



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 15,
2007**



EVERYBODY HAS TO EAT!!!

EVERYBODY HAS TO EAT...that is why DMCC Preschool is inviting you to eat your dinner at **McDonald's** on **Tuesday, October 23** from 4:00-8:00 pm. That Tuesday evening will be **DMCC Preschool night** and we will get 20% of the gross sales, which will go into our operating budget. SO, please come out to eat...and be sure to tell ALL your family and friends to join us. Remember, **EVERYBODY HAS TO EAT...so we'll see you then!**

Hugs, DMCC Preschool

Southern's Stirring

"The Church in Mission"

The **CMF Fish Fry** was a huge-and we emphasize huge- success. The men served 595 meals, a new record. The crowd was very patient as the line extended from the kitchen counter, the full length of the fellowship hall and all the way down the hall to sanctuary doors, and beyond at times. It stayed that way from 5:00 PM until 6:40 PM. This is a very popular ministry event and one that the community enjoys supporting. The proceeds support our summer camps at Camp Walter Scott and Camp Care-a-lot as well as special projects involving children and teens. Our men are good cooks as well as great witnesses to the power of Christian teamwork. We are blest with the leadership of **Jonathan (and Mickey) Newlin and Dave (and Linda) Berck** and the follower-ship of our men. Please see Jonathan's article on page 6.

Our **DMCC Pre-school** is in the midst of a crunch of a most unusual kind. Our state government provides free pre-school to everyone in our state under such programs as PREP, PAT, Evenstart, and now Pre-School for All. The unintended consequences of these programs affect religiously oriented pre-schools. Churches like Taylorville Christian, Trinity Lutheran and St. Mary's Catholic Church as well as ours have felt the shift. We have a strong, healthy and vibrant program, the capable direction of Lana Hixenbaugh and Jane Hempen. Our "graduates" and their families value the wonderful intellectual, social, relational and spiritual devel-

opment that occurs here. It gives them a great foundation for future education, in a loving, compassionate and personal atmosphere. **To that end, we ask you to help support our DMCC Pre-school by eating at our local McDonald's restaurant on Tuesday October 23 between 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Twenty percent of the sales will come back to the preschool.**

Sunday evening, **our 2007 Mission Team (Larry & Pat Eggerman, Vicki and I)** was invited to Parkway Christian Church for a musical concert to support the 2008 Mission trip of that congregation. You may remember that four members from their congregation joined us in our trip to Beaumont, TX, as we linked up with a group of 12 teens and adults from Ohio. Sunday evening's program was a delight and we did some reminiscing.

I was invited to share a few moments reflection on mission trips. Vicki and I went on our first mission trip in the summer of 1969. Two Oregon churches came together and between us we had 43 teenagers and adults.

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REMINDER



Remember that the articles for the next "Visitor" will be due at noon on Tuesday, October 23rd.



Statistics for October 14, 2007

Attendance: 141

General Fund: \$1827.00

Reconciliation: \$7.00

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

PREPARING AN ESTATE
PLAN IS GOOD
STEWARDSHIP



Thought for the Day

I am defeated, and know it, if I meet any human being from whom I find myself unable to learn anything.



Serving Sunday, October 21, 2007

Greeters—John Forbes, Marion Forbes

Candlelighters—Lynzi Beyers, Amber Wilham

Elders— Connie Damery, Steve Damery

Diaconate— Rebecca Westerhouse, Chuck Westerhouse, Anna Chance, Jerry Chance, Janiece Rutherford, Janet Montgomery

Jr. Diaconate— Emily Wilham, Allyson Fassero

Comm. Prep.— Gloria Carter

Comm. Clean-up— Tracy Windell, Olive Oller

Sound Tech— Chris Miller



Sandy Montgomery, Roger Jones, Whitey Griffiths, Maddie Tucker, Emma Mackey, Eileen Wareham, Jim Keel, Wilma Tolle, Margaret Porter, Jean Wilson, Shawn White, Christy Lowe, Carol Daugherty, Eula Bendor

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Nila Smith	October 19
Gabe DeClerck	October 20
David Hendricks Jr.	October 24



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

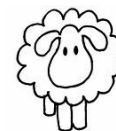
Frank & Janiece Rutherford	October 20
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Dear Staff & Congregation:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work at DMCC, and to meet a lot of great people. Although I have enjoyed my time at the church, I must turn in my notice so that I can take another job that has been offered to me. My last day with the church will be October 26, 2007.

Sincerely,
Tammy Rogers

The Personnel Committee will be interviewing for this position. If you are interested, please contact Steve Damery.



“Flock Talk”

Elyse Hendricks has been admitted to the Psychology program at the University of Illinois-Springfield for next Fall Semester. She has been awarded a Lincoln Scholar Merit Scholarship for all four years of study. Elyse is the daughter of David and Sandy Hendricks and the granddaughter of John and Marion Forbes and David and Janet Hendricks. Congratulations Elyse!!

Erynn Hendricks has been selected to represent Taylorville High School as a baritone player in the Illinois Music Educators Association district band for our region. She will perform in a concert at Eastern Illinois University on November 17. Erynn is the daughter of David and Sandy Hendricks and the granddaughter of John and Marion Forbes and David and Janet Hendricks. Way to go Erynn!!

Ethan Hendricks has also been selected to represent Taylorville Junior High School as a drummer in the IMEA district band. He will perform in a concert at Eastern Illinois University on November 17. Ethan is the son of David and Sandy Hendricks and the grandson of John and Marion Forbes and David and Janet Hendricks. Good job Ethan!!

Emma Wilson was selected to represent Taylorville High School in the District Choir. Emma is the daughter of Sheila McKinney and the granddaughter of Walt Sexson. Way to go Emma!!

Congratulations to Katie (Westerhouse) and Jeff Share who were married on October 7th. Katie is the daughter of Chuck Westerhouse.

Connie Damery was the winner of the Grandmother and Handicap tournament that was played recently. It is believed that she is the first person in league history to have won both tournaments. (Source: Taylorville Breeze Courier).

*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.*

New Opportunities for Volunteers

Media Tech Team:

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.

Volunteers!



Web Team:

We are looking for a team of people 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.

BY-LAWS TASK FORCE MEETS TO REVIEW IDEAS FOR STRENGTHENING OUR CHURCH

At its meeting on October 7, the BLTF reviewed comments received to date from our Survey/Discussion Questionnaire on ways to improve operations and services at DMCC. These ideas are included in today's Visitor as a separate enclosure (See yellow insert). Additional copies of the survey form are available in the Church office, if after reading through the enclosed list, some new ideas occur to you.

The BLTF also discussed the need to restate the mission of DMCC in simpler and briefer terms. We noted that some phrases in the current statement are right on target with little or no rewriting, while other phrases more properly belong in the Constitution or By-Laws. We decided that each BLTF member would draft a new Mission Statement and bring it to our next meeting at 8:00 a.m. on November 4. The group plans to develop a single draft statement at the November meeting based on group consensus. This statement will be submitted, subsequently, to the readers of the Visitor for their comments. Thereafter, the statement will be finalized and submitted to the Board for approval. After Board approval the statement will be submitted to the Congregation for final approval at its Annual Meeting.

Members of the BLTF wish to thank the church members and visitors who have given so generously of their time and ideas in response to our Survey/Discussion Questionnaire. We are also grateful to Dr. Southern for taking such careful notes during various group discussions, and in preparing our report for the Visitor.

John Forbes, BLTF Member

Meals on Wheels



We are responsible for Meals on Wheels the week of October 29th through November 2nd. Two cars with two people are needed for each day. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Don't forget this important ministry for our community.

Kids' Club Dinner Schedule



Oct. 24 — Tracie Boehme	Dec. 5 — Angie & David Keel
Oct. 31 — Potluck	Dec. 12 — ?
Nov. 7 — Laura & John Gardner	Dec. 19 — Potluck
Nov. 14 — Keel's & Montes'	Dec. 26—No Meeting
Nov. 21 — No Meeting	Jan. 2— No Meeting
Nov. 28 — ?	

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.

CWF Day Group

The CWF Day Group will be meeting this Friday, October 19th at 2:00 pm at the home of Earlyne Keel (511 W. Adams). Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship.



5:02 Youth Meeting

The Youth will meet this Sunday, October 21st at 5:02 pm here at the church. Please see the following schedule for the October meetings:

Oct. 21	Refreshments: Erynn Hendricks Games: David Gardner Interaction: Mr. & Mrs. Westerhouse
Oct. 28	Refreshments: Kelsey Conrad Games: Emily Wilham Interaction: Dr. and Rev. Southern



Kids' Club begins the Lord's Prayer rotation Wednesday October 17, and will conclude on Sunday November 4, 2007.

Kids' Club Workshops:

- 1) Bake prayer bread in the **cooking** workshop while learning the Lord's Prayer.
- 2) **Sign language** is another way to "say" the Lord's Prayer and share it with others.
- 3) Express prayer through **movement** and gestures. God welcomes all types of prayer!
- 4) Act out the Lord's Prayer through a short **drama** complete with costumes.
- 5) Prayer rocks! Make your very own **prayer rock** to help you remember to pray.
- 6) Play a **memory game** to see what you are learning about the Lord's Prayer.

All children K-5 are welcome to join us anytime!

Kids' Club needs art smocks!

If anyone has old shirts that button, we could use them for art smocks. If you have any, you may drop them off in the Storytelling (tent) room. Thank you!

Here are the lyrics for the song the kids have been singing:

TAKE ME OUT TO OUR KIDS' CLUB

Take me out to our Kids' Club
Take me out to the church.

Learn about God and His only Son,
With stories and games you know we will have fun.

For it's root, root, root for our Father,
Through Him we'll find peace and love.

For it's one, two, three different classes
at our Kids' Club.

CMF - "Fish Fry" - 2007

From the bottom of my heart, and the depths of my soul, I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this year's "fish fry" a huge success. Thanks to everyone who bought and sold tickets, set up, cleaned up, bussed tables, baked cakes and pies, served in the carry out line and serving line at the window, cooked potatoes & fish, and cut & breaded fish. Your willingness to serve, in the name of Christ, sent a beautiful message to the community, as well as the members of DMCC.

Thanks to Dr. Lonnie Southern who gathered us together for a prayer, before the fish fry began. Thanks to the congregation for their prayers and good wishes. Most of all, thanks to our Almighty God, who blessed us with good weather, and kept us safe during this event.

What a heart-warming and exciting time to witness "God's people," come together for one common goal. Also the fellowship throughout this event can't be matched.

According to some people, the best part of the event was Mick Sullivan's great stories and jokes.

The raffle winners were: Richie Nation-bench, Jim Hurtte-blanket, and Elaine Sasatelli-blanket.

Once again, thanks so much for all of your support and prayers.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Newlin

P.S. We served 593 people

Gross Income: \$3,774.50

Net Income (after expenses): \$1,892.38 + \$160.00 (collected Sunday, Oct. 14)

New Net Income: \$1,998.38

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We borrowed a public school bus and drove from Hillsboro, Oregon 800 miles into Mexico, to our Mountain of Light Mission Station/farm. Our lives were never the same. Since that time Vicki and I have lead mission trips to Tijuana and Rosarita Beach, Mexico, Urban Plunges to Los Angeles and Chicago as well as the two trips to Texas to help with hurricane recovery.

Our next Mission Trip to Port Arthur, Texas to continue with Hurricane Rita recovery will be April 12- 19, 2008. Interested in having a life changing experience? Let us know of your interest.

God's Peace, Lonnie

COMING SOON...

HARVEST FEST

Saturday, November 3rd

TURKEY AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS

Plan to enjoy dinner out at DMCC



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

When a loved one dies, you may feel like your world is falling apart. It helps to be with others who have similar feelings.

The Pastoral Care Department at Taylorville Memorial Hospital is sponsoring a Grief support Group which will meet each Monday evening for seven weeks from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. October 22-December 3. All are welcome. Registration is requested so as to have enough seating and hand-out information. To register, please call the hospital at 824-3331 from 8:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and leave your name and phone number with the secretary at the front desk.