



First Christian Church

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THE CURRENT WEEKLY

August 24 - 30, 2025

A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura

I had so much fun preaching on the story of Jonah. It's a story filled with plot twists and humor, but also some really important lessons. I love discovering deeper layers of Bible stories that I learned as a kid. This is how the Bible continues to speak to us throughout our lives, always finding new ways to reach us and teach us.



Next Sunday begins our 3-week series on stewardship. I invite you to pray with me everyday as we go through this series. As I've mentioned in past newsletter articles, many congregations and pastors have ambivalence (or dread) about stewardship, but I don't feel that way about it. If there is something God wants to show me about how I can be a better steward, then I want to learn it! Please check your mail this week for a letter I've sent out to help prepare us for this series. And if, for some reason, you don't receive a letter from me this week, we'll have extras at church on Sunday. Or just send me an email, and I'll get you the letter.

We'll bring our pledge cards as an offering to God in worship on Sept. 14 (or drop yours off anytime before then), and then we'll celebrate with an old fashioned ice cream social after worship. We'll provide a hot dog lunch, and you can create an ice cream masterpiece at the sundae bar. This meal will replace our usual monthly potluck, but you don't need to bring anything except your appetite!



Lastly, when I first arrived here at Smithville First Christian, I tried to meet with as many of you as possible. I had some great conversations, and I got to know many of you on a deeper level than just a handshake on Sunday morning. But some of you weren't able to find a time that worked for us to meet in the spring, so I'd like to offer another round of 30-minute conversations for anyone who wasn't able to meet with me previously. I'll have a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for times I am available, and you can sign up for whatever time will work for you. I'm looking forward to getting to know you better!

Have a great week!


Pastor Laura

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announcements & EVENTS



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Smithville



**the big GOLF
ADVENTURE**

**JESUS
PEOPLE
YOUTH EVENT**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2005
6:30 - 7:30 PM**

RSVP TO
STACEYSAPP2004@GMAIL.COM
NO LATER THAN
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

T-SHOTZ GOLF, 660 NW METRO N DR, KANSAS CITY, MO 64155

The Big Golf Adventure: Youth Event

On **Tuesday, September 9 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM** we'll have a Jesus People - Youth Event at T-Shotz Golf, 660 NW Metro N Dr, Kansas City, MO 64155. Please RSVP to staceysapp2004@gmail.com no later than Thursday, September 4th.

Women Together Outing: Sat., Sept. 13

Our next Women Together outing is a time travel tour to the fabulous Nicol House, built in the 1960s, and featured in the New York Times in 2013. We'll leave the church at **9 am on Saturday, Sept. 13**, get a private tour of the house from the owner (Cheryl Parks Hill's brother) and then get lunch at a nearby restaurant. Don't miss this groovy adventure!



**Ice Cream
Social**

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.

Sunday Everyone is
Sept. 14 welcome!

Smithville First Christian Church

Ice Cream

Social: Sun., 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.

The Tall Oaks Gala

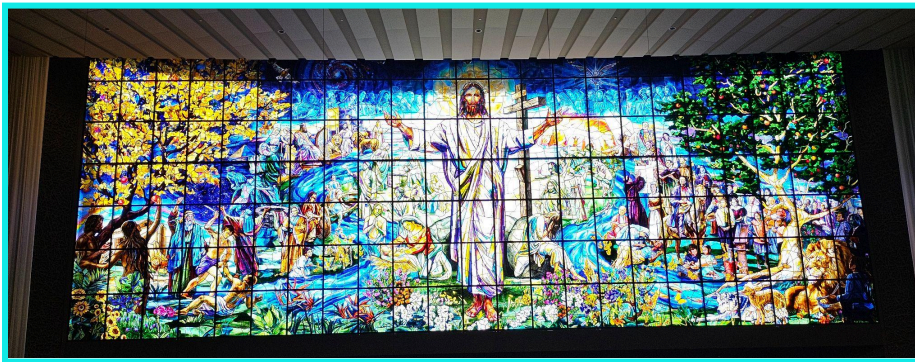
The Tall Oaks Gala is the biggest fundraiser of the year to support our church camp. Make plans now to attend this year's Gala on Friday, Nov. 14 at 5 pm at Tall Oaks.

<https://givebutter.com/c/TOgala2025>



Church of the Resurrection Tour

Our first tour of the sanctuary at Church of the Resurrection was such a big hit that we've scheduled another one! The tour will be **Saturday, Oct. 11th at 2 pm** at the Leawood Campus of Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe Ave, Leawood, KS 66224. Don't miss this opportunity to see a sanctuary and stained glass window that were built to be a destination hundreds of years from now. We can carpool from church at 1 pm, and we'll return around 4 pm. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

time



talent



treasure

Northland NetWORKS for Good

A new community organizing group is forming called Northland Networks for Good. Anyone interested may attend their free training event on Sept. 5 & 6 at Turning Point, 1900 NE Englewood Rd, Gladstone, MO 64118.

- Friday, Sept 5: 6-8:45 pm, Dinner and Program
- Saturday, Sept 6: 8:30-11:30 am, Brunch and Training

Join us for a two-day hands-on workshop led by Paul Turner,



Regional Supervisor with the South and West Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) and former Lead Organizer of AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy). Paul brings decades of experience helping communities organize for real, lasting change. He will guide NNG through organizing a group of founding member institutions who are ready to launch a grassroots movement rooted in justice, equity and collective power. All costs covered by Northland NetWORKS for Good. [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



SEPTEMBER Food Pantry

Cream of mushroom soup and rice and pasta sides would be appreciated. Donations can be dropped off **Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 12 PM**. The food pantry is open to anyone in the community on **Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM**.



Weekly Coffee & Donut Fellowship

Join us each Sunday at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship!
We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!



Watch the August 10 Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1GXHjAtPwJ/>

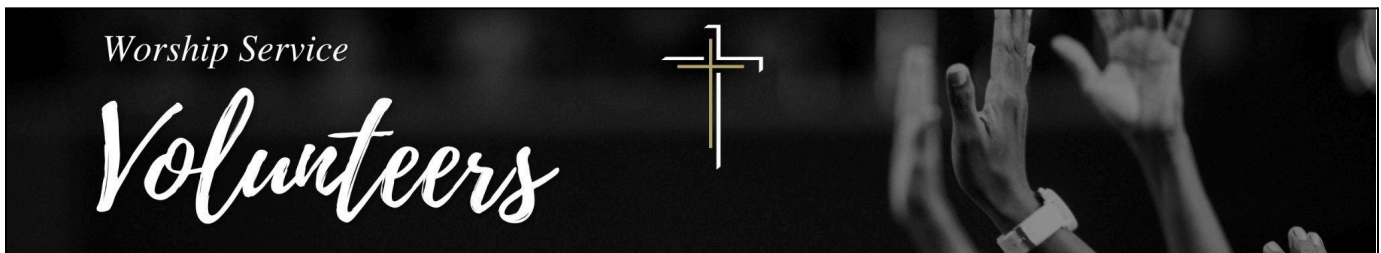
Click here for website--> [**ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE**](#)



Please submit any prayer or praises - new or continuing concerns - through the Prayer Request Form. If you'd like a public prayer to be in the Sunday bulletin, make sure to send by the end of the day on Wednesdays. Handwritten prayers put in the prayer box at the back sanctuary by the office will be checked weekly and added. Thank you for praying with us for the needs in our community!

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Matthew 7:7 NIV



Worship Service Schedule for August 31, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy
Elder: Greg Atkins
Lay Leader: Becky Crosby
Greeters: Shirley Curtis-Klein & Kathy Hamilton
Prep & Serve: Linda Prout & Susie Clower

Serve & Clean-up: Linda Neer & Kathy Hamilton
Cash Counter: Janice Roberts
Acolyte(s): Keaton Crosby & Case Crosby
Nursery: Suzanne Becker
Laptop: John Merritt

Worship Service Schedule for September 7, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy
Elder: John Merritt
Lay Leader: Stacey Sapp
Greeters: Les Neer & Linda Neer
Prep & Serve: Argel Merideth & Cheryl Merideth

Serve & Clean-up: Sue Boswell & Cheryl Lewis
Cash Counter: Susie Clower
Acolyte(s): Beckett Milne & Brinley Milne
Nursery: Joyce French
Laptop: Johnny Viebrock



*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>.

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To submit a Prayer Request: <https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>

Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday: 9 am - Noon

Saturday/Sunday: Office is Closed

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