

THE CURRENT WEEKLY

September 14 - 20, 2025

A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura

Dear Church,

Commitment Sunday was such a special day! It was so cool to see people come forward or put their offerings and pledges in the offering plate so that the deacons could bring them up to our little church building. As I write this on Monday, I don't know yet what the full financial report will be when all the pledges are tallied up, but I know that the people of Smithville First Christian gave freely and wholeheartedly, and that's all any pastor can ask.

And the celebration afterwards was a true party! We feasted on hot dogs, chips and all the ice cream and toppings we could eat. We nearly ran out of chairs, which is the best kind of problem to have.



I will be in Winfield, KS for the Walnut Valley Bluegrass Festival next weekend, and I'm so grateful to Johnny Viebrock for bringing the message on Sunday. I know you will be blessed, and God will be praised!

Please start saving your loose change for our all-ages worship on Sept. 28 when the children will collect a “noisy offering” and choose which animals they want Heifer International to send to needy families.



Looking ahead to October, we will have a sermon series on “REVIVAL!” I hope to evoke the spirit of an old-time tent revival as we seek to be renewed and revived in our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Have a great week!

Pastor Laura

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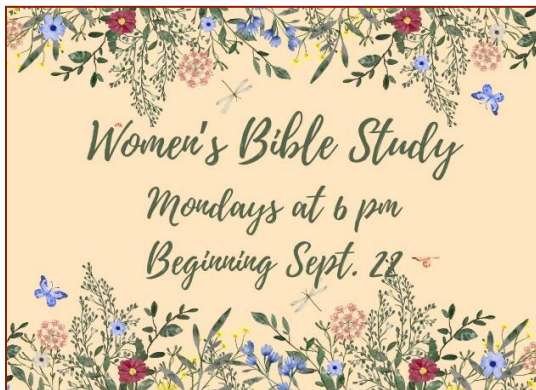
Meet Pastor Laura

Pastor Laura has a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who didn't get to meet with her in the spring. Find a time that works for you, or let her know a better time for you to meet.

announcements & EVENTS



First Christian Church
Smithville



Women's Bible Study: September 22

New Women's Bible Study begins **on Monday nights at 6 pm** (whenever there isn't a Board Meeting). Sheila Gerling and Jonica Merritt will be hosting. We will be reading together "Trustworthy" by Lysa Terkeurs. The book and CD are based on 1 & 2 Kings (available to purchase online). Our first meeting is **Monday, Sept. 22 at 6 pm**. Jonica is cooking for us! Italian meatballs and dessert. The group meets through Nov. 10, then starts again in 2026.

All Ages Worship: September 28

Sunday, September 28th is All Ages Worship! Children will stay in worship and participate in this special service designed for all ages. Bring in your loose change for a "noisy offering" the children will collect for Heifer International.



Northland NetWORKS for Good: Oct. 3 - 4



A new community organizing group is forming called Northland Networks for Good. Anyone interested may attend their free training event on Oct. 3 & 4 at Turning Point, 1900 NE Englewood Rd, Gladstone, MO 64118.

- Friday, Oct. 3: 6-8:45 pm, Dinner and Program
- Saturday, Oct. 4: 8:30-11:30 am, Brunch and Training

Join us for a two-day hands-on workshop led by Paul Turner, Regional Supervisor with the South and West Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) and former Lead Organizer of AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy). Paul helps communities organize for real, lasting change. He will guide NNG through organizing a group of founding member institutions who are ready to launch a grassroots movement rooted in justice, equity and collective power. All costs covered by Northland NetWORKS for Good. [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



Women Together Autumn Craft Day

Sunday, Oct. 5th
After worship
11:45 - 2 pm

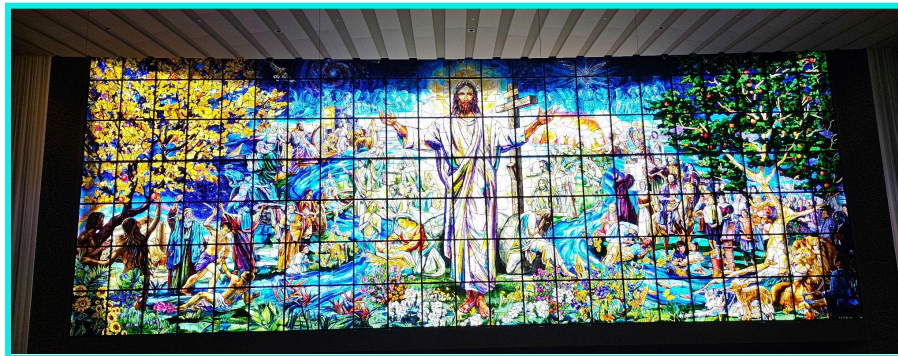
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Church of the Resurrection Tour

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. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.



ASKING FOR
CANDY DONATIONS
FOR THE
HAUNTED
CAMPGROUND



Please drop-off candy
in the Fellowship Hall
by Wednesday 10/15

Candy Donations Requested for Haunted Campground: October 18

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 **Wednesday, October 15th.**



5th Quarter Event Volunteers: October 24

We are helping with the 5th Quarter on Oct. 24th from 8-11 pm. We need volunteers to help run the games that are planned for the students following the football game.

Bingo Night: October 26

Bingo Night will be Oct. 26th, and we need Bingo prizes for all ages. Donations needed by the morning of Oct. 26th



Weekly Coffee & Donut Fellowship

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.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

time



talent



treasure

September Wish List

- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Rice and Pasta Sides

Donations can be dropped off at the church:
Mon. - Fri. from 9 AM - 12 PM
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Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM

Food Pantry
Smithville
First Christian Church

September Food Pantry

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FOOD PANTRY REPORT - CHERYL PARKS HILL

The food pantry has been really busy. In addition to our “regulars”, we’ve had four new families in September. We’re so pleased that we can help. Fresh produce in the summer is such a special treat. Thanks to Mark Kalin, Cheryl Lewis, and Rader Miller, we’ve had tomatoes the past several weeks. Sherry Hartter delivered a large donation of apples that had been given to the Senior Center, and Judy Clough brought in apples as well. Mike and Mary Gordon have been donating eggs almost weekly for a year or more and we really appreciate “Farm Fresh Eggs”! Erin and Russell Walter also just donated 15 dozen. We cannot thank you all enough!

We want to thank everyone who donated to the food pantry this past month. Thank you Shirley and Denney French, Gerry and Sharon Carson, Jan Heath, Doreen Farmer, Marcia Hayes, John and Kathy Hamilton, Barbara Krueger, James and Linda Pendleton, Frank and Jan Bagley, Ashley Hall, Gary and Debi Luppert, Jan Howard and Bill Swendson, Kent Bridges, Frank and Jan Bagley, CWF, Paradise United Methodist Church, the Church of Good Shepherd, Little Platte Baptist Church, Mt. Olivet Christian Church, and all those who continue to donate anonymously.

Items we could use in October include:

Stuffing Mix, Rice and Pasta Sides

We really appreciate your support! ~Cheryl Parks Hill





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>



Watch the September 14 Service:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/173o4aNLGe/>

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!

"But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall." Micah 4:2-3a NIV

Worship Service

Volunteers



Worship Service Schedule for September 21, 2025

Pulpit: Johnny Viebrock

Elder: Angie Viebrock

Lay Leader: Gerry Carson

Greeters: Mary Gordon & Kyla Kays

Prep & Serve: Sandra Matthews & John Matthews

Serve & Clean-up: Diane Soetaert & Earl Soetaert

Help Clean-up: Marcia Hayes

Cash Counter: Phil French

Acolyte(s): Lincoln Viebrock & Kyla Kays

Nursery: Linda Neer

Laptop: Tom Massie

Worship Service Schedule for September 28, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy

Elder: John Merritt

Lay Leader: Cheryl Merideth

Greeters: Jonica Merritt & John Merritt

Prep & Serve: Linda Neer & Kathy Hamilton

Serve & Clean-up: Linda Prout & Belinda Miller

Cash Counter: Janice Roberts

Acolyte(s): Beckett Milne & Brinley Milne

Nursery: Suzanne Becker

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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