



“THE VISITOR”
Davis Memorial Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

July 2,
2007

Welcome Back

Mission Team

Southern's Stirring

Trying to describe a week's worth of blessings in a few short minutes is no small task. And we have, indeed, had a week's worth of blessings.

It actually began several months ago when we began to wonder if it was going to be feasible to do another mission trip. Shortly after that we were contacted by the Parkway CC in Springfield – they didn't have enough people to do a trip and wanted to join ours. When you try to put two groups together, the outcome is never predictable, but we were more than willing to try. Some of you met the Parkway CC group at the garage sale. What a blessing they turned out to be – and they are already asking about how we can do it again next year. A short time after we began a conversation with the Parkway CC group, when Lonnie and I went to the Minister's Institute, the minister from the Paris, IL, church heard us talking about the trip and wanted to engage their congregation in supporting us. They made our trip the recipient of Christmas in July, which included 132 bottles of Gatorade, as well as a check to be used as the group saw a need while we were down there. Along with the check, which we received mid-week, we also received prayers and notes from members of their congregation.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. When the group from Parkway arrived at DMCC to leave last Saturday, they brought with them a shopping bag for each group member. In the bag were cards, notes, gifts of various kinds – one for each day we were gone. These bags had been put together by a prayer partner – someone who stayed behind, but supported us in prayer each day. What a blessing that was

to read the scripture and messages they had sent and to know that they, as well as you, were thinking about us and praying for us, perhaps at that very moment.

You have seen the pictures, so you know the kind of work we did. One of the most wonderful moments for me was meeting the two families who are going to move into those two houses that we worked on. It was one of those holy coincidences that happen when God is involved. Four of us went to work in the Habitat Re-store - a warehouse full of stuff that has been donated since the last garage sale a couple of months ago. There was everything from candles and towels to ceramic roosters, to shower stalls, paint, light fixtures, and the kitchen sink. Among the people who worked with us those days were a couple and a single woman who will be moving into those two houses. It was a thrill to hear them talk about their excitement and their faith, and to have had some small part in preparing their new home for them. Parenthetically, the temperature in that warehouse was a balmy 100 degrees. There were, of course, a couple of large fans, but the effect was that of standing in front of a large hair dryer as the hot air was moved around.

The last thing I want to mention is a follow up to last year's trip. You may remember that last year we had some money to use to help some folks while we were down there. One of the people the group decided to help was Mabel, an 80-something year old black woman. Some of our group had worked in her home all week repairing her living room and making it habitable. We

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Lay Leader Schedule for July

John Gardner	July 8
Dave Hixenbaugh	July 15
Nancy Jones	July 22
Andy Beyers	July 29

Pastoral Emergency

In case of a pastoral emergency while the Southern's are gone this week, please call Mick Sullivan (Chairman of the Elder's) at 824-8767 or Mary Dooley (Moderator of the Board) at 824-5538.

The Elder's on call for the week of July 4-11 will be Mick Sullivan and John Forbes.



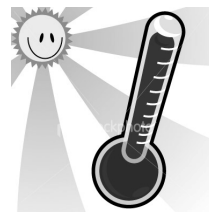
Sandy Montgomery, Roger Jones, Whitey Griffiths, Maddie Tucker, Emma Mackey, Dr. Doyle Slifer, Eileen Wareham, Dee Neisler, Adrian Roy, Jim Keel, Mary Burke, Wilma Tolle, Vance Jeffries, Gene White, Lucille McCarty, Danny McCormick, Allen Scott, John Craig, Margaret Porter, Joe Steele, Kim Craggs, Jim Matthews, Jean Wilson

Serving our Country:
Larilyn Reffett



"Flock Talk"

If you have any information to share with your church family, please contact the church office at 824-8181.



CWF Day Group

The CWF Day Group will meet this Friday, July 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the home of Marianne Wilhite (702 W. Poplar). Please join us for some fun and fellowship!

Summer Newsletter Schedule

"The Visitor" will be arriving at your house bi-weekly throughout the summer. The dates for publishing and delivery will be the following weeks:



July 16	August 13
July 30	August 27

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had a gift card for her but due to some administrative glitch with our Disciple's Volunteer office, we had been unable to get it to her. So, early last Thursday morning Lonnie and I wandered around a bit and found her home. We knocked on the door and were greeted by her lovely smile. Not only does she remember the group that worked for her, she remembers to pray for you. She was thrilled to see us and to know that we, too, had been remembering her.

These are but some of the blessings that happen on a mission trip. Perhaps the biggest blessing is that we think we will go down and do something for someone else and, in fact, come home having received far more than we gave.

I hope more of you will join us next year. God will provide the opportunity as we make ourselves available. God's peace, Vicki

Thank You



I want to thank my church family for the love, care, comfort and support given to me and our family through prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, flowers, food and generous memorials during Ron's final illness and at the time of his death. Words cannot express my heartfelt gratitude.

—God's Blessings to Each of You,
Dorris Schroyer and Family

Explanation of By-Laws Task Force

Good Morning and Happy Father's Day. On behalf of the ByLaws Task Force, I want to take just a brief moment to encourage you all, as a congregation, to be prepared to actively be a part of both the redefinition of our Church's Mission Statement, and in the near future, the review and revision of it's current By-Laws. Over the next few months, you all will be given many different opportunities to share your thoughts; through written response, group meetings or individual discussion. Your input will help establish Davis Memorial's mission for the 21st century. The Task Force is moving forward quickly and have developed a plan for a revised Mission Statement to be in place by January of 2008. It is vital to the future of this church and it's future generations, to do our part to pave the way many before us have. While this task may seem overwhelming or easy to ignore; I think the importance becomes much clearer when you stop and ask yourself one question...today, What is God calling us to be, know and do?

—Brent DeMichael (Presented on June 17th)

How can you find out what folks are thinking?

When a committee or a board files a report, everyone who receives and reads it knows what is happening with that entity. The entity, acting on behalf of the people it represents, may assume it knows what those people are thinking. The By-Laws Task Force (BLTF), charged with recreating our church's mission statement and bylaws, doesn't want to assume anything.

Because of the important and crucial nature of the mission statement and bylaws in determining our direction and purpose, the BLTF needs to know what you are thinking with regard to the future of our church. Once we know what is in the minds of our congregation, then we can thoughtfully and meaningfully compose our mission statement and proceed to our bylaws.

But how can we find out what everyone is thinking? Our first idea was to meet with small groups within our congregation, where we would have discussion points and hope that everyone would join in and speak openly. After further discussion, however, it was determined that not everyone may feel comfortable speaking freely in group settings and we should consider a more personal "information gathering" forum. In our effort to be sensitive to everyone and to gather the most meaningful information, we decided "one-on-one" contact with everyone in our church is the best course of action.

Our next step is at our next BLTF meeting on July 15th. During that meeting, we will compose a question and answer document for consistency among the BLTF interviews, and to streamline the process.

In the meantime, we ask that everyone please pray about the direction of Davis Memorial Christian Church (DOC). We really need to discover where God is leading you and our church.

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GIFTS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

What would you think of a gift that actually paid you income for the remainder of your life and provided you with a current tax deductible contribution?

Too good to be true? Well, it isn't! Charitable Gift Annuities do just that! Here's how they work, with assistance from the Christian Church Foundation.

A gift of cash or securities is given to establish the annuity. The money is invested and a payment amount is established based on the ages of the beneficiaries. At the death of the last beneficiary, the residual value of the gift goes to the church. Additionally, the donor receives a charitable income tax deduction.

For example, Mrs. Smith, age 75, has a \$10,000 certificate of deposit that is paying her 2.5 percent. She is in the 27 percent income tax bracket. She would like to make a gift to her church but needs to retain the income for her lifetime. Mrs. Smith sends \$10,000 to the Christian Church Foundation and enters into a Gift Annuity Agreement. At her age she will receive annual annuity payments of \$710 (7.1 percent of annuity). For income tax purposes, she has a charitable deduction of about \$4,000. Those payments are guaranteed by the Christian Church Foundation. At her death, the residual goes to the church causes she selects.

The 7.1% rate, which is determined by her age, is much higher than the interest she was receiving while having the money invested in a CD. Appreciated stock also can be used to fund a gift.

For further information about these gift instruments, contact the Christian Church Foundation, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206. (800) 668-8016.



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Scripture References Cited At The June 17 BLTF Meeting—

Listed below are references to Scripture which members of the By-Laws Task Force thought were relevant to a redesign of the DMCC Mission Statement:

Matthew 24:14 (Good News)

Matthew 25:40 (Least of These)

Matthew 28:16-20 (Great Commission)

Matthew 22:37-40 (Great Commandment)

Acts 1:8 (Witness)

Matthew 4:19 (Fishers of People)

Micah 6:8 (Do Justice)

Joshua 3:1-17 (Crossing Over the Jordan)

The Chairman of the BLTF also noted that the definition of The Purpose Driven Church, found in Rick Warren's recent book, was perhaps relevant to our new Mission Statement. The Purpose Driven Church is composed of five critical activities, i.e., Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry, and Evangelism.

We hope all the information above will be helpful to you in helping us discover the directions God wants our church to move in the 21st Century.

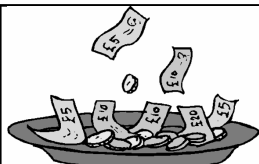
Respectfully Submitted for the BLTF,
Stacy Barnes & John Forbes

Happy Birthday!!!

Dorice Smith	July 5
Maddie Montgomery	July 5
Morgan Russell	July 6
Megan Rueff	July 6
Marcia Collins	July 7
Erynn Hendricks	July 11
Lindsey Bliler	July 12
Gloria Ebler	July 14
Jacob Satterlee	July 14
Kathy Satterlee	July 16
Doris Hugo	July 16



Steve & Connie Damery	July 7
Jim & Elizabeth Montgomery	July 10
Jeff & Katherine Wong	July 15



**Statistics for
June 24, 2007**

Attendance: 122

General Fund: \$2119.00

Preschool: \$10.00

VBS: \$300.00

Statistics for July 2, 2007

Attendance: 121

General Fund: \$3726.00

Preschool: \$10.00

Missions: \$20.00

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

REMINDER

Articles for the next Visitor are due by
noon on Tuesday, July 17th.

Thought for the Day

A good laugh is sunshine in a house.



**Serving Sunday,
July 8, 2007**

**Elders - Dave Hixenbaugh, Brent
Windell**

**Diaconate: - Bill Barnes, Stacy Bar-
nes, Linda Jones, Kathy Satterlee,
Mark Satterlee, Barb Miller**

**Jr. Diaconate: - Jake Miller, Cicily
Kohler**

Comm. Prep: - Shelley Carlen

**Comm. Clean-up: - Janet Cisco, Bar-
bara Humphrey**

**Sound Tech: - Bob Shake, Chris
Miller**

**Serving Sunday,
July 15, 2007**

**Elders - Dave Hixenbaugh, Brent
Windell**

**Diaconate: - Rebecca Westerhouse,
Chuck Westerhouse, Anna Chance,
Jerry Chance, Janiece Rutherford,
Janet Montgomery**

**Jr. Diaconate: - Emily Wilham, Ally-
son Fassero**

Comm. Prep: - Gloria Carter

**Comm. Clean-up: - Tracy Windell,
Olive Oller**

**Sound Tech: - Bob Shake, Chris
Miller**

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**

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