



THE CURRENT WEEKLY

July 13 - 19, 2025

Smithville First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura

Greetings from Memphis! I have been attending the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) since last Friday. This gathering happens every other year, and it's packed full of worship, workshops, business sessions and updates from all of our General Ministries. It's exciting and inspiring and (for this introvert) exhausting. I've been posting some updates on the church Facebook page if you want to know some of the things I'm doing. It's all good and all enriching, and I already have some ideas to explore when I get back with you. Here is a photo of some of the KC Disciples who are here with us (Clif and I are on the far right of the photo.)



So this first week I am gone from you is not part of my vacation time. This is a work-related trip to help keep us connected to the larger denomination and to learn all I can so I can be a better pastor and we can be a more effective church. In between sessions, I'm still answering work emails whenever I have down time.

On Wednesday, we leave Memphis and begin our actual vacation. We'll visit my daughter and son-in-law in Indy, then go to the Cleveland area to visit our first national park (on this trip), Cuyahoga Valley. From there, we'll spend some time in the Outer Banks (Kitty Hawk), and then make our way to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. I won't post on the church Facebook page about our vacation, but I will likely share some highlights when I'm back in the pulpit in August.

I'll be watching worship the next two Sundays to catch Youth Sunday and hear my brother-in-law Greg preach.

See you when I get back!

Pastor Laura

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Watch Last Sunday's Service



Watch the July 13 Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1BAB6tgp1f/>

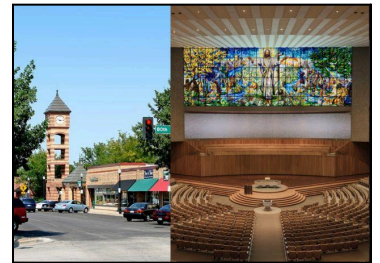
announcements & EVENTS

First Christian Church
Smithville



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. [RSVP on Sign-Up Genius](#)



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

time



talent



treasure

BACK TO SCHOOL
Backpack and Supply Drive



What is Needed

- Brand Name, Sturdy, Solid Color Backpacks
- Refillable Water Bottles
- Composition Notebooks - Wide Ruled
- Sharpened Pencils

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Bring to church by



Back to School Backpack & School Supply Drive

FULL SIZE BACKPACKS ARE NEEDED FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

The school suggests branded backpacks that are a solid color and sturdy, as kids carry them almost all day. Suggested Brands are Under Armour, Nike, and Adidas. Students also need:

- Refillable Water Bottles
- Composition Notebooks - Wide Ruled
- Sharpened Pencils

Please bring your donations to the church by **Sunday, August 3rd** where we will bless the supplies before giving them to the school.

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



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!



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)!

July Food Pantry:

Chunky Soup & Dry Beans would be appreciated in July. Donations can be dropped off at the church: **Monday - Thursday from 9 AM - 12 PM.** The food pantry is open to anyone in the community on **Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM.**



July Wish List

Chunky Soup
Dry Beans

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
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Food Pantry
Smithville
First Christian Church



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!




Sunday, July 20
after 10 am Worship Service
Please bring a dish to share

Fellowship DINNER

Monthly Fellowship Dinner:

Join us Sunday, July 20 after 10 AM Worship Service for a Fellowship Dinner! Please bring a dish to share.



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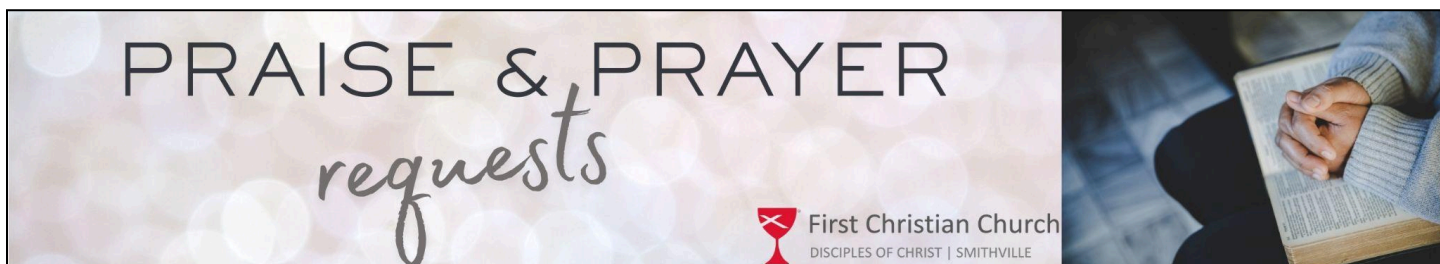
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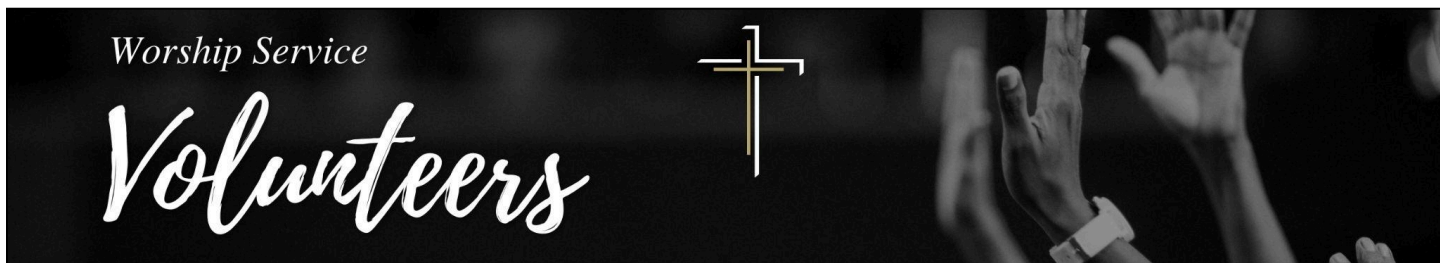
Tall Oaks Summer Camps <https://www.talloaks.org/doc-camps>

Summer camps are open for registration. **Scholarship funds available** for ALL of these camps and retreats. Please apply here. <https://bit.ly/4jCQ7VZ>

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



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 Schedule for July 20 , 2025

Pulpit - Youth

Elder – Jennifer Schoonover

Lay Leader - Jan Howard

***Greeters** – Glenda Cantwell & Donice Ratliff

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

Prep– Janice Roberts & Suzanne Becker

Prep & Serve - Cheryl Merideth & Jack Massie

Serve & Clean-up – Scott Schoonover & Cheryl Lewis

Cash Counter – Susie Clower

Acolyte(s) – Beckett Milne & Brinley Milne



Nursery – Suzanne Becker

Laptop Operator: John Merritt

*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>.

Worship Service Schedule for July 27, 2025

Pulpit: Greg Guy

Elder: Susie Clower

Lay Leader: Stacey Sapp

Greeters: Denney French & Shirley French

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

Prep: Suzanne Becker

Prep & Serve: John Matthews & Sandra Matthews

Serve & Clean-up: Marcia Hayes & Matthews

Cash Counter: Phil French

Acolyte(s): Keaton Cosby & Case Cosby

Nursery: Ruth Anne Porter

Laptop: John Merritt

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

Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday: 9 am - Noon

Friday/Saturday/Sunday: Office is Closed