

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI
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September 28, 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	Based on Ephesians 3:18-19	Cheryl Merideth
<i>Can you measure the love of God? No matter how long your tape measure, God's love would be longer! No matter how deep you drill, God's love would be deeper! It's tougher than titanium and softer than a feather, more electric than lightning, more vast than the universe. It's way more than we can possibly get our heads around, but it fills our hearts – we can feel it! It fills our lives – we can enjoy it! The love of God is the most amazing, the most powerful, the most abundant, the most intimate, the most lovely thing and it is a gift to you.</i>		
*Hymn of Praise	#190 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus	
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Laura Guy
Silent Prayer		
Lord's Prayer		(Using "Debts")
*Gloria Patri		#36
Noisy Offering		
Scripture	Numbers 22:21-38	Cheryl Merideth
Worship Hymn		You Say
Sermon	"The Wise Donkey"	Rev. Laura Guy
Hymn of Response	#393 One Bread, One Body	
Communion Meditation & Words of Institution		Rev. Laura Guy
Communion Prayer		Elder John Merritt

(Linda Neer, Kathy Hamilton, Linda Prout & Belinda Miller 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	My Lord, What a Morning
*Doxology	#46
*Offering Prayer	Elder John Merritt
*A Time of Invitation	Rev. Laura Guy
<i>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.</i>	
*Hymn of Sending	#113 Jesus Loves Me
Benediction	Rev. Laura Guy
Postlude	Steven Cornwell

Our Memorial Book is open today in memory of
Wilbur Craig

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

<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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Numbers 22:21-38 - Balaam's Donkey

Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey and went with the Moabite officials. But God was very angry when he went, and the angel of the Lord stood in the road to oppose him. Balaam was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with a drawn sword in his hand, it turned off the road into a field. Balaam beat it to get it back on the road.

Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path through the vineyards, with walls on both sides. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it pressed close to the wall, crushing Balaam's foot against it. So he beat the donkey again.

Then the angel of the Lord moved on ahead and stood in a narrow place where there was no room to turn, either to the right or to the left. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it lay down under Balaam, and he was angry and beat it with his staff. Then the Lord opened the donkey's mouth, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?"

Balaam answered the donkey, "You have made a fool of me! If only I had a sword in my hand, I would kill you right now."

The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your own donkey, which you have always ridden, to this day? Have I been in the habit of doing this to you?"

"No," he said.

Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell facedown.

The angel of the Lord asked him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I have come here to oppose you because your path is a reckless one before me. The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away, I would certainly have killed you by now, but I would have spared it."

Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, "I have sinned. I did not realize you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now if you are displeased, I will go back."

The angel of the Lord said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you." So Balaam went with Balak's officials.

When Balak heard that Balaam was coming, he went out to meet him at the Moabite town on the Arnon border, at the edge of his territory. Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not send you an urgent summons? Why didn't you come to me? Am I really not able to reward you?"

"Well, I have come to you now," Balaam replied. "But I can't say whatever I please. I must speak only what God puts in my mouth."

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS: SEPT. 29 - Oct. 4

Monday: Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:16-35; Revelation 3:14-22

Tuesday: Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 32:36-44; James 5:1-6

Wednesday: Psalm 119:49-56; Jeremiah 33:1-13; Matthew 19:16-22

Thursday: Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:1-11; Revelation 2:8-11

Friday: Lamentations 3:19-26; Jeremiah 52:12-30; Revelation 2:12-29

Saturday: Lamentations 3:19-26; Lamentations 1:7-15; Matthew 20:29-34

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, OCT. 5, 2025

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

Lay Leader: Kathy Hamilton **Greeters:** Jonica & John Merritt

Prep & Serve: Sue Boswell & Becky Crosby

Serve & Clean-up: Cheryl & Argel Merideth

Cash Counter: Susie Clower

Acolyte(s): Keaton Crosby & Case Crosby

Nursery: Joyce French **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>.

PRAISE & PRAYERS

Prayer Requests

🙏 Pray for our deployed military and their families.

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.

Women's Craft Day: October 5

Women Together Autumn Craft Day is Sunday, Oct. 5th, after worship (11:45 - 2 pm). Meagan Jacoby will lead us in making fall-themed candle holders using dried leaves and flowers. Bring a jar or glass vase and a light lunch item to share - sandwiches or a salad.

Youth Activity: October 5

We're having a combined Youth Activity with Smithville United Methodist Church for 5th - 12th Grade Students on Sunday, October 5th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm at the Methodist Church. We will put together games for the 5th Quarter. Bring a friend!

Church of the Resurrection Tour: October 11

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.

Haunted Campground (Campsite 32): October 18

Candy donations requested by Sun. Oct. 12th. Join us at the Haunted Campground, Sat. Oct. 18th from 3:30 - 6:30 pm. All Students 5th - 12th Grade are welcome! Wear your costume and come pass out candy, Little Jesus figures, and church information at the Viebrock Families Campsite. Arrive at 3 pm - park at Grace Church and walk over to the campground to avoid traffic and parking issues or carpool.

5th Quarter Event Volunteers: October 24

We are helping with the 5th Quarter on Oct. 24th from 8-11 pm. We need volunteers to help run the games that are planned for the students following the football game. Contact Angie Viebrock to sign up.

Bingo Night: October 26

Bingo Night will be Oct. 26th at 6 pm, and we need Bingo prizes for all ages. Donations needed by the morning of Oct. 26th

The Tall Oaks Gala: November 14

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>

THIS WEEK @ SFCC

Sunday, Sept 28

9:15 AM – Adult Sunday School (Upstairs)

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

10:30 AM - All Ages Worship Service

3:30 PM – Boy Scouts (Basement)

Monday, Sept 29

9:30 AM – Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

11:00 AM – Writers Group (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM - Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, Sept 30

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

6:00 PM - AA (Basement)

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

Wednesday, Oct 1

9:30 AM - Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM - Zoom Bible Study

Thursday, Oct 2

9:00 AM - Threads of Faith

6:00 PM - AA (Downstairs)

Friday, Oct 3

9:30 AM – Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

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

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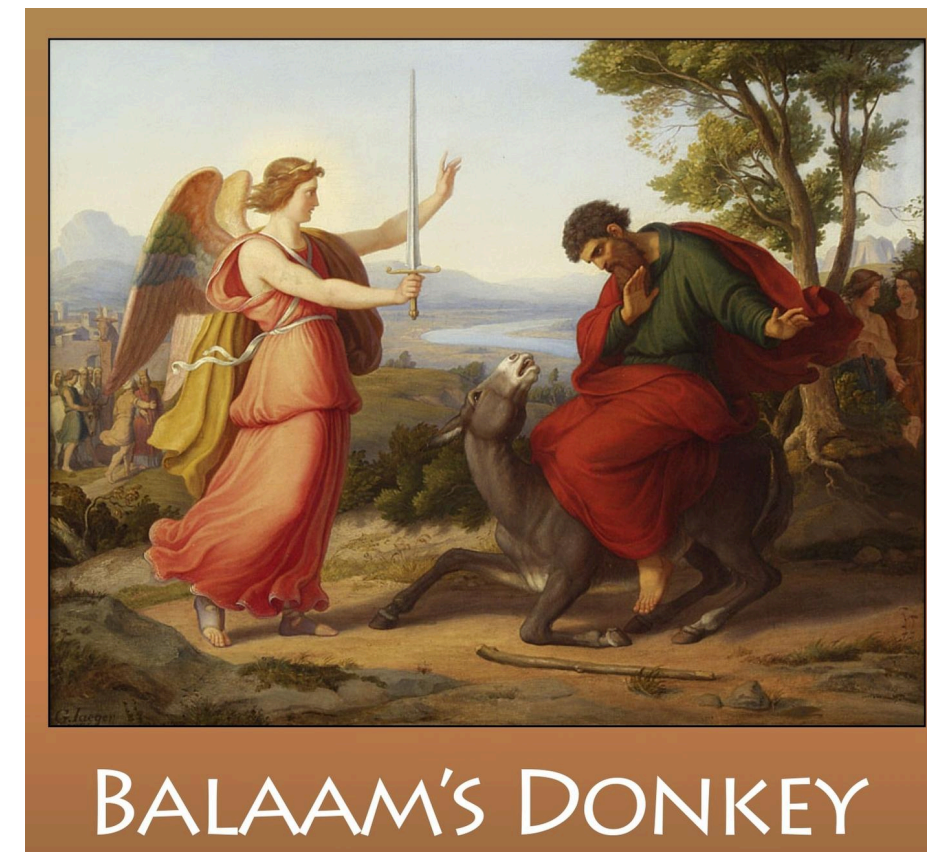
10:00 AM - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)

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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