



THE CURRENT WEEKLY

June 15th - 21st, 2025

Smithville First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura

My next three sermons will cover three important questions that every Christian should be able to answer. The questions come from Adam Hamilton, pastor of Church of the Resurrection. He built the largest United Methodist church in the world by teaching his congregation to know and answer these questions:

1. Why do people need Jesus?
2. Why do people need the Church (any church)?
3. Why do people need our church?

Another way of asking these questions is:

1. Why does Jesus matter?
2. Why does going to church matter?
3. Why does Smithville First Christian Church matter?

Join us as we dig into these questions and hopefully find answers that help us share our faith with others.

3 BIG QUESTIONS

WHY DOES JESUS MATTER?

WHY DOES CHURCH MATTER?

WHY DOES SMITHVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MATTER?

**SERMON SERIES
JUNE 22 - JULY 6**

I was asked to be the keynote speaker at CYF (high school) camp next week. I was really honored to be asked, and since our church is focused on youth ministry, and several of our own youth are going, I said YES! I will give six half-hour keynote talks throughout the week, and then meet with small groups to talk about what they heard in the keynote. I'll also participate in activities and worship while I'm there. So I won't be in the office Tuesday or Wednesday next week, but I'll have my phone and computer at camp, and I'll work in the afternoons. However, since my final keynote will be on Sunday morning, June 29th, I won't be with you in person that morning. I will, however, make a video recording of my sermon ahead of time (answering the second question), and we'll hope that the technology doesn't let us down. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve this church, serve the youth and serve the wider region at camp next week. I appreciate your prayers that God would give me something to say and would speak through me.

Have a great week!

Pastor Laura

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Watch Last Sunday's Service



Watch the June 15th Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1A1CTJNTzx/>

announcements & EVENTS

First Christian Church
Smithville



Church Softball Team

Games played on
Monday evenings
beginning July 7th.
Anyone over the age of
14 is welcome to play!

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



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The church softball team is starting their season soon. Games played on Monday evenings beginning July 7th. Anyone over the age of 14 is welcome to play! Contact Pat Burns for more information and to request your team t-shirt.

Bingo Night: Wednesday, July 2

We'll have an all-ages Bingo Night on **Wednesday, July 2 at 6 pm.** Snacks and drinks are provided. If you'd like to donate any new or gently used items - or gift cards - for the prize table, please bring the items to church by **Sunday, June 29.** We hope to have plenty of prizes that appeal to kids, youth and adults. The youth will help set up the prize table.



Women Together Outing Saturday, June 28

Our second Women Together event will be Saturday, June 28th. We're taking a trip to Marceline, Missouri to visit the Walt Disney Hometown Museum and have lunch! We'll leave the church at 9 am! Please let us know if you can make it! [RSVP on Sign-Up Genius](#)

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

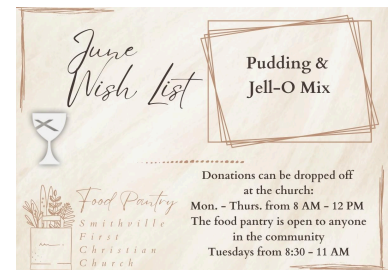


treasure

June Food Pantry:

Pudding and Jell-O Mix would be appreciated in June.


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.**





THE WARRIOR CLOSET

IN NEED OF GIRLS CLOTHES SIZES 3T - 14. WILL ALSO ACCEPT BOYS CLOTHING. BRING ITEMS TO CHURCH THROUGH JUNE, AND THEN WE WILL HAVE THEM PICKED UP SO THEY ARE READY FOR THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL SEASON.



The Warrior School Clothes Closet

The Warrior School Clothes Closet is in need of girls clothes from 3T - 14. Clothes can be gently used or new and should be clean. They are also accepting boys clothing in those sizes, but the biggest need is for girls clothes. You can bring items to church through June, and then we will have them picked up so they are ready for the back-to-school season.



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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youth news

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

Volunteers



Worship Service Schedule for June 22 , 2025

Elder – Jennifer Schoonover

Lay Leader - Stacey Sapp

Prep & Serve – Sandra Matthews & John Matthews

Serve & Clean-up –Scott Schoonover & Kathy Hamilton

***Greeters** – Carol Summers & Shirley Curtis-Klein

(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) – Lincoln Viebrock

Nursery – Joyce French

*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 <https://bit.ly/3CWjFO0>.

Worship Service Schedule for June 29, 2025

Elder – Greg Atkins

Lay Leader - Jan Howard

Prep & Serve – Argel Merideth & Cheryl Merideth

Serve & Clean-up –Belinda Miller & Kathy Hamilton

***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!)**

Cash Counter – Phil French

Acolyte(s) – Beckett & Brinley Milne

Nursery –Suzanne Becker

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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