



THE CURRENT WEEKLY

June 29th - July 5, 2025

Smithville First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura



Camp was both exhausting and exhilarating. I am left feeling very hopeful for the future of the Church. We have some great youth who care deeply about God and justice and compassion and service. I am very grateful for the week I spent with them.

I'm also grateful for the people who stepped in to help make worship happen here on Sunday! As a pastor, I've had many Sundays when the technology failed, but the people of God never fail to worship anyway. That's what happened here, and it was beautiful to see how it came together. I preached about being the Church, and then you demonstrated how to do it! Big thanks to Cara and our tech team!

I will be here in person on Sunday to preach the final sermon in our series on the Big 3 Questions - Why Does Smithville First Christian Church Matter? We're learning how to articulate the answers to important questions about our faith, and this answer will unlock doors to invite others to worship with us.

Then I will be attending the General Assembly for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Memphis on July 11-16. I hope to attend workshops, business sessions and worship that will inspire and equip me, and teach me what is going on in the denomination. After that, Clif and I will go on a road trip for a couple weeks to explore some of our National Parks. While I'm gone, you'll have some great guest preachers, and I know you'll give them the same appreciation you always give me.

One last (new!) thing - I've been talking to the Elders about leading Shepherding Groups here for several months, but we wanted to wait until the new Elders were in place. That time has come! Every active member of the church has been placed in a group and assigned an Elder. (Thank you to Cara for doing that work!) Your Shepherding Elder will contact you once a month to ask how they can be praying for you. You might get an email, a phone call or a text from your Elder. Please let them know if there is anything going on in your life for which you'd like prayer. It doesn't have to be a big thing - even small concerns need prayer. They will be praying for you throughout the month, and if they feel like your concern is something that I should know so I can pray, too, they'll ask for your permission to share it with me. The hope is that this will help us feel more connected and cared for by our church. Look for some kind of contact from your Elder in July.

Have a great week!

Pastor Laura

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Watch Last Sunday's Service



Watch the June 29th Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1729FrhesU/>

announcements & EVENTS

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OFFICE CLOSED FOR 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY

In observance of the 4th of July the church office will be closed, Friday, July 4th. Happy Independence Day!

Bingo Night Wednesday, July 2nd at 6 pm

We have wonderful prizes and plenty of snacks, so bring your friends to come play Bingo and have fun! We have prizes that kids of all ages will like - including candy, candles, beach towels, puzzles, toys, craft kits, and much more. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for anything.



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Contact Pat Burns for more information and to request your team t-shirt.



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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

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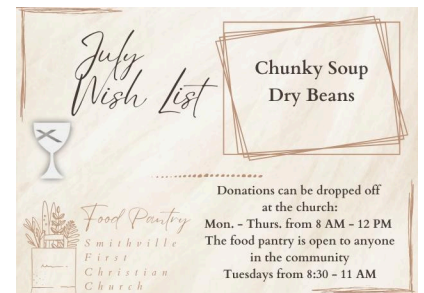
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July Food Pantry:

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.**



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!





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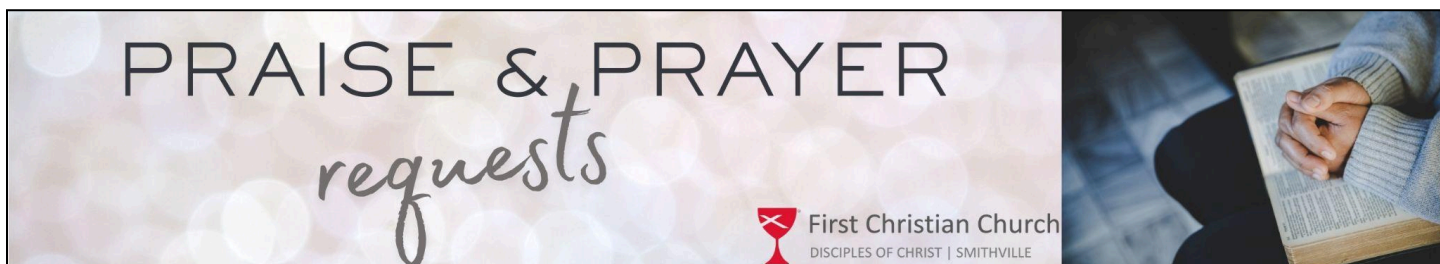
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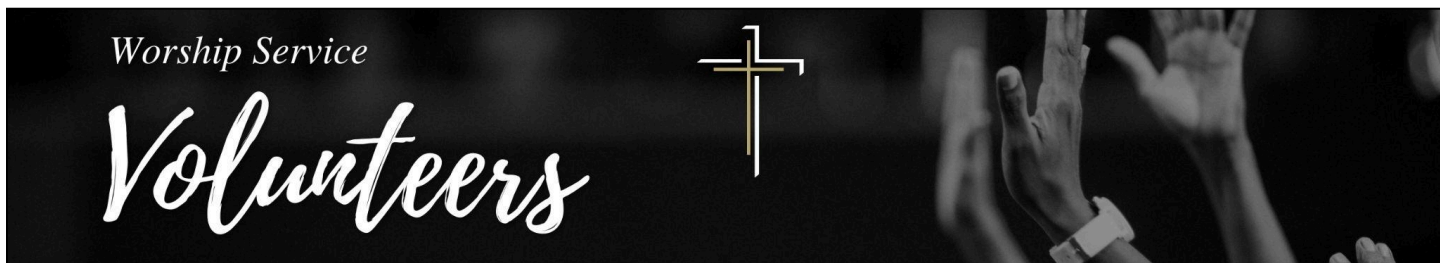
Tall Oaks Summer Camps <https://www.talloaks.org/doc-camps>

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 6 , 2025

Elder – Greg Atkins

Lay Leader - Cheryl Merideth

Prep & Serve – Linda Prout, Kathy Hamilton

Serve & Clean-up – Linda Neer & Belinda Miller

***Greeters** – Bob Arnold & Barbara Arnold

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

Cash Counter – Janice Roberts

Acolyte(s) – Keaton Crosby

Nursery – Janice Roberts

Laptop Operator: Johnny Viebrock

Worship Service Schedule for July 13, 2025

Pulpit: Johnny Viebrock

Elder: Susie Clower

Lay Leader: Kathy Hamilton

Prep: Suzanne Becker & Janice Roberts

Prep & Serve: Argel Merideth & Larson Viebrock

Serve & Clean-up: Sue Boswell & Barbara Millard

Greeters: Charles Porter & Ruth Anne Porter

Cash Counter: Phil French

Nursery: Linda Neer

Acolyte(s): Lincoln Viebrock & Kyla Kays

Laptop: John Merritt

*If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and update the office by Thursday. The Volunteer List can be viewed online by scanning this QR code or going to <http://bit.ly/4lq8rBG>.

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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