

The Current Weekly

January 14th, 2026

A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura

Dear Church,

Thank you for all your kind words and prayers in the passing of my mother-in-law, Joann Guy. She was here for my Installation Service last May, and I'm so glad that she was able to meet some of you and see the beautiful sanctuary here. She was a pastor's wife for most of her adult life, and then after her husband passed away, she became my right-hand person when I started Living Water Christian Church. [Here is her obituary.](#)



Since the service is here in Kansas City, I am not traveling this week, and I will be in the pulpit on Sunday to talk about the baptism of Jesus. Sunday is also our potluck Fellowship Dinner after worship, and I look forward to sharing a wonderful meal with you.

Believe it or not, Lent is about a month away. I'm working on what we will do in worship and what we will do for Bread and Broth. I suggest you put these dates in your calendar so that you can participate in the Bread and Broth meal/study/worship on Wednesdays in Lent, as well as the Good Friday service.

Bread and Broth dates:

Wednesday, Feb. 18 (Ash Wednesday service will conclude the evening) - 5:30 - 7 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 25 - 5:30 - 7 pm

Wednesday, Mar 4 - 5:30 - 7 pm

Wednesday, Mar 11 - 5:30 - 7 pm

Wednesday, Mar 18 - 5:30 - 7 pm

Wednesday, Mar 25 - 5:30 - 7 pm

No Bread and Broth on Wednesday, Apr 1 because it's Holy Week. We will have a Good Friday service on Friday, Apr. 3 at 7 pm.

And, of course, a beautiful Easter worship service on Sunday, Apr. 5! We'll soon start asking for volunteers to bring in soups or breads on Wednesdays. Let's prepare to journey through Lent together.

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Laura

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Welcome to our new Audio Visual Tech Support, Tyrell Childress:

Tyrell has come to us from NW Missouri State University class of 2025 where he first majored in Public Relations but switched to Media because he loved sharing the experiences of people through video and photography. He has worked with groups like Big Brothers Big Sisters as well as being the current Creative Director of Marketing and Social Media for local restaurants. He is looking forward to working at SFCC this year helping us create our Youtube channel and sharing our worship service with online viewers. Thank you Tyrell, we are so blessed to have you with us!

Fellowship Dinner: Potluck Sunday, Jan 18th

Every month, usually the third Sunday of the month, the church hosts a potluck dinner after our morning service. Bring a dish, salad, dessert, or side to share. It's always great to see the large variety of dishes family and friends bring to share. Even better, it's great to get to know you or get reacquainted.



Fellowship Potluck
Sunday, Jan. 18
after worship

Bring a dish to share and enjoy a warm, hearty meal with friends.

CANDLE MAKING

Sunday, Feb. 8th after worship



Women's Event: Candlemaking: Sunday Feb 8th

Women of all ages are invited to make a poured candle as a fun craft project. Meagan Jacoby will bring the supplies and lead us in making our own unique candle. Please bring a medium glass container for an 8 oz candle. We also request a \$5 donation to cover the costs of the supplies (or \$10 if you want a larger candle). We'll share a potluck lunch before we start crafting together.

Church Cleanup Day: Sunday February 15th

Find your favorite lemon polish and duster and let's make the church sparkle for Lent and Easter! Sign up for the area you want to clean, and bring your own supplies from home.

SUNDAY, FEB 15
AFTER POTLUCK

Church Cleanup Day

- ✓ Sanctuary
- ✓ Fellowship Hall
- ✓ Entryways
- ✓ Bathrooms



B.Y.O.S.
Bring Your Own Supplies

Lent Season Begins: 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 Bread & Broth meal and study on Wednesday Nights at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Bread & Broth

coming soon....

Wednesdays 5:30 pm
during Lent



Coffee & Donut Fellowship
Every Sunday at 10 AM

Chat and chew, get to know new friends and old. Join us each Sunday at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship! What a sweet time together. Come hang out with us on Sunday before service.



January Food Pantry

"As we begin a new year, we want to thank everyone for your continued support of our food pantry. We wish everyone a healthy and happy 2026. Happy New Year!" The food pantry is open to anyone in the Smithville community on Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM. Contact Cheryl Parks Hill with questions or to volunteer.

Ramadan Friendship Meal:
March 15th 6:30 pm

Save the Date - Our Turkish friends from the Dialogue Institute will give a presentation about Ramadan, and then they will break their fast by sharing a traditional Turkish meal with us..





- BEES \$30
- CHICKS \$20
- WATER BUFFALO \$250
- HOPE BASKET (BUNNIES) \$50
- PIG \$120
- DUCKS \$20



Thanks to the kids in children's church for choosing how to spend our offering toward a donation to families with Heifer International....



Noisy Offering Proceeds

Thanks to the children in Children's Church for choosing how to spend our noisy offerings to help families with Heifer International. We raised almost \$500. They chose a water buffalo for its double benefit of a lower cost than a heifer and its friendliness as a family pet, as well as small animals for eggs, a basket of bunnies, and bees for honey!

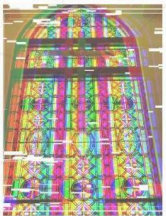
PRAISE & PRAYER requests



We've reopened the in person handwritten prayer box, however you can also share prayers or praises through the [Prayer Request Form](#) online. If you've shared prayer requests with an elder, but want your prayer to be in a Sunday bulletin, make sure to send it to us through our online form 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>.

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

2nd Corinthians 13:13, NIV



WATCH LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE

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

Watch Last Sunday's Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1ByC6kbQpo/>

Worship Service Schedule for January 18, 2025 WORSHIP

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: John Merritt
Lay Leader: Cheryl Merideth
Greeters: Shirley French, Denney French
Prep & Serve: Diane Earl Soetaert

Serve & Clean-up: Sandra & John Matthews
Cash Counter: Greg Atkins
Acolyte(s): Becket & Brinley Milne
Nursery: Jonica Merritt

Worship Service Schedule for January 25, 2025 WORSHIP

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: Jennifer Schoonover
Lay Leader: Susie Clower
Greeters: Glenda Cantwell, Carol Summers

Prep & Serve: Linda Neeer
Serve & Clean-up: Linda Prout
Cash Counter: Phil French
Acolyte(s): Keaton & Case Crosby
Nursery: Joyce French

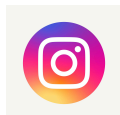
**If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and update the office by Wednesday at noon. The Volunteer List can be viewed online by scanning this QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/4ktjhGm>.*



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Monday -Thursday: 9 am - 1 pm

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