



First Christian Church

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST | SMITHVILLE

**THE CURRENT WEEKLY**

**August 3 - 9, 2025**

*Baptism*



“WHOEVER BELIEVES AND IS  
BAPTIZED WILL BE SAVED”

MARK 16:16

Last night we had a baptism service out at Tall Oaks and two of our youth - Chloe Easton and Megan DeLapiedra - were baptized. Both Pastor Laura and Pastor Lara (Blackwood Pickrel) did the baptisms. Pastor Lara said a prayer for Megan before her baptism, and Johnny Viebrock said a prayer for Chloe before her baptism. Several Smithville folks came out for support. It was a wonderful night of celebrating the decision that these young women made to follow Jesus.



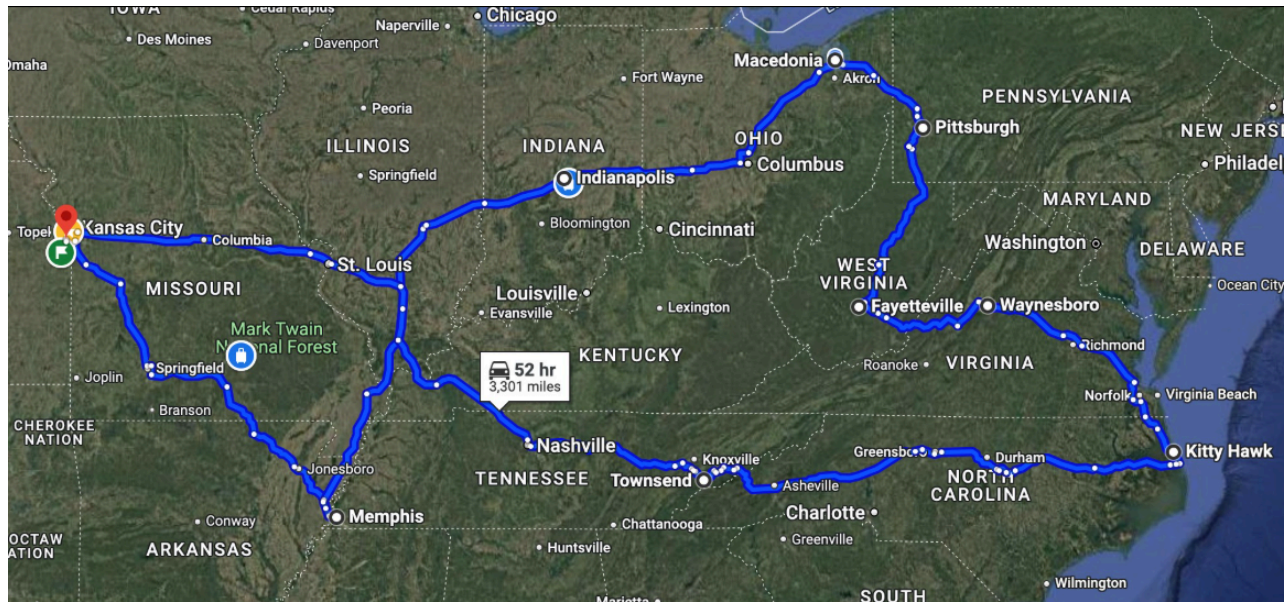
# A NOTE FROM

## *Pastor Laura*

It's so good to be back with you! I had a wonderful time attending the General Assembly in Memphis and then taking a vacation with Clif, but it's always good to come back home and see familiar faces again. I'm so grateful for the wonderful preachers you were able to hear while I was gone.

If you're curious about where I went on my vacation, Clif made a map (and figured out the statistics). From the time we left home:

- 21 days
- 4022 miles
- 13 states
- 4 national parks
- 4 museums
- Northernmost latitude: 41.5 N (Cleveland)
- Southernmost latitude: 35.1 N (Memphis)
- Easternmost longitude: 75.5 W (Rodanthe, NC, Outer Banks)
- Westernmost longitude: Home!



We've been trying to see as many National Parks as we can, so we were happy to check off 4 new ones on this trip. We aren't campers, but we stay in local motels and take a cooler with us for lunch and breakfast meals. And then we just explore whatever looks most interesting! Of course, the natural beauty of the parks was breathtaking, but when people ask what my favorite thing was from our vacation, I have to give my honest answer - seeing the original Mister Rogers puppets at the Fred Rogers Institute in Latrobe, PA. I grew up watching Mister Rogers, and my kids and grandkids have been introduced to him as well. He represents to me everything that is good and peaceful and beautiful (you might know that he was an ordained Presbyterian minister), and being in the presence of Daniel Striped Tiger - and the other friends from the Neighborhood of Make Believe - was a holy moment for me.



We have three more weeks in the book of Jonah, so you have plenty of time to read it if you haven't yet!

Have a great week!

Pastor Laura

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## Watch Last Sunday's Service



Watch the August 3 Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/16ivm4nxqt/>

# announcements & EVENTS

**First Christian Church  
Smithville**



**Smithville First Christian Church  
Softball Team**

Come support our church softball team at their remaining games. All games are played in downtown Smithville at beautiful Heritage Park.

SMITHVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

### softball

Come support the church softball team at their games! Below is their remaining schedule. All games are played at Heritage Park.

Date	Time (PM)	Against	Location
8/11/2025	7:30	Grace 2	Field 1
8/18/2025	7:30	Vineyard	Field 2
8/25/2025	7:30	Grace 1	Field 2

**Women Together Outing on Saturday, Aug. 9**

Explore JOCO with Laura, Saturday, August 9th. Spend a day in Pastor Laura's neighborhood. 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. **Please email Pastor Laura if you haven't signed up yet and want to go.**



**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

time  talent  treasure

**Intergenerational Day of Service, Aug. 16**

It's time to register for the upcoming Tri-Regional Partnership Intergenerational Day of Service - Saturday, August 16, 10 am to 3:30 pm 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
- Kansas: Peanut butter, travel soaps (bar or liquid)
- Nebraska: Toilet paper, zipper bags (quart)

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

<https://christianchurchinkansas.regfox.com/tri-regional-event>

**SUPPLIES NEEDED**

for our:  
**Intergenerational Day of Service**  
August 16th - 10 am to 3:30 pm

 Tri-Regional Partnership  
Christian Church in Greater Kansas City  
Kansas  
Nebraska

**Bring/Collect Items for Our Service Projects:**

**Kansas Region:** peanut butter, travel soaps (bar or liquid)

**Nebraska Region:** toilet paper, zipper bags (quart)

**Greater KC Region:** jelly, clean/empty pill bottles



Event Will Take Place At:  
Hillcrest Christian Church  
11411 Quivira Rd  
Overland Park, KS 66210

Scan this QR Code to register for the event!



*August Wish List*


NON-CANNED ITEMS FOR THE BLESSING BOX

- Ramen noodles
- Hamburger Helper
- Pasta & Rice sides
- Mac & Cheese
- Cereal
- Instant mashed potatoes

Donations can be dropped off at the church:  
Mon. - Thurs. from 8 AM - 12 PM

The food pantry is open to anyone in the community  
Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM

*Food Pantry*  
Smithville  
First  
Christian  
Church



**August Food Pantry**

Non-canned items for the Blessing Box like Ramen Noodles, Hamburger Helper, Pasta & Rice sides, Mac & Cheese, Cereal & Instant Mashed Potatoes, would be appreciated in August. Donations can be dropped off at the church: **Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 12 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 each Sunday at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship!

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!



## **Monthly Fellowship Dinner:**

Please join us on Sunday, August 17 after 10 am Worship Service for Fellowship Dinner! Please bring a dish to share.

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

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Please submit any prayer requests - new or continuing concerns - through the [Prayer Request Form](#) by the end of the day on **Wednesdays** for inclusion in Sunday's bulletin. Thank you for your help in keeping us informed of the needs in our community!

Worship Service

# Volunteers



**(Attention Greeters: We will need one Greeter at the East Entrance, and one Greeter at the West Entrance. Thank you!)**

## **Worship Service Schedule for August 10, 2025**

**Pulpit:** Laura Guy

**Elder:** John Merritt

**Lay Leader:** Gerry Carson

**Greeters:** Marilyn Simrall & Sue Lake

**Prep & Serve:** Sue Boswell & Barbara Millard

**Serve & Clean-up:** Cheryl Merideth & Jack Massie

**Cash Counter:** Susie Clower

**Acolyte(s):** Lincoln Viebrock & Kyla Kays

**Nursery:** Janice Roberts

**Laptop:** Johnny Viebrock

## **Worship Service Schedule for August 17, 2025**

**Pulpit:** Laura Guy

**Elder:** Susie Clower

**Lay Leader:** Cheryl Merideth

**Greeters:** Susie Clower & Janice Roberts

**Prep & Serve:** Scott Schoonover & Cheryl Lewis

**Serve & Clean-up:** Argel Merideth & Larson Viebrock

**Help Clean Up:** Janice R. & Marcia H.

**Cash Counter:** Greg Atkins

**Acolyte(s):** Beckett Milne & Brinley Milne

**Nursery:** Linda Neer

**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

**Phone: (816) 532-0773**