

# The Current Weekly

Feb 18th, 2026

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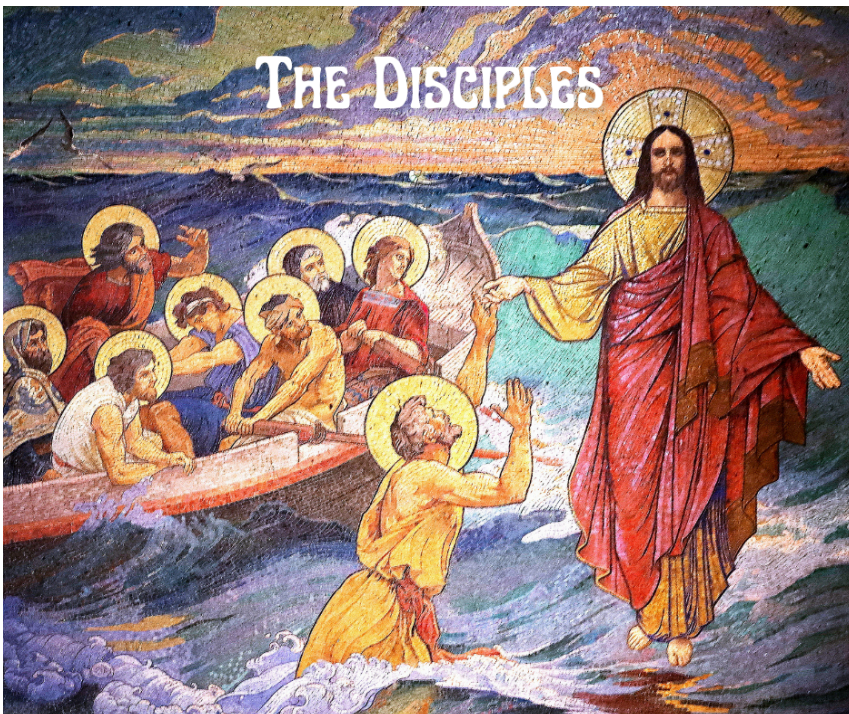
*Pastor Laura*



Dear Church,

If you were here for Lent last year, you might remember that we used a series based on the book *The Screwtape Letters* for our sermons, the *Bread & Broth* conversations and the devotional booklet. It was all very thematic!

This year, there is no central theme during Lent, but instead there are three different ways you can engage and grow during this season of reflection.



### #1

In worship, I will be doing a sermon series on the 12 Disciples, covering two of them each Sunday. As we learn more about who these people were and why they followed Jesus, we can discover how to become better disciples ourselves. We'll begin this series on Sunday with the brothers Simon and Andrew.

## #2

In Bread & Broth, we're going to be looking at various topics around Death and the Afterlife during our adult study time on Wednesday nights. (The children and youth will have their own age-appropriate studies that will NOT be about death.) My hope is that this study helps us feel less anxious and more prepared and hopeful. We will have some guest speakers come share with us, so please look over the schedule and invite friends to any topic you think might interest them.

## Death and the Afterlife

Bread and Broth meal and study  
Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday: How thinking of our own mortality makes life more beautiful.

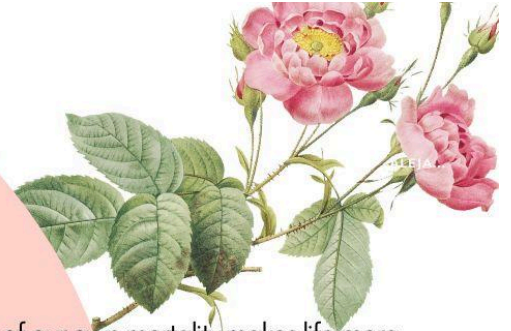
Feb. 25 - Heaven and Hell: What happens when we die?

March 4 - Kirby (Gould) Marks from Christian Church Foundation: How to prepare financially for when we're gone.

March 11 - Phil French: Near Death Experiences and what we can learn from them.

March 18 - Communicating our wishes to loved ones.

March 25 - Rev. Kristin Dow, Hospice Chaplain with Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care : What a hospice chaplain wants you to know.



## #3

Finally, we will also have a devotional booklet printed up and available on Wednesday night or email the office for a digital copy. The focus of the devotions will be on the songs of our faith. The Scriptures and reflections are connected to many songs we sing in worship. Steven will be incorporating many of those songs in our worship service, and all of the songs can be found on a [Spotify playlist](#) or simply searching on YouTube. In addition to the booklet, we will also have lyric sheets available for all the songs.

Whether you use one or all of these resources - or an additional one like the Secret Place devotional - I pray that Lent will be a season of growth for all of us.

**Pastor Laura**

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*p.s. My office hours vary each week depending on my schedule. I'm happy to meet with you, but ask that you make an appointment so I'm sure to be in the office.*

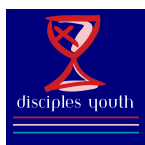


**Lent Season Begins Today:  
Wednesday, February 18th**

Lent is a season of forty days of contemplation, prayer and fasting beginning with Ash Wednesday and then going to Easter. This year we will again be doing a Bread & Broth meal and study on Wednesday nights at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to provide food. Children and Youth break out sessions available.

**Easter Lilies Due, Sunday, March 8th**

Order Your Easter Lilies now in honor or memory of a loved one. They cost \$13.75. Please fill out an order form with cash or check by March 8th and put it in the green envelope on the Welcome table in the Fellowship Hall or give to the office. Questions? Ask Susie Clower.



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MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL  
LENTEN STUDY

**SABBATH**



By the seventh day God had finished his work  
which he had done,  
*and he rested*  
on the seventh day from all his work.

Then God blessed the seventh day  
*and made it holy.*

GENESIS 2:2-3

**Please click here to take our YOUTH SURVEY 🥰**

**Calling All Children, Middle & High School Students Lent Studies & Survey**

Join us during Bread and Broth Wednesdays at 5:30 pm as we explore our Faith. Together, teens will spend 40 days learning how to STOP, REST, DELIGHT, and WORSHIP in God. Study led by Cara Massie & Jonica Merritt

Children in Elementary grades will learn about Jesus' Miracles and the Disciples with Polly McCann. *"Hello. I'm excited to start the youth and children's leader position at SFCC. Would you please fill out our survey as we chose two youth events per month to plan for our students."* Warmly, Polly



**Ramadan Presentation & Dinner**  
with the Dialogue Institute of KC

Sunday, Mar 15th  
6:30 pm

The community is invited!  
RSVP  
816.532.0773

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**Ramadan Friendship Meal: March 15th 6:30 pm**

Save the Date - Our Turkish friends from the Dialogue Institute will be at SFCC to give a presentation about Ramadan, and then they will break their fast by sharing a traditional Turkish meal with us. Regional congregations are invited to join us. Sign up in the fellowship hall.

**Donate Candy to Easter Egg Hunt by March 25th**

While we will be a gold ticket sponsor for the Smithville Chamber of Commerce Egg Hunt the Saturday before, we will be filling eggs for our own Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday before church service at 10 am. Please donate candy by giving wrapped candy or child safe egg-size prizes. Candy can be placed on the Puzzle Table in the Fellowship Hall in the marked box or in the Church Office.



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**EASTER EGG HUNT**

5TH APRIL | 10:00

SMITHVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN  
RIGHT BEFORE CHURCH!



**Considering Baptism?**

**Thinking About Getting Baptized? How about Sunday April 5th?**

Easter is the perfect day to enter the waters of new life! If you have not been baptized but you've been thinking about it, contact Pastor Laura to answer your questions. Easter is a perfect day to get baptized.



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Watch Last Sunday's Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1GLnvYw9s6/>



Submit prayer requests in person handwritten in our prayer box at the back of the sanctuary by the office AND you can also share prayers or praises through the [Prayer Request Form](#) online. Want your prayer to be in a Sunday bulletin? Make sure to send it to us through our online form or email the office by Wednesday before. Let's all pray for each other and for the needs in our community together. Where two or three are gathered, God is there! To share a Prayer Concern: <https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>.

### Feb 22th, 2025 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Pulpit:** Rev. Laura Guy  
**Elder:** John Merritt  
**Lay Leader:** Susie Clower  
**Greeters:** Judy Clough, Mac Clough  
**Prep & Serve:** Lind Prout & Cathy Hamilton

**Serve & Clean-up:** Diane & Earl Soetaert  
**Cash Counter:** Janice Roberts  
**Acolyte(s):** Kayla Kays & Lincoln Viebrock  
Nursery: Jonica Merritt

### March 1st, 2025 WORSHIP

**Pulpit:** Rev. Laura Guy  
**Elder:** Angie Viebrock  
**Lay Leader:** Kathy Hamilton  
**Greeters:** Jonica & John Merritt  
**Prep & Serve:** Sandra & John Matthews

**Serve & Clean-up:** Linda Neer and Belinda Miller  
**Cash Counter:** Susie Clower  
**Acolyte(s):** Brinley & Beckett Milne  
**Nursery:** Meagan Jacoby

*\*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>.*

