



The Current Weekly

October 5 - 11, 2025

A NOTE FROM *Pastor Laura*

In this REVIVAL sermon series, we're reaching back to the past, to the memories and ideas of old-time tent revivals to help launch us into the future. Every generation needs moments of revival, of being brought back to spiritual vitality. We began on Sunday by looking at how we can love the Lord our God with our whole hearts, rekindling our "first love."



This Sunday and throughout the rest of the month, we will have a special guest in the sanctuary. I asked if the original pump organ that sits outside my office could be moved into the sanctuary, and some volunteers made it happen after worship on Sunday! It is very likely that this organ (not in playable condition anymore) was the first instrument that the congregation purchased, before they even built our current sanctuary.

While I don't know if it was ever used to accompany singing in a revival, it was certainly used to accompany the saints who came before us as they sang some of the same songs we're singing this month. Praise God that their faith did

not falter or diminish as they laid the foundation for the church that we are now. God has undoubtedly brought revival to Smithville First Christian Church many times in the past, and we are seeking a revival in this generation, too.

The first Sunday in October is also World Communion Sunday, and I neglected to acknowledge it in worship. I was aware of it, but I felt like we had a lot already going on in the service. There have been years in the past when I created a whole service that revolved around the global Christian community, our brothers and sisters who worship the same Christ in many different situations and circumstances. I've been fortunate to be able to travel and meet some of our worldwide family, and I know that we have much to learn from them. How beautiful it is to be united in our love for Jesus when the world tries so hard to focus only on our differences!

And lastly, our first noisy offering last Sunday was so successful that the children were able to pick out \$600 worth of animals to send to families in need through Heifer International. They chose to send:

2 sheep - \$240
1 goat - \$120
1 pig - \$120

2 flocks of ducks - \$40
2 hives of bees - \$60
1 flock of chicks - \$20

Thanks for all your coins and bills that helped them learn about generosity and helping others. Continue to save up your loose change because we'll do it again in a few months!

See you Sunday,

Pastor Laura

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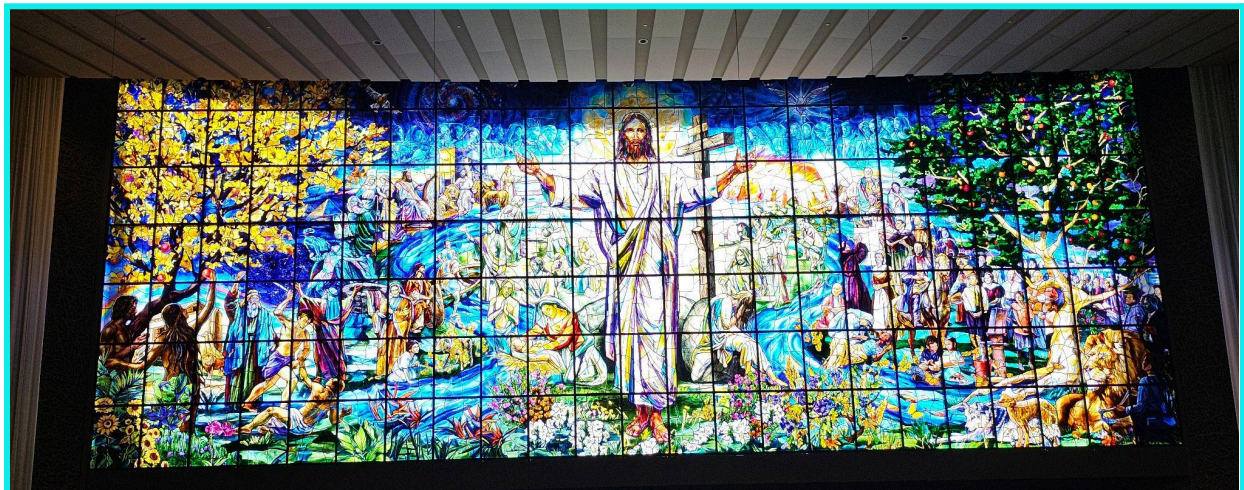
announcements & EVENTS

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Church of the Resurrection Tour: Saturday, October 11th - We need drivers!

Our first tour of the sanctuary at Church of the Resurrection was such a big hit that we've scheduled another one! The tour will be **Saturday, Oct. 11th at 2 pm** at the Leawood Campus of Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe Ave, Leawood, KS 66224. Don't miss this opportunity to see a sanctuary and stained glass window that were built to be a destination hundreds of years from now. We can carpool from church at 1 pm, and we'll return around 4 pm. Please email Pastor Laura if you are able to drive - laura.guy@smithvillefirstchristian.org





SFCC Fellowship Dinner:
October 12

Please join us for a fellowship dinner after worship service on Sunday, October 12th. Please bring a dish to share.

Candy Donations for Haunted Campground

We will be participating in the Haunted Campground event again this year and are requesting that candy donations be dropped off at the church by **Sunday, October 12th.**



Haunted Campground:
Saturday, October 18

All Students 5th - 12th Grade are welcome! Smithville Haunted Campground, Campsite 32. Wear your costume and come pass out candy, Little Jesus', and church information at the Viebrock Families Campsite. Arrive at 3 pm - park at Grace Church and walk over to the campground to avoid traffic and parking issues or carpool. **The event runs from 3:30 - 6:30 pm.**

Town Hall Meeting

The Board has been discussing the option of selling the parsonage, and now they want to widen the conversation to include the congregation.

TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 14
6 pm

Topic of Discussion:
Pros and Cons of Selling our Parsonage

Town Hall Meeting:
Tuesday, October 14th

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5th Quarter Event Volunteers:
October 24

Volunteers needed from **8 pm to 11 pm** at Smithville Downtown Heritage Park for the 5th Quarter after home football games. Community in Action provides a drug and alcohol free activity after our games. We are sponsoring the event on Oct 24th with Smithville UMC. Enjoy our Amazing Race challenge with specific activities and games attendees must complete. We are committed to providing 12 volunteers that evening. Please contact Angie Viebrock at 816-805-8501 or viebroca@gmail.com to help out.

5TH QUARTER FRIDAY OCT 24TH
8 pm to 11 pm

AFTER GAME PARTY **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

FOR OUR YOUTH SUMC Smithville First Christian Church

Sunday, Oct. 26 at 6 pm at Smithville First Christian Church

COSTUME BINGO

Wear a costume (or just a silly hat) and have fun playing Bingo and eating spooky snacks. All ages are welcome. Please, no costumes that might scare young children (or the pastor).

PRIZES AND SNACKS

Bingo Night: Sunday, October 26 at 6 pm

It's time for BINGO again! Join us on Sunday, Oct. 26th at 6 pm. We'll combine snacks, (non-scary) costumes and prizes for a fun all-ages Halloween event. Bring a friend and wear a costume - or just a silly hat. We'll provide all the snacks, BINGO cards and prizes. If you have any new or gently used items that someone might like for a prize, you can donate those until the morning of Oct. 26.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Time



Talent



Treasure

Coffee & Donut Fellowship & Puzzles Every Sunday at 10 AM

Hungry for some time chatting with 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 most of all, time together. Come hang out with us on Sunday before service.



Coffee

Time

Weekly Fellowship

Sundays 10 am



October Wish List

- Stuffing Mix
- Rice and Pasta Sides

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Donations can be dropped off at the church:
Mon. - Fri. from 9 AM - 12 PM
The food pantry is open to anyone in the community
Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM



Food Pantry
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October Food Pantry

Donations of stuffing mix and rice and pasta sides would be appreciated in October. Donations can be dropped off **Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 12 PM**. The food pantry is open to anyone in the community on **Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM**.

The Tall Oaks Gala

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>

ONCE UPON A TIME
at the
Tall Oaks
Gala
at Tall Oaks Manor
12778 189TH STREET
LINWOOD, KS 66052
NOVEMBER
FRIDAY 14 5:00 PM
2025

Watch the October 5 Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1JQYgDpevA/>

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



We've reopened the in person handwritten prayer box made by our very own woodworker Argel Merideth! You can also share prayers or praises through the Prayer Request Form online too. 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 and prayed for. Let's all pray for each other and for the needs in our community!

"If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." Matthew 21: 22:, NIV

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

Worship Service Schedule for October 12, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy
Elder: Susie Clower
Lay Leader: Jan Howard
Greeters: Connie Murphy & Donice Ratliff
Prep & Serve: Barbara Millard & Cheryl Lewis

Serve & Clean-up: Belinda Miller & Jack Massie
Cash Counter: Janice Roberts
Acolyte(s):
Nursery: Ruth Anne Porter
Laptop: John Merritt

Worship Service Schedule for October 19, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy
Elder: John Merritt
Lay Leader: Cheryl Merideth
Greeters: Shirley French & Denney French
Prep & Serve: Diane & Earl Soetaert

Serve & Clean-up: Sandra & John Matthews
Cash Counter: Phil French
Acolyte(s): Brinley Milne & Beckett Milne
Nursery: Linda Neer
Laptop: Tom Massie



*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>.

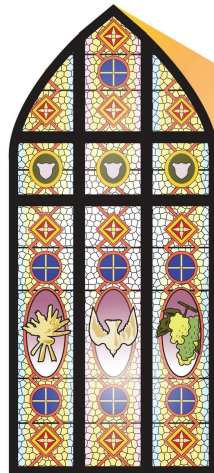
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