and left him lying on the road. He was seriously hurt. A priest came down the road. When he saw the man lying on the road, he walked by on the other side. Later a temple helper walked down the road. But when he saw the man, he too walked by on the other side of the road. Then a man from Samaria (a Samaritan) came along, he saw the wounded man and treated his wounds. Then, he put the man on his donkey, took him to an inn and paid the innkeeper to take care of him.

The Jesus asked, "Which of these three people were being a neighbor to the man who was robbed?" The man replied, "The person who was kind to him." Jesus said, "Go and be like that kind person."

Our Memory Verse is Luke 6:27-28 "Love your enemies, and be good to everyone who hates you. Ask God to bless anyone who curses you, and pray for everyone who is cruel to you."

What we will learn:

- God wants us to love God, love our neighbors, and love ourselves.
- Those who love God and their neighbors receive eternal life through Jesus Christ.
- We are good neighbors when we show kindness and mercy toward others no matter who they are.
- Disciples of Jesus Christ must listen to his teachings and then go out and live them.
- God's disciples help others in need without expecting a reward.

Kids' Club Workshops:

- 1) Learn the story of the Good Samaritan and bake and decorate **cookies** to present to our modern-day Good Samaritans, the EMTs.
- 2) Watch a **video** on the Good Samaritan story and then make a plan to be a Good Samaritan.
- 3) Hear the story of the Good Samaritan, make a **wall mural** of the Good Samaritan story.

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"Attention" - C.M.F. "Fish Fry" — "Attention"



The C.M.F. (Disciples Men) will be hosting their annual "Fish Fry", October 12, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Fish, potato wedges, green beans, cole slaw, roll, drink and homemade dessert will be featured on the menu. Tickets will be on sale, before and after church, October 7 in the Narthex. Tickets can also be purchased from any C.M.F. member. This is our "main fundraiser" of the year. Your support would be deeply appreciated.

We need people to buy and sell tickets, set-up, clean-up, serve in the food line, cook, and bake desserts. Donations of cakes and pies can be brought to the church Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m. (October 11) or Friday morning from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon (October 12).

Many worthwhile causes are supported with the proceeds from this event such as: Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets, church camp scholarships, Food Pantry, mission projects, Bible School, and "Camp Care-A-lot."

Once again, we'll be counting on your generous support and helping hands.

"Fish Fry Work Schedule"

Sunday — October 7 — 2:00 p.m. — Set up tent

Thursday — October 11 — 7:00 p.m. — Set up tables

Friday — October 12 — 5:00-7:00 p.m. — "Fish Fry"

A) Food servers need to be there at 4:15 p.m.

B) Fish cooks & breaders need to be there at 3:00 p.m.

— October 12 — 7:00-8:30 p.m. — Clean up kitchen and fellowship hall

Saturday — October 13 — Clean cookers and store equipment in the garage

Sunday — October 14 — Take down tent and store in garage

Tickets will be on sale this Sunday, October 7th before and after church. The prices are as follows: Adults—\$6.00, Children (6-12)—\$2.50, Children (under 6)—Free

“Well done, Good and Faithful Servant” Matthew 25:21

The Christian Men’s Fellowship would like to hold this year’s “Fish Fry”, in memory and honor of Gene White.

Gene was a very active member of C.M.F., especially when the fish fry would roll around each year. He was always there all day Thursday and all day Friday doing preparation work. He would help unload the truck with all the groceries, cut and dice the onions & bacon to season the green beans, and dish-out the tartar sauce into bowls.

If this wasn’t enough, he would donate hand-crafted items for the raffle. His hand-made potato bins were envied and cherished by many people in the church. Also, he made a wooden nativity scene that was beautiful, and was displayed in the yards of many members of our church.

But, I think what we all remember him most for, was his kind, congenial, easy-going, and loving personality! He always had a way of making you feel welcome, and part of the family, when you would visit him. His hospitality was much appreciated. I guess you could say, “He was the host, with the most.”

We will all miss Gene very much, but know that our “brother in Christ,” will be with us forever, in heart, mind, soul, and spirit.

Sincerely, Jonathan Newlin & all C.M.F. Members & Friends

Kids’ Club Dinner Schedule

Oct. 3 — Barry Davis	Nov. 21 — No meeting-Thanksgiving
Oct. 10 — Stephanie Harris	Nov. 28 — ?
Oct. 17 — ?	Dec. 5 — Angie & David Keel
Oct. 24 — ?	Dec. 12 — ?
Oct. 31 — Friends & Family Potluck	Dec. 19 — Friends & Family Potluck
Nov. 7 — Laura & John Gardner	Dec. 26 — No meeting-Christmas
Nov. 14 — Jim & Earlyne Keel & Dana	Jan. 2 — No meeting-New Year

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.

Moment for Mission **Surviving Childbirth in Afghanistan**

Childbirth is risky for Afghan women and their babies. Alarming numbers of women and babies die, and many who do survive die later from preventable diseases. A woman in Afghanistan has a 1 in 6 lifetime risk of dying in childbirth. The reasons are many: health care is costly, facilities are often poorly equipped, and it can be difficult for women to get to a hospital. Strict cultural norms prohibit Afghan women from seeing a male doctor, and female medical practitioners are few.

The United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), as members of Church World Service, are meeting this challenge as part of the Pakistan/Afghanistan Community Health Project. In communities served by the project, dramatically fewer women die in childbirth and their children are much more likely to survive.

More than 250,000 Afghans benefit from the project, which serves Afghan refugees in northwestern Pakistan and internally displaced persons and returnees in eastern Afghanistan. Keys to the program’s success include female doctors and a corps of trained female volunteer community health workers.

Results are most dramatic in Afghanistan, where almost 1,900 women die in childbirth for every 100,000 live births, and 165 of every 1,000 newborns die. Those numbers drop to 860 and 28, respectively, in communities served by the Community Health Project. (Source: Global Ministries News)

Donate Blood

Date: Wednesday, October 17th & Thursday, October 18th

Time: 12:30pm to 6:00 pm (both days)

Place: Taylorville Memorial Hospital Auditorium

Call Pat Hartel to sign up—824-8825
Walk-ins Welcome & appreciated!

