

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI
816-532-0773**

www.smithvillefirstchristian.org

July 27, 2025

**9:15 am - Adult Sunday School
10:00 am - Coffee/Donuts Fellowship
10:30 am - Worship Service**

Please sign in on the attendance booklet at the end of the pews.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*(*Denotes please rise in body or spirit)*

Prelude Steven Cornwell
Bringing in the Light - Acolytes
Greeting / Announcements Greg Guy
Call to Worship (Psalm 57:7-11) Chloe Easton
My heart, O God, is steadfast, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music. Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.
*Hymn of Praise **Come, Now is the Time to Worship**
Pastoral Prayer Susie Clower
Silent Prayer
Lord's Prayer (Using "Debts")
*Gloria Patri **#36**
Children are dismissed for Worship and Wonder
Scripture **Matthew 18:21-35 NIV** Chloe Easton
Worship Hymn **#247 Wind upon the Water vs. 1,2,4**
Sermon **"Building Up the Realm of God"** Greg Guy
Hymn of Response **#701 Shall We Gather at the River vs. 1,3,4**
Communion Meditation & Words of Institution Greg Guy
Communion Prayer Elder Susie Clower

(John Matthews, Sandra Matthews, Diane Soetaert, & Earl Soetaert please come forward to serve Communion)

Communion: We practice Open Communion at the Lord's Table. All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion. Please take a piece of bread and eat it when the tray comes to you. Then drink the cup as the tray is passed to you and place the empty cup back in the tray.

Invitation to Stewardship Elder Susie Clower
Special Music **All My Hope**
*Doxology **#46**
*Offering Prayer Elder Susie Clower
*A Time of Invitation Greg Guy
If you wish to make a commitment to Jesus Christ, or would like to join Smithville First Christian Church, please come forward during the hymn.
*Hymn of Sending **#707 Marching to Zion vs. 1,2,4**
Benediction Greg Guy
Postlude Steven Cornwell

Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of
Anette Lourene Mick

Praise & Prayer Request Form

<https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf> - Submit your praise or prayer requests to our new form. Our Pastor, and Elders will monitor the form for submissions.



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Grow Read Imagine Pray

Matthew 18:21-35 NIV

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.[a]

23 "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold[b] was brought to him. 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

26 "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' 27 The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

28 "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.[c] He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

29 "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

30 "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

32 "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

35 "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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Daily Devotional Readings July 28 - August 2:

Monday: Psalm 44; Hosea 2:14-3:5; Colossians 2:16-3:1

Tuesday: Psalm 44; Hosea 6:1-10; Romans 9:30-10:4

Wednesday: Psalm 44; Hosea 6:11-7:16; Matthew 5:43-48

Thursday: Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 8:1-14; Romans 11:33-36

Friday: Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 9:1-17; Ephesians 4:17-24

Saturday: Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 10:1-15; Mark 10:17-22

Opportunities for Service & Outreach this week:

- **Donate food to the Food Pantry or Blessing Box**
- **Care Connection Volunteers** - Contact Ineer23@gmail.com
- **Hospitality Task Force** - Contact Pastor Laura Guy

Worship Schedule – Sunday, August 3, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy **Elder:** Greg Atkins

Lay Leader: Susie Clower

Greeters: Carol Summers & Jan Heath

Prep & Serve: Linda Neer & Belinda Miller

Serve & Clean-up: Linda Prout & Kathy Hamilton

Cash Counter: Janice Roberts

Acolyte(s): Beckett Milne & Brinley Milne

Nursery: Joyce French

Laptop Operator: John Merritt



(If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and update the office by Wednesday at noon.) The Volunteer List can be viewed online by scanning this QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/4ktjhGm>.

PRAISE & PRAYERS

Ongoing Prayers

🙏 Lou Kindred 🙏 Pam & Perry Winn 🙏 Bud Morton 🙏 Kay Paul
🙏 Mary Ann Shannon 🙏 John & Joyce Summers 🙏 Traci Easton
🙏 Beverly Darling 🙏 Linda Mitchell 🙏 LaVera Craig 🙏 Jerry Wagle

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Full List on our Website)

Food Pantry

Non-Canned Items for the Blessing Box (Ramen noodles, hamburger helper, pasta and rice sides, mac & cheese, cereal, instant mashed potatoes, etc.) Donations can be dropped off at the church: **Mon. - Thurs. 9 AM - 12 PM.** The food pantry is open to anyone in the community: **Tues. 8:30 - 11 AM**

Women Together Outing on Saturday, Aug. 9

Explore JOCO with Pastor Laura. We'll start in Downtown Overland Park at Crafted Fair Trade where we'll learn about fair trade and sample some treats. Then we'll shop for a bit, eat lunch together and drive to

Leawood to get a private tour of Church of the Resurrection and their incredible stained glass window. We'll leave our church at 9 am and return around 4 pm. RSVP on Sign-Up Genius <https://bit.ly/4mWktVf>

Intergeneration Day of Service on Saturday, August 17

It's time to register for the upcoming Tri-Regional Partnership Intergenerational Day of Service on Saturday, August 16 from 10 am to 3:30 pm at Hillcrest Christian Church (Overland Park). Adults – \$10, Children/Youth – \$5 - Lunch included.

Service projects available for people of all ages/abilities. We are asking people from each Region to bring the following:

- GKC: Jelly, clean/empty pill bottles

Special Guest Preacher for closing worship is Rev. Terri Hord Owens, our General Minister and President of the CC(DOC)!

This Week @ FCC Smithville

Sunday, July 27

9:15 AM – Adult Sunday School (Upstairs)

10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 AM - Worship Service

3:30 PM – Boy Scouts (Basement)

Monday, July 28

9:30 AM – Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 AM – Writers Group (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, July 29

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM – Food Pantry (Basement)

6:00 PM - AA (Basement)

6:00 PM – Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)

Wednesday, July 30

9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM - Zoom Bible Study

Thursday, July 31

9:00 AM - Threads of Faith

6:00 PM - AA (Downstairs)

6:00 PM - Quilt Guild

Friday, August 1

9:30 AM – Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

12:00 PM – Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)

Sunday, August 3

9:15 AM – Adult Sunday School (Upstairs)

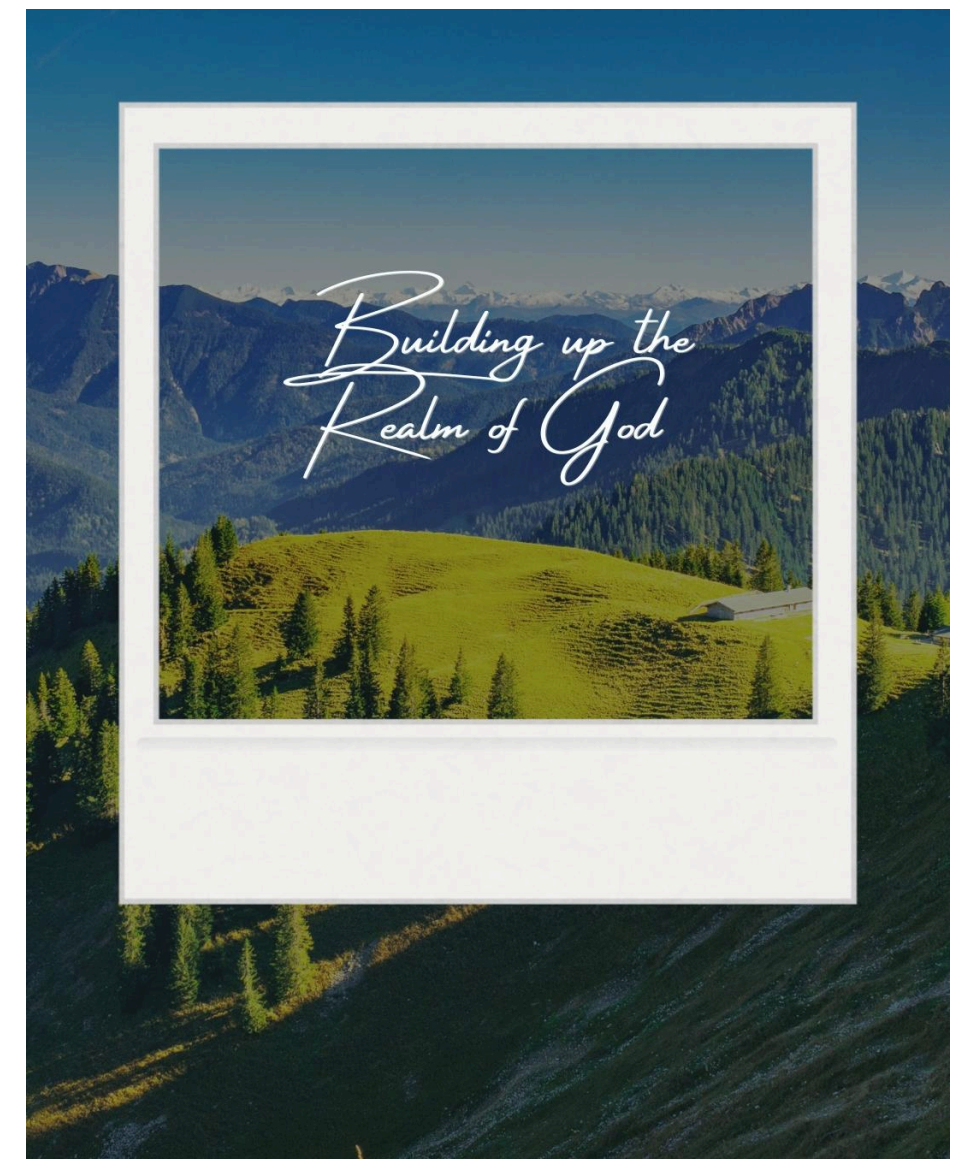
10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)

10:30 AM - Worship Service

2:30 PM - Boy Scout Committee Meeting

3:30 PM – Boy Scouts (Basement)

Please check the church calendar online for the most up-to-date information www.smithvillefirstchristian.org



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10:30 AM Worship

Worship Live-Stream found at:

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