

The Current Weekly

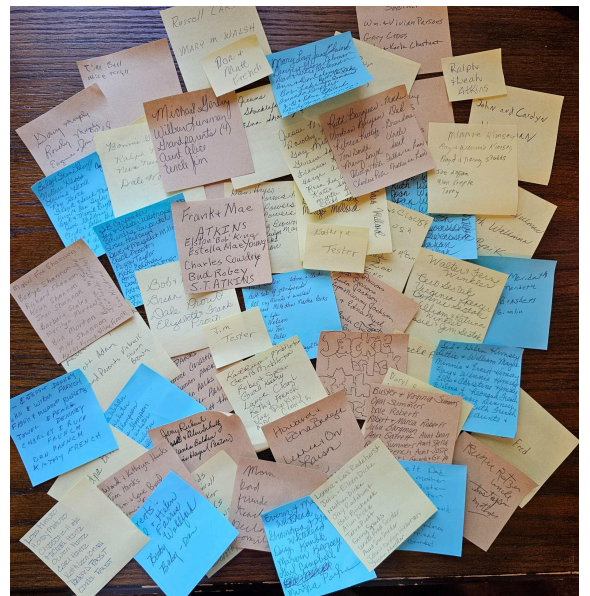
November 2nd-8th, 2025



Dear Church,

Even though our livestream didn't work on Sunday, for those who were able to come to worship in person, we shared a meaningful time of remembering the "saints" who loved us and who shared the Gospel with us. We wrote their names on Post-it notes and put them up around the sanctuary. We also lit a candle in memory of them. It was a beautiful moment in which we were able to make visible what is usually invisible - the Great Cloud of Witnesses who worship with us each week. As I was taking down the slips of paper, I said a prayer of thanksgiving for all the love represented on those pages. If you'd like to read the manuscript from that sermon, you can [find it here](#).

For the next two weeks, we are going to spend time in the book of Esther. I wanted a short mini-series that would be biblical and fun, and Esther is all that and more. If you haven't read the book of Esther, it won't take you long at all, and you might be amazed at all the entertaining plot twists and intrigue in the story. But the deeper story is one of courage. We'll explore it together for the next two Sundays.



Don't forget that this Sunday is the deadline to sign up and pay for the tickets to see the Central Standard (Steven's choir) Christmas show on Dec. 13th at 2:30 pm. We already have one fella who wants to go with us, so if other men are interested in going, we're happy to include them, too. Find more information in the announcements below.

Have a great week!

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announcements & EVENTS



First Christian Church
Smithville

Christmas Choir

Sing with us! Steven Cornwell, our music coordinator, is ready to put a choir together for the Christmas season. Would you like to join in the fun? Please contact Steven at cornwell313@gmail.com or his cell (785)-356-1029, to let him know you'd like to join the Christmas Choir. Rehearsals will be Wednesdays at 6 pm on Nov. 19, Dec. 3, 10 and 17.



Women Together Event: Saturday, December 13th

We will go out for lunch and then go hear a Christmas concert by Steven's choir, Central Standard, at the Folly. Tickets are \$25 each for balcony seats. **Sign up and pay by Nov. 9** to be seated together, or purchase tickets on your own for Dec. 13th, 2:30 pm show. Meet at the church at 11:30 am to carpool. Men are welcome, too!

Thanksgiving Potluck: November 16th

Our monthly Fellowship Dinner in November is one you won't wanna miss. Join us for turkey, dressing, and mashed potatoes. Bring along some trimmings. Everyone can bring a side dish or dessert to share for this community time after worship on Nov. 16th.





Hanging of the Greens: November 23rd

Sunday November 23rd, 8:30 am, join us for the annual Hanging of the Greens (decorating for Christmas). Hot breakfast will be provided by the Worship Committee.



Angel Tree: November 30th, 2025

We will be collecting gifts again this year for Angel Tree. Angel Tree is a holiday assistance program by The Salvation Army that provides gifts and clothing to children and seniors in need. To participate, individuals or groups "adopt an angel" by taking a paper tag from an Angel Tree and purchasing gifts from the child's wish list. Sunday November 30th is our deadline to bring in gifts so they can be delivered in time for Christmas.

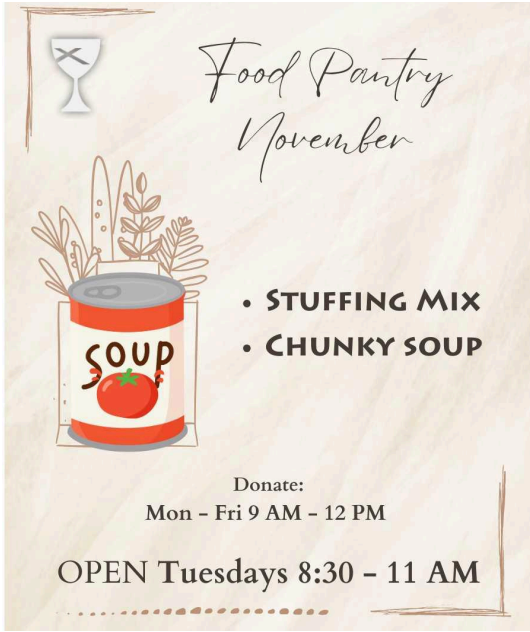


Clothing Drive: November 2025

Christian Women's Fellowship will be collecting coats, hats, gloves, mittens and boots this season for those in need. Let's make a difference by participating in our Winter Coat Drive event. Donate your gently used coats and help someone stay warm during the cold winter months. Please put your donations in our "cooler" chest in the Fellowship Hall.

Coffee & Donut Fellowship Every Sunday at 10 AM

Hungry for some time chatting with old and new friends? Join us each Sunday at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship! We are thankful for these sweet treats each week, and even more, the sweet time together. Come hang out with us on Sunday before service.



November Food Pantry

Donations of Stuffing Mix, & Chunky Soups would be appreciated in November. Donations can be dropped off Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 12 PM in the food cart located inside the parking lot entrance. The food pantry is open to anyone in the community on **Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM**. We are the only food pantry in Smithville. The outdoor Blessing Box food pantry is always open. It is the 30th anniversary of our food pantry this year.

The Tall Oaks Gala: Nov 14th

The Tall Oaks Gala is the biggest fundraiser of the year to support our church camp. Make plans now to attend this year's Gala on Friday, Nov. 14 at 5 pm at Tall Oaks.

<https://givebutter.com/c/TOgala2025>



Candlelight
Christmas Eve
Worship
Wednesday, Dec. 24th
5 pm

Share the beauty and meaning of Christmas with friends and family as we sing carols, hear the story of Christ's birth, and fill the sanctuary with candlelight.

Christmas Eve Service: Dec 24

Please make plans to attend and invite friends to our Christmas Eve Worship at 5 pm on Dec. 24th. It will be a beautiful celebration of this most holy night.

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'd like a public prayer to be in a Sunday bulletin, make sure to send by Wednesday before. Handwritten prayers put in the prayer box at the back sanctuary by the office will be checked weekly. Let's all pray for each other and for the needs in our community!

"You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." Psalm 16:11, NIV

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

Worship Service Schedule for November 9, 2025

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: Greg Atkins
Lay Leader: Cindy Kimber
Greeters: Jan Heath & Janice Roberts
Prep & Serve: Cheryl & Argel Meredith
Serve & Clean-up: Sue Boswell, Kathy Hamilton

Cash Counter: Janice Roberts
Acolyte(s): Beckett Milne
Nursery: Ruth Anne Porter
Laptop: John Merritt

Worship Service Schedule for Nov 16, 2025

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: Jennifer Schoonover
Lay Leader: Cheryl Merideth
Greeters: Shirley Curtis-Klein, Kathy Hamilton
Prep & Serve: Cheryl Lewis, Jack Massie

Serve & Clean-up: Lnda Prout, Larson Viebrock
Cash Counter: Phil French
Acolyte(s): Keaton & Case Crosby
Nursery: Linda Neer
Laptop: Johnny Viebrock

**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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