



**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"*

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Sunday School is 9:00 a.m. Worship is 10:15 a.m. each Sunday.  
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**"THE VISITOR"  
Davis Memorial Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**

**October 22,  
2007**



**ATTENTION-HARVEST FEST**

The women will be hosting their annual HARVEST FEST on Saturday, November 3rd from 4:30-6:30 pm. The menu will be turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll and dessert. Tickets are on sale, before and after church in the narthex, from many of the women and in the church office.

This is one of our fundraisers and your support would be deeply appreciated. The proceeds of this event goes to "outreach", where the monies are used in the country, and for those in need in other places. This past year we also sent money to Camp Walter Scott.

We need people to buy and sell tickets, set-up, clean-up, serve in the food line, and donate food items. This is a time of fellowship, fun, work, and doing what Christ calls us to do—to reach out to others.

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## Southern's Stirring

Lonnie mentioned in last week's *Visitor* that we had reconnected with our mission partners from Parkway Christian Church in Springfield. In preparation for next year's mission trip, they hosted a concert given by one of their members, John Moore. It was good to see them again and to begin to talk about the 2008 mission trip.

The dates for the next trip will be **April 12 – 19, '08**. The destination will be **Port Arthur, TX**. Several of you have mentioned that you want to participate. We hope that by publishing the dates this early you will be able to plan your schedule so that you can go and be part of the work team.

We also realize that these dates will eliminate any youth who may have wanted to go. The rules at the mission site do not permit youth under the age of 16 to be on the work site. So, this will be an adult trip.

I am reminded of a mission trip we took in the early '80's from Los Angeles to Tijuana, Mexico. The youth group we took worked with people who lived on whatever they could scavenge from the city dump. We watched as children fought over a nearly empty can of ravioli – bugs and all. I vividly remember sitting down on the ground as we pulled out our sack lunches, surrounded by hungry children. We couldn't eat in front of those children – without discussion everyone shared his/her lunch. And the next day we arrived to work prepared to share what food we could.

Mission trips are a life-changing experience – as much for the workers as for those being helped. It provides an opportu-

nity to step outside of the known for a little while, to share in someone else's experience, to provide concrete, hands-on help, to work in partnership with folks who may quickly become friends, to listen in a new way for the voice of God, and to have some fun.

We are so privileged with what we have that we can miss the fact that there are still many, many people who don't have even the barest necessities, even in our own country. And so we will go, again, to Texas to try to bring a measure of relief to those still struggling through the aftereffects of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. We will happily do whatever tasks await us because we come in gratitude and joy for the blessings that we enjoy. And I have no doubt that we will come away again, blessed beyond anything we may do for others.

I hope you will pray about this opportunity. If God is inviting you to come, know that your gifts will be used and your life will be blessed. I'll be praying that you will be listening as God speaks.

God's peace, Vicki

## REMINDER



Remember that the articles for the next "Visitor" will be due at noon on Tuesday, October 30th.



## Statistics for October 21, 2007

Attendance: 120

General Fund: \$3495.00

Kids' Club: \$50.00

Preschool: \$30.00

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



DOES YOUR WILL REFLECT YOUR FAITH?

## Thought for the Day

When you flee temptations, don't leave a forwarding address.



## Serving Sunday, October 28, 2007

**Greeters**—Roger Jones, Linda Jones

**Candlelighters**—Alexis Newlin, Alysha Newlin

**Elders**— Connie Damery, Steve Damery

**Diaconate**— Sandy Hendricks, Matt Morrison, Angie Morrison, Nancy Honn, Charlotte Davis, Steve Craggs

**Jr. Diaconate**— Elyse Hendricks, Erynn Hendricks

**Comm. Prep.**— Carol Daugherty

**Comm. Clean-up**— Ethel Steele, Jean Steele

**Sound Tech**— Chris Miller



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

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



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Eleanor Kammerer	October 26
Alex Russell	October 26
Jake Miller	October 28
Michelle Hergett	October 29



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jeff & Teresa Smith	October 28
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## 5:02 Youth Meeting



The Youth will meet at 11:32 am on Sunday, October 28th (after worship) for a last meal (bring your own sack lunch & change of clothes) before going to the Boo House in Berry. Bring \$10 as we are uncertain, as of this writing, what the cost will be.

## Calling All Kids!!!

All children are invited to join our Davis Memorial Children's Choir (DMCC) to make "a joyful noise" unto the Lord. Practice will begin Wednesday, October 24th at 4:30 pm and will conclude in time for Kids' Club. Being a member of Kids' Club is not a requirement (but if you're here, you may wish to join us, and you'd be most welcome!). For more information, please call Janet Montgomery at 824-7384.



## "Flock Talk"

It was good to see Sharon Manning, former member and choir director, in church on Sunday, October 14th.

This week is Pastoral Care Week at Taylorville Memorial Hospital. Rev. Vicki Southern is one of the on-call chaplains. She is part of the Pastoral Care Department that responds to the spiritual and emotional needs of patients, families and staff. (Source: Announcement sent out from Taylorville Memorial Hospital)

## Elder's Meeting

The Elder's will be meeting this Sunday, October 28th at 8:00 am.



## CWF Day Group

The CWF Day Group met this past Friday, October 19th at the home of Earlyne Keel. There were 6 women in attendance. After saying the CWF prayer, refreshments were served. Donna Depolo, President, led the general meeting. Service Chairman, Marianne Wilhite, gave her report, & distributed the names of nursing home patients and shut-ins that are on the card list. She also stated that she would be calling people to help with the Harvest Fest. A thank-you was given to Earlyne Keel for being our hostess for the afternoon. Missions were discussed. Earlyne, Study Leader, presented the Lesson from "Come to the Table." The memory verse was Mark 7:37. In part of the study, we discussed the question "Who is welcome at God's table?" The 3 parts to communion are: nourishment, prayer & thankfulness. We then closed the meeting with the CWF Benediction. The Day Group meets the 2nd Friday of every month in different individual homes. Our next meeting will be on December 14th in the home of Elizabeth Ferry (101 E. Park).

## Missing Pans

If you are missing a cake pan (from the Fish Fry or any previous event), please check in the Narthex on Sunday. All the extra pans will be there for you to claim.



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*Afghanistan, refugee returnees*

*Lebanon, Palestinian refugee camp crisis*

*Palestine/Gaza, civil emergency*

*Pakistan, storms and floods*

*India/ floods*

*Indonesia, volcano eruption*

*Colombia, floods*

*Indonesia, Sulawesi floods and landslides*

*Nepal, floods*

*India, West Bengal floods*

*Bangladesh, floods*

*Romania, flash floods*

*Jamaica, hurricane*

*Nicaragua, hurricane*

*India, Orissa cholera outbreak*

### **Domestic: [\$494,793]**

250—Alabama, fires

5,000—Arizona, emergency water relief

23,755—California, winter freeze and food relief

17,500—Florida, tornadoes

500—Georgia, tornadoes

1,000—Iowa, floods

34,500—Kansas, ice storms, tornadoes and floods

123,938—Louisiana, hurricane recovery

95,050—Mississippi, hurricane recovery

4,000—Missouri, ice storms

1,250—Nebraska, ice storms

5,500—New Jersey, floods

2,500—New Mexico, floods

5,750—New York, floods and winter storms

1,000—North Carolina, church fire

7,500—Oklahoma, floods

10,000—Ohio, floods

24,500—Tennessee, hurricane housing project

93,800—Texas, hurricane recovery, floods and tornadoes

1,000—Utah, church fire

6,500—Washington, winter floods

24,500—U.S., CWS spring storms and tornado appeals

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Our work schedule is:

- Friday—9-12 am prep work—set tables
- Sat. 10 am—make dressing—finish up other prep
- Sat. 3 pm—get ready for dinner
- Sat. 4:30 — dinner
- Sat. 6:00 clean up crew

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the glass doors. Even an hour is helpful.

Thank you for your support.  
CWF

### **Kids' Club Dinner Schedule**



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| 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 — ?                   |                      |
| Dec. 5 — Angie & David Keel   |                      |

You may team up with someone else to share the expense of the meal.

**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.**

Tuesday, October 23rd, from 4:00-8:00 pm, has been designated as DMCC Preschool night at McDonald's in Taylorville. This means that our own Preschool will make 20% of the profits. Please mark your calendar and join us in eating at McDonald's on Tuesday, October 23rd. The more people that come, the more money our Preschool will make for their operating budget. Many people in our congregation have helped out with preschool over the years in different ways. This will be your chance to help too.

I have been a member of the Preschool Committee for several years. I was very excited when my own grandchildren were enrolled, and I followed their activities with great interest and enthusiasm. Every week I would look at their calendar to see what stories they would hear; what songs they would sing; and what their snacks would be. Sometimes they made their own snacks—home made peanut butter, for instance. Have you ever made your own peanut butter? The DMCC preschoolers have, and here is how they do it: They shell the peanuts, put them in the blender with olive oil and salt and each person gets to push the button

Sometimes the children had special visitors. Once there was a dog judge from New York who just happened to be at Men's Bible Study that morning. I think his name was Roger. The children had brought their favorite stuffed dogs to Preschool that day, and he was called in to judge them. Everybody was a winner. They won in different ways—the longest tail; the shortest ears, the fuzziest, etc., but they all were winners.

In the fall, the children got to watch a caterpillar spin its cocoon and turn into a butterfly. They released the butterfly in the Memorial Garden to fly away. But this year Lana told me the butterfly didn't immediately fly away. He followed the children for awhile as they walked back to their room, as if he didn't want to leave them. This year the caterpillar was donated by Jim and Earlyne Keel.

In the spring, the children watched baby chicks hatch from eggs. They made volcanoes and put baking soda in them to make them erupt. During the Thanksgiving season, they studied Indians, and each child was given an Indian Name. They were called by this name the whole month. They even put their Indian name on their papers. Andrew was "Flying Eagle"; Jack was "Windhawk", and Isabella was "Evening Dove". They loved their Indian names.

These are just a very few of the activities the children were and still are involved in at DMCC Preschool. We have been told by several people that ours is the best Preschool in town, and we believe that too. We want to keep it that way. Please join Roger and me in eating at McDonald's in Taylorville this Tuesday night for DMCC Preschool Night. We'll see you there. Let's pack the place!

(Presented by Linda Jones during the Morning Worship on Sunday, October 21st)

## Third Quarter Response Fund Report

Greetings from Week of Compassion, and thank you for your continued support. Your generosity, concern and prayers bring help and hope to countless people throughout the world. We are grateful here, many more elsewhere are grateful.

Within the WOC budget, the single largest line item is the Compassion Response Fund. Through this allocation (and special designated accounts), WOC is able to respond promptly to emergencies, disasters and other urgent humanitarian requests as they arise. Below, is a brief summary of responses we have made through September 30, 2007, from the Response Fund and certain designated disaster accounts. This is, of course, only a snapshot and does not include other resources we are providing for long-term sustainable development projects. But we do hope it will offer an overview of the many emergency needs to which we Disciples are responding. Three-quarters of the way through this year, WOC has provided \$1,059,786 in relief and recovery grants to 209 requests/situations for an average of once every 1.3 days!

Nearly 800 Disciples congregations have now requested WOC interactive map/poster to track emergency and long-term development responses on a weekly basis. It is a good visual tool for Disciples to see how our gifts are used around the world, around the year. A complete list of those responses since January 1 is on the WOC website: [www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org). For a complimentary map/poster, contact Elaine at 317.713.2442 or email her at [ecleveland@woc.disciples.org](mailto:ecleveland@woc.disciples.org).

### 2007 Third Quarter Response Fund Update:

#### **Africa: [\$192,555]**

2,000—Angola, cholera outbreak  
6,000—Burundi, relief and recovery  
6,000—DR Congo, emergency relief  
3,000—Kenya, refugee assistance, emergency flood/food relief  
6,000—Madagascar, cyclone relief  
1,000—Mauritania, drought assistance  
9,500—Mozambique, earthquake and arsenal explosion  
114,000—Sudan, Darfur crisis, floods, medical initiative  
6,000—Uganda, refugee assistance  
5,000—Zambia, floods  
28,055—Zimbabwe, emergency transportation, water and food relief

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#### **East Asia and the Pacific: [\$19,000]**

9,000—China, earthquake and flood relief  
2,000—Japan, earthquake relief  
8,000—Solomon Islands, tsunami relief

#### **Latin America and the Caribbean: [\$65,000]**

7,000—Central America hurricane relief  
11,000—Colombia, floods and volcanoes  
10,000—Dominican Republic, health emergency  
2,000—Haiti, flood relief  
5,000—Jamaica/Cayman Islands, hurricane relief  
18,000—Mexico, hurricane housing emergency  
6,000—Nicaragua, hurricane relief  
6,000—Peru, earthquake relief

#### **Middle East and Europe: [\$37,000]**

5,000—Bosnia, peace/reconciliation initiative  
14,000—Iraq, Jordan, Syria, refugee and IDP appeal  
6,000—Lebanon, emergency relief  
12,000—Palestine/Gaza, emergency medical/food relief

#### **Southern Asia: [\$239,438]**

3,000—Central Asia, disaster mitigation appeal  
179,939—India, tsunami recovery, flood relief  
43,500—Indonesia, floods and earthquakes  
1,000—Nepal, flood relief  
6,000—Pakistan, flood relief  
12,000—Sri Lanka, civil violence

#### **General: [\$12,000]**

6,000—Church World Service, Community Arise Project  
6,000—Action by Churches Together, Rapid Response Fund  
*Somalia, floods*  
*Burundi, floods*  
*Indonesia, Jakarta floods*  
*Mozambique, floods*  
*Fiji, flash floods*  
*Ethiopia, ethnic conflict*

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