



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

August 27,
2007



Sunday
September 9,
2007



Fall Roundup and
Grandparents Sunday
(Don't forget to wear your western outfit!)



Deadline for photos is Sunday, September 2nd.

Southern's Stirring

Although it doesn't seem like the summer ever slowed down, it certainly feels like the fall is ramping up. The By-Laws Task Force is prayerfully conversing with the congregation in order to re-write the mission statement to make it more reflective of DMCC's current mission and purpose. The Kid's Club and children's Sunday School program is being renovated, and a new adult Sunday School study is beginning in the fellowship hall. Plans are being made for Grandparents' Sunday and the Fall Kickoff on September 9, not to mention preparations for DMCC's participation in Miracle Day on September 29 at Camp Walter Scott. It is a joy to see the enthusiasm and commitment of the many of you who are involved in planning and making these things happen.

September 9, Grandparents' Sunday, is a great opportunity to worship with family, as well as to kick off the fall season by getting back to Sunday School and enjoying a time of fellowship following worship. The children will be returning to Sunday School after a few weeks off, and a new class for adults (entitled Boundaries) will begin in the fellowship hall. The Ikiru class, which meets in the parlor, is always ready to welcome you. If you would like to share a picture of yourself and your grandchildren, or your grandparents, please bring them to the church office or the media booth by September 2. They will be used on Sunday morning, September 9, and returned to you that day.

Our life as a congregation continues to grow richer and fuller. The quality of our

life together is not measured by the number of activities we are involved in, but rather by the involvement of God's spirit in whatever we undertake. The gifts that we offer to God, and to the church, in the form of our time and abilities, talents and sweat are labors of love - an investment in God's good future, not just for ourselves but for the generations that will follow us. As you are involved in the conversation about the mission of DMCC, I hope you will also consider your personal mission as part of the larger body of Christ. How does God want you to be involved in the church, and in the world? Where can your gifts be used most effectively to honor God and to build up the faith? What is DMCC being called to do both inside the walls of our building, as well as out in the world that God created and loves? We are blessed to be claimed by God and tasked with joyful servanthood. Thanks be to God for this amazing gift.

God's peace, Vicki



REMINDER

Remember that the articles for the next "Visitor" will be due at noon on Wednesday, September 5th.

Dear Staff Members*, Key Volunteers*, Elders*, and Board Members,

You are encouraged to attend the next showing of the video Sexual Abuse Prevention by Church Mutual Inc. This video training is laying the foundation for the serious work of keeping our children and teens safe, establishing guidelines for adult interaction with both groups, and the procedures we'll follow if someone within our congregation is accused of abusing a child or teen.

This video will be shown after the Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 12 in the Sanctuary. Approximate start time is 8:30 p.m. The video is 15 minutes in length and 15 minutes of discussion will follow.

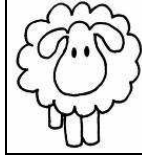
Hope to see you there,

Lonnie & Vicki

*Those who have not yet had this training

Attention to All Board Members

There will be a proposal brought to the September 12th Board Meeting regarding the use of up to \$2,000 of the Butterfield trust money for the remodeling of the children's wing for Kids' Club, Sunday School, and the Nursery. Please stop by the classrooms to see their current progress.



“Flock Talk”

Congratulations to Matt and Tammy Rogers (Custodian) on their marriage last week, August 22, at the Chapel of the Flowers in Las Vegas, Nevada. We wish them the best of luck in their new life together.

Chucky Hendricks earned a 1st Place in Singles and a 2nd Place in Doubles in a Bowling Tournament this past weekend in Decatur. His wins earned him the chance to compete at State on October 13th. Congratulations Chucky!!!

It was great to read about the donation that Roger Jones and his son, Bruce Jones, made to the photographic display of the history of the Taylorville Police Department. (Source: Taylorville Breeze Courier)

Congratulations to the new Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keafer, Jr. on their marriage this last Saturday, August 25, 2007. The new Mrs. Keafer is the former Brittney Herzog. (Source: Taylorville Breeze Courier)

Congratulations to Connie Damery on her 2nd place win in the Lincoln Trail Wednesday Morning Ladies League Tournament held on August 15th and August 22. (Source: Taylorville Breeze Courier)

Erica and Jamie Montes' were shown on the front page of the local newspaper in an article regarding the safety of school children. (Source: Taylorville Breeze Courier)

Thank You



Thank you to all the ones that have been helping with the Kids' Club renovations. This renovation would not be possible without the time and dedication these people have given. As of Monday, August 27 these people have helped with our on-going project:

Jerry Chance—huge help with figuring everything out and volunteering to build things

Bob Shake—helping Jerry Chance

Kari Beyers—painting the Bible Storytelling room, registering Kids' Club @ Wal-Mart and selecting the items there, & planning the shower

Andy Beyers—painting the Bible Storytelling room

Angie Morrison—painting the Bible Storytelling room

Laura Gardner—helping paint

Tracie Boehme—painting Creation Station & hallway

Jonathan Newlin—painting Creation Station & hallway

Dana Montes'—sorting through endless bags of & consolidating supplies, helping plan murals

Janet Montgomery—sorting through supplies, helping plan the mural in the Acts room

Cindy Adams—meeting w/us to help us understand and plan the mural process—also volunteered to help once school begins

Kelsey Conrad—painting the tree trunk, plant, sand and rocks in the Bible storytelling room

Joelynda Conrad—painting the palm trees, sky, sand, and plants in the Bible storytelling room

Bill Barnes—spackling, sanding, vacuuming, wiping sand dust from walls, door-knobs, woodwork, & priming before any paint could be applied. Painting the base coat in the hall, Acts room, and painting the second coat in the hall. Painting the sand in the Bible Storytelling room mural

Emily Barnes—helping paint the base coat in the hallway and the trim in Creation Station

Stephanie Harris—painting the trim in the Acts room, sorting through endless bags of supplies, helping plan the mural in the Acts room

Johnny Harris—helping paint

Henry Barnes—helping paint the hallway

(If your name has been inadvertently left off, we apologize. With so many people coming and going, it is really hard to keep track of everyone.)

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's the day that 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 pm.

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.

Sign a volunteer form and/or make a donation!! See Jonathan Newlin or Nate Bliler, our local coordinators today!! Volunteer sign-up deadline is August 31, 2007.

P.S. 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 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, September 28, 2007.

The latest news on Kids' Club...

1) Work on the rooms continues:

- a) The Bible storytelling room mural has been completed by Joelynda's artistic hand, assisted by Kelsey Conrad and Bill Barnes. It looks great!!
- b) The mural for the Acts room has been sketched by Bill Barnes' artistic hand, assisted by Stephanie Harris and Janet Montgomery, and painting has commenced! Jerry Chance and Bob Shake are busy working on the stage for the Acts drama room. Kids will choose from props and costumes in the Acts room to act out different Bible stories. This room can also be used for our "T.V. newsroom" workshops to interview people from the Bible, and for viewing films that support and help teach Bible stories.
- c) The mural for Creation Station is being sketched.
- d) We are working on the design for the hallway mural and it will be sketched when the design is complete.

2) We have consolidated most of the supplies from Sunday school and Kids' Club. We will organize them in the hall closet so that the workshop leaders have access to them on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

3) We are meeting as schedules allow. We understand everyone has different responsibilities and schedules. If you hear God's voice leading you to participate in this endeavor, please contact Stacy Barnes 824-6400, Dana Montes' 824-4683, or Janet Montgomery 824-7384 for work schedule information. We plan the next work session as we progress, as everyone's schedule can change.

4) The workshop curriculum is being written for each rotation (3 weeks, two sessions per week). We will post this schedule so that people who enjoy teaching and working with children will have the opportunity to determine the workshops they would like to lead.

5) Upcoming Events—Mark your calendars:

- a) The Kids' Club shower, hosted by the Christian Education Committee, is scheduled for Sunday, September 16th, following the worship service in the Narthex. Refreshments will be served. We hope everyone will participate in this celebration and tour the newly renovated rooms!
- b) Kids' Club Open House is Wednesday, September 19th. Please plan to register your child for Kids' Club and look around at our updated rooms!

Thank you for the wonderful response to our request for Miracle Day Prayers. Listed below are the people who will pray once per day for the 29 days of September (29th is Miracle Day). Please remember to pray for 3 items:

- good weather
- safety
- Holy Spirit

Lonnie & Vicki

Rex & Janet Montgomery
Mickey Davis
Linda Jones
Anita Miller
Wanda Parks
Brenda Finfrock
Sharon Pierce
Dorris Schroyer
Jim & Earlyne Keel
Diane Wilham
Carol Daugherty
Walt Sexson
Brian McKinney
Barb & Jake Miller
Bob & Gloria Carter
Lonnie & Vicki Southern

**CALLING ALL JUNIOR (6-8TH GRADES) AND
SENIOR (9-12TH GRADES)
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

PIZZA PARTY on Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 5:15 PM

At the Church in the fellowship hall

Purpose: Plan for a new youth group and weekly/monthly activities
And complete registration for SUMMIT 2007*

Summit will be held Nov. 16-18, 2007 in Decatur, IL

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUMMIT REGISTRATION IS
SEPTEMBER 9TH**

**IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A HALF SCHOLARSHIP (value \$60.00)
FROM THE CHURCH,**

You must be registered by September 9th.

Please complete both sides of the form.

CALL ME TO MAKE RESERVATIONS-
AT THE CHURCH (824-8181) OR ON MY CELL (820-3924)
LET ME KNOW:

1. IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE PIZZA PARTY
2. AND IF NOT, BUT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE GROUP AND SUMMIT
3. OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SIGNED DR. HARRY FACE (aka Lonnie)

* - youth going to Summit must provide a sponsor—one adult for every 5 youth.
The youth fund will pay all the costs for any adult sponsor.

New Seminar on Boundaries begins Sunday, September 9th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall as part of the Intergenerational Sunday School Class.

Text book is by Cloud & Townsend and costs \$11.

Introduction

One of the most serious problems facing Christians today is confusion about boundaries. Many sincere, dedicated believers struggle with tremendous confusion about when it is biblically appropriate to set limits. When confronted with their lack of boundaries, they raise good questions:

- Can I set limits and still be a loving person?
- What are legitimate boundaries?
- What if someone is upset or hurt by my boundaries?
- How do I answer someone who wants my time, love, energy, or money?
- Why do I feel guilty or afraid when I consider setting boundaries?
- How do boundaries relate to submission?
- Aren't boundaries selfish?
- Why is it difficult for me to hear no from other people?
- Why do I tend to want to control other people when I don't get what I want?

Just as homeowners set physical property lines around their land, we need to set mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual boundaries for our lives to help us distinguish what is our responsibility and what is not. The inability to set appropriate boundaries at appropriate times with the appropriate people can be very destructive.

Misinformation about what the Bible says about boundaries can also be destructive. To counter such wrong thinking, this study guide and the accompanying text present a biblical view of boundaries: what they are, what they protect, how they are developed, how they are injured, how to repair them, and how to use them. As you read the book and work through this guide, you will find answers to the questions listed above—and more. In fact, our goal is to help you use biblical boundaries appropriately to achieve the relationships and purposes that God intends for you as you grow in him.

Dr. Southern will be Co-teaching with members of the class.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

David Keel	August 30
Bernard Brown	August 31
Rosalie Shake	August 31
Andy Beyers	September 2
Andrew Lamb	September 3
Jerry Chance	September 3
Ralph Beamer	September 4
Gene White	September 4

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Bob & Sharyl Craggs August 31



Office Closed



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day. It will re-open on Tuesday, September 4th at 8:00 a.m.

CMF "Men's Breakfast"

The CMF "Men's Breakfast" will **not** be held in September due to the Labor Day weekend. They will meet once again on October 6th.



**Statistics for
August 19, 2007**

Attendance: 115

General Fund: \$2727.00

Preschool: \$10.00

Utility donation: \$50.00

**Statistics for
August 26, 2007**

Attendance: 144

General Fund: \$3180.30

Preschool: \$30.00

Miracle Day: \$170.00

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

**SUPPORT THE PEOPLE
AND CAUSES YOU
LOVE THROUGH YOUR
WILL!**



Thought for the Day

Everyone has patience. Successful people learn to use it.



**Serving Sunday,
September 2, 2007**

Greeters — The Barnes' Family

Elders— Mary Dooley, Ruth Sullivan

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— Bob Shake, Chris Miller



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, Kim Craggs, Jim Matthew, Jean Wilson, Marcia Collins, Janiece Durham, Shawn White

Serving our Country: Larilyn Reffett, Josh Brummett (Iraq)



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.
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