

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

www.smithvillefirstchristian.org

September 7, 2025
9:15 am - Adult Sunday School
10:00 am - Coffee/Donuts Fellowship
10:30 am - Worship Service

Please sign 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 **Beckett Milne & Brinley Milne**
Greeting / Announcements Rev. Laura Guy
Call to Worship Stacey Sapp
God has given us such rich and wonderful gifts. Let us come to God joyfully, grateful for grace and fellowship, food and air, color and beauty. Teach us, O God, how to be generous, too. Tell us again the story of your grace, so that we may become a part of it.
*Hymn of Praise **These are the Days**
Pastoral Prayer Rev. Laura Guy
Silent Prayer
Lord's Prayer (Using "Debts")
*Gloria Patri **#36**
Children are dismissed for Worship and Wonder
Scripture **Acts 2:42-47** Stacey Sapp
Worship Hymn **#382 We Give Thee but Thine Own**
Sermon **"How It Started"** Rev. Laura Guy
Hymn of Response **#CP 152 We are an Offering**
Communion Meditation & Words of Institution Rev. Laura Guy
Communion Prayer Elder John Merritt
(Argel Merideth, Cheryl Merideth, Sue Boswell & Cheryl Lewis 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 John Merritt
Special Music **Heaven Came Down**
*Doxology **#46**
*Offering Prayer Elder John Merritt
*A Time of Invitation Rev. Laura 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 **#609 Take My Life vs. 1,4,6**
Benediction Rev. Laura Guy
Postlude Steven Cornwell

Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of
Duan Summers

PRAISE & PRAYER

<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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Acts 2:42-47 The Fellowship of the Believers

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS: SEPT. 8 - 13

Monday: Psalm 2; Jeremiah 18:12-23; 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Tuesday: Psalm 2; Jeremiah 19:1-15; 1 Timothy 4:6-16

Wednesday: Psalm 2; Jeremiah 20:1-18; Luke 18:18-30

Thursday: Psalm 14; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Timothy 1:1-11

Friday: Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:1-10; 2 Peter 2:1-10a

Saturday: Psalm 14; Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31; John 10:11-21

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, SEPT. 14, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy **Elder:** Jennifer Schoonover

Lay Leader: Susie Clower

Greeters: Barbara Arnold & Bob Arnold

Prep & Serve: Larson Viebrock & Jack Massie

Serve & Clean-up: Scott Schoonover & Barbara Millard

Prep: Suzanne Becker **Cash Counter:** Greg Atkins

Acolyte(s): Keaton Crosby & Case Crosby

Nursery: Janice Roberts **Laptop:** 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>.

Photos and/or videos from Smithville First Christian Church are used on social media, in broadcast of our services, and/or in promotion of events.

PRAISE & PRAYERS

🙏 Melinda Powell, Suzanne Becker's niece in Texas who has been diagnosed with brain and liver cancer.

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 🙏 Rick Bullock 🙏 Julie Hatcher 🙏 Melinda Powell

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Full List on our Website)

Food Pantry

Cream of mushroom soup and rice and pasta sides would be appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the church Mon. - Fri. 9 AM - 12 PM. The food pantry is open to anyone in the community: Tues. 8:30 - 11 AM.

Meet Pastor Laura

Pastor Laura has a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who didn't get to meet with her in the spring. Find a time that works for you, or let her know a better time for you to meet.

Women Together Outing: Saturday, Sept. 13 at 9 am

Our next Women Together outing is a time travel tour to the fabulous Nicol House, built in the 1960s. We'll leave the church at 9 am.

Ice Cream Social: Sunday, Sept. 14

Join us Sunday, September 14th following the Worship Service. We'll celebrate our Commitment Sunday with some sundaes! After worship, we'll serve hot dogs and have a sundae bar with all the toppings.

Women's Bible Study: Monday, Sept. 22 at 6 pm

We are launching a new Women's Bible Study that will meet on Monday nights at 6 pm (whenever there isn't a Board Meeting). Sheila Gerling and Jonica Merritt will be the facilitators, and the group will use a book and DVD curriculum called "Trustworthy", based on 1 & 2 Kings. The first meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 22 at 6 pm, and Jonica will provide meatballs and dessert. The study will end on Nov. 10, and the group will decide on a new book they want to study in the new year.

The Tall Oaks Gala

The Tall Oaks Gala is the biggest fundraiser of the year to support our church camp. Make plans now to attend this year's Gala on Friday, Nov. 14 at 5 pm at Tall Oaks. <https://givebutter.com/c/TOgala2025>

Church of the Resurrection Tour

Saturday, Oct. 11th at 2 pm at the Leawood Campus of Church of the Resurrection. We can carpool from church at 1 pm, and we'll return around 4 pm. The Sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

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THIS WEEK @ FCC Smithville

Sunday, Sept 7

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)

Monday, Sept 8

9:30 AM – Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 AM – Writers Group (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, Sept 9

8:30 AM - 11:00 AM – Food Pantry (Basement)
6:00 PM - AA (Basement)
6:00 PM – Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)

Wednesday, Sept 10

9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM - Zoom Bible Study

Thursday, Sept 11

9:00 AM - Threads of Faith
5:30 PM - Girl Scouts Unit 3398
6:00 PM - AA (Downstairs)

Friday, Sept 12

9:30 AM – Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
12:00 PM – Al-Anon (Upstairs Classroom)

Saturday, Sept 13

4:00 PM - Al-Anon Event (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, Sept 14

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10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 AM - Worship Service
12:30 PM - Ice Cream Social
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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September 7th, 2025
10:30 AM Worship

Worship Live-Stream found at:
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