



THE CURRENT WEEKLY

June 22nd - 28th, 2025

Smithville First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura

As I shared with you on Sunday, I will be out at Tall Oaks this week as the keynote speaker for the CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship) high school camp. It is a great honor to be asked, but also a little terrifying as I realize that I need to plan out 6 different 30-minute talks that will resonate with teenagers. I ask for your prayers that God gives me something to say!

I'll have my computer and phone with me, so feel free to reach out to me if you need anything. I have served at Tall Oaks camp in many volunteer capacities over the years - director, counselor, chaplain, even camper at Adult Camp. My first time counseling at Tall Oaks was over 40 years ago, so I'm definitely a seasoned camp person, but my ability to keep up with the campers has decreased with age! I have been on many retreats as well, with groups and personal prayer retreats. For my whole family, Tall Oaks is holy ground. My family donated money for the Resurrection Prayer Garden after my mother died (there is a plaque in the garden about that gift). My kids both had some of their most profound spiritual experiences there, and my daughter chose to get married there, in the chapel, two years ago. I can't wait until my grandkids are old enough to go to Grandparents Camp in a couple years!



I hope you're thinking about (and practicing) how you would answer the question, "Why does Jesus matter to me?" On Sunday, we'll look at some answers to the question, "Why does church matter?" More and more people are identifying as "spiritual but not religious," meaning that they might believe in God and Jesus, but they don't have any use for church or organized religion. How can we enter into that conversation in a meaningful way?

Have a great week!

Pastor Laura

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Watch Last Sunday's Service



Watch the June 22nd Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19PrwoY2kr/>

announcements & EVENTS

First Christian Church
Smithville



Welcome Polly McCann, our new Administrative Assistant! Polly begins as the new face and voice of our office this week. Her hours, and the office hours, will be Mon-Fri, 9-12. She brings a wealth of writing and administrative gifts, and she has been involved in the work of the Church throughout her life. If you're in the office, please stop by and welcome Polly!

Here is the bio she wrote to introduce herself: Polly Alice McCann moved back to the KC area from out east to be a part of the art scene here (her grandmother's family originally had a farm in the Gower area). She's lived in the northland since 2007. She spent over 10 years volunteering and doing church internships in her early career then spent the last 10 years as a full time artist and editor while starting and consulting on several art galleries. She enjoys teaching painting and illustrating books for kids. She has two kids in college and she likes gardening, cooking and making beaded jewelry in her free time.



Stacey Sapp joins the church!

Congratulations to Stacey Sapp, Smithville FCC Children's and Youth Director who made a public proclamation of faith and formally joined the church on Sunday, June 22nd.

Central Standard Evening of A Cappella June 27th

Steven would like to invite you all to the upcoming concert from his barbershop chorus, Central Standard. A top level men's acapella choir of about 45 members that has been invited to perform at national and international conventions. They'll be performing a selection of barbershop favorites, heartbreaking music theater ballads, and even the premiere of an arrangement by one of our members. Tickets are \$20 and are available at <https://centralstandard.net/tickets>. Steven has [assembled a playlist of past performances for your listening pleasure](#). He is looking forward to this show, and hopes several members of the congregation will come.



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](#)

Bingo Night: Wednesday, July 2

We have lots of prizes - now we need plenty of people to win them! Come to our 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 have plenty of prizes that will appeal to kids, youth and adults. A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.



Church Softball Team

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.

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](#)





JUNE FOOD PANTRY REPORT - CHERYL PARKS HILL

We have had a few new families this month and are happy we're able to serve them. We are continuing to serve between 30 and 35 families most weeks.

The basement had some water come in from the south door twice the end of May and first of June. Fortunately, we only lost empty boxes and no food was damaged. Thanks to the efforts of Rader Miller, it did not run down into the basement a third time as he worked to keep it out during the storm! We are hopeful we will be able to have the church tuck pointed, which should eliminate this problem. Thank you Rader and Phil French for your hard work keeping our building from being damaged and/or repairing issues caused by all the rain!

We continue to receive so many generous donations. Thank you Frank and Jane Bagley, John Armstrong, Jan Heath, John and Kathy Hamilton, Ashley Hall, Gary and Debi Luppert, Shirley and Denney French, Mikaela Stout, Barbara Krueger, Kent Bridges, Bill Swendson and Jan Howard, Kent Bridges, Mike and Mary Gordon, Paradise United Methodist Church, Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Little Platte Baptist Church, The Church of Good Shepherd, and all those who donated to our pantry this past month. We'd also like to thank CWF for their promotion of items we need each month!

Items we could use in July include:

Chunky Soup

Dry Beans

We really appreciate your support of our food pantry!



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.**





SMITHVILLE
School District

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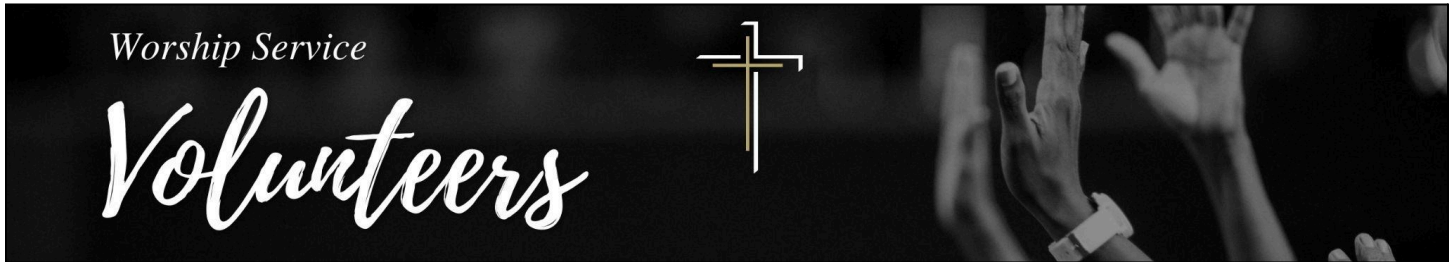
Tall Oaks Summer Camps <https://www.talloaks.org/doc-camps>

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 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

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

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Cash Counter – Janice Roberts

Acolyte(s) – Keaton Crosby

Nursery – Janice Roberts

Laptop Operator: Johnny Viebrock

*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>.

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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