



THE CURRENT WEEKLY

April 7th - April 13th, 2025

Smithville First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR



Hospitality Task Force: I am looking for volunteers who would be willing to serve on a Hospitality Task Force for the next 6-8 months. We will likely meet monthly and look at everything from how someone initially hears about our church to their experience as a guest, how we do follow up, and how to help them explore membership and baptism. We will need a good cross-section of people from long-timers to more recent members who still remember their first experiences. We will identify best practices in other churches, and implement small changes as we go.

Larger changes will be made as recommendations to the Board. Are you ready to make our church as welcoming as we can be? If so, please [fill out this form](#) to let me know you're interested!

Have a great week,

Laura

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Cell: 913.515.3720

Watch April 6th Service: <https://www.facebook.com/smithvillefcc/videos/1234252338265805>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NEW Office Hours:

Since much of the work in the office needs to happen earlier in the week - the newsletter, check requests, payroll, etc. - we are extending the hours that Jennifer Carr works on Mondays - Thursdays and closing the office on Fridays. So the new office schedule will look like this

Monday - Thursday - 8:00 am-12:00 pm, (lunch break), 12:30 pm-4:00 pm. Friday - Closed



Easter Choir:

We are putting together a Choir to perform on Easter and need your help!

If you are interested, call, text or email Steven Cornwell (Music Director).

Phone: (785)356-1029 Email: Cornwell313@gmail.com



NEW Praise & Prayer Request Form:

We are working to streamline the process for submitting prayer requests. We want to make sure that every request is prayed over as soon as possible. There is a new form on the website where you can fill out a request for prayer for yourself or someone else. Going forward, we will keep the requests on the Prayer List for a week unless you specify otherwise. Thank you for your help in keeping us informed of the needs in our community! Here is the [link to the new form](#).



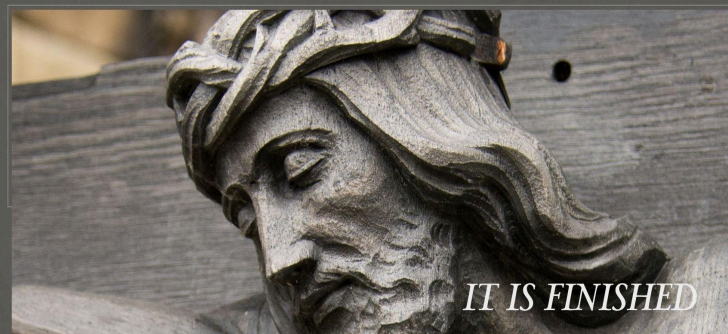
Get to Know Pastor Laura:

If you haven't already, please set up time in March to meet Pastor Laura Guy! Here is a [Calendly link](#) where you can sign up for a time that works for you.

If there aren't any appointments that work with your schedule, please email her at laura.guy@smithvillefirstchristian.org and let her know when you are available.

LENTEN EVENTS

Good Friday Service



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
APRIL 18, 7 PM

Easter Sunday



Join us on Easter Sunday at 9am for Potluck Breakfast.

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am

Worship at 10:30am

Hopefully, we'll be able to take an all-church photo on the front steps right after worship.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Easter Egg Hunt Candy Donations:



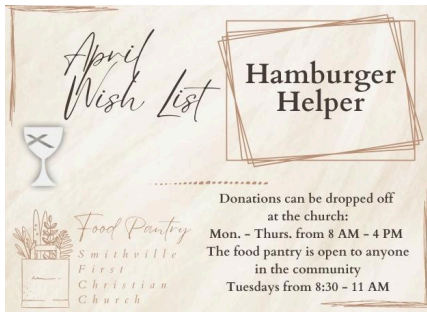
THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for **all** the candy donations!!

Yard Work Day:



April Food Pantry:



For April, the Food Pantry is collecting Hamburger Helper. Donations can be dropped off at the church:

Monday - Thursday from 8 AM - 4 PM

The food pantry is open to anyone in the community on

Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Weekly Coffee & Donut Fellowship:



Join us on Sundays at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship!

We look forward to seeing you there!

YOUTH NEWS

Scholarship Applications:



We are proud to announce that we will again offer both The First Christian Church Scholarship and the Margaret Wilson Miller and David Rader Miller Scholarship Funds (for undergraduate students only).

Applicants must be members of Smithville First Christian Church.

The First Christian Church Scholarship Application is available for applicants who have completed 24 college hours and graduated from high school one year ago. (2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale is required.) The

Margaret Wilson Miller and David Rader Miller First Christian Church Scholarship Fund Application is available for high school graduates.

Applications will be available in the church office and online starting Wednesday March 12th, 2025. If you have any questions or if you would like a printed copy, please call Jennifer (Church Office Administrator) at (816)532-0773 Monday thru Friday from 8am-2pm to arrange a time to pick up a printed Application.

- Completed scholarship applications are due in the church office by noon **Friday, May 2, 2025**.
- Applications may be submitted by mail, email, or in person Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 2:00 PM.
- Applications will not be accepted **after noon Friday, May 2, 2025**.

Scholarships will be awarded during church service on **Sunday, May 18, 2025**. Please be in attendance on that day. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 816-532-0773.

[Read More Information and Apply](#)

Tall Oaks Summer Camps

Summer camps are open for registration. Scholarship funds available for ALL of these camps and retreats.

Please apply here. <https://bit.ly/4jCQ7VZ> Register for camp with Early Bird Prices until May 9th.

<https://www.talloaks.org/doc-camps>

Click here for website--> [**ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE**](#)

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Worship Service Schedule for April 13th, 2025

Elder – Greg Atkins

Lay Leader - Jan Howard

Prep & Serve – Argel and Cheryl Merideth

Serve & Clean-up – Belinda Miller and Jonica Merritt

Greeter – Sue Lake and Marilyn Simrall

Cash Counter – Susie Clower

Acolyte(s) – Olivia Pendleton

Nursery – Suzanne Becker

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Nursery –

*If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and update the office by Thursday. The Volunteer List can be viewed online by scanning this QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/3CWjFO0>.

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Praise & Prayers: <https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>

Office Hours: *Monday thru Friday 8:00am-2:00pm

***NEW OFFICE HOURS START NEXT WEEK!**

Beginning the week of April 7th, the office hours will be:

Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed for lunch 12:00-12:30)

Closed on Fridays

Office Administrator: Jennifer Carr