



A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura



I love re-reading the story of the Good Samaritan to find details I missed in previous readings. In preparation for my sermon last Sunday, I thought about the oil and wine that the Samaritan used to bind up the injured man's wounds. People in ancient cultures didn't have antiseptic, so they had to clean wounds with whatever was available. Wine, which contains alcohol, worked well as an antibacterial rinse. And olive oil would prevent the bandage from sticking to the wound. But surely the Samaritan was not carrying wine and oil just in case he ran into an injured person! He was likely going to sell it, or perhaps he had just purchased it. In Jesus' telling of the parable, the Samaritan doesn't hesitate to use these expensive items on a man who might not survive his injuries. He freely gives whatever he has so

that the man has every chance to recover and live.

Do you know someone who exhibits that kind of extravagant generosity? Perhaps you had a grandparent who always found room at the table to squeeze in one more person, even if it meant they had to stretch the meal a little farther. Or maybe a neighbor who would shovel your drive when they finished shoveling their own. Those kinds of people never seem to think, "What is the least I can do?" They always seem to be asking, "What else can I do? What else can I give?" How can we live this same way, following Jesus when he tells us to "Go and do the same"?

Thank you for taking the time to read - or skim - this newsletter each week. It contains lots of good information about all the things that are happening in the church so that you can participate as you are able and invite others to come, too.

Have a great week!

Pastor Laura

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Let's Meet! ≡

Your pastor is still getting to know her congregation.

Pastor Laura

You

If you didn't get a chance to have a one-on-one conversation in the spring, you can sign up now for a meeting in September. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

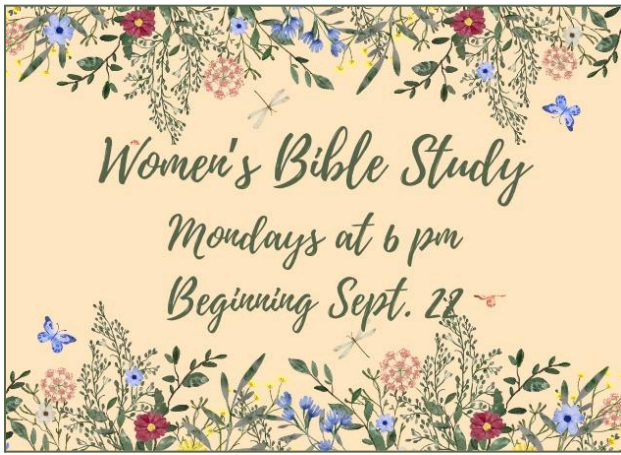
announcements & EVENTS

First Christian Church
Smithville



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.



Women's Bible Study

We are launching a new Women's Bible Study that will meet on Monday nights at 6 pm (whenever there isn't a Board Meeting). Sheila Gerling and Jonica Merritt will be the facilitators, and the group will use a book and DVD curriculum called "Trustworthy", based on 1 & 2 Kings. It is written by Lysa Terkeurst, and you can purchase the book online. The first meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 22 at 6 pm, and Jonica will provide meatballs and dessert. The study will end on Nov. 10, and the group will decide on a new book they want to study in the new year.

The Big Golf Adventure: Youth Event

On **Tuesday, September 9 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM** we'll have a Jesus People - Youth Event at T-Shotz Golf, 660 NW Metro N Dr, Kansas City, MO 64155. Please RSVP to staceysapp2004@gmail.com no later than Thursday, September 4th.

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Women Together

Outing: Sat., Sept. 13

Our next Women Together outing is a time travel tour to the fabulous Nicol House, built in the 1960s, and featured in the New York Times in 2013. We'll leave the church at **9 am on Saturday, Sept. 13**, get a private tour of the house from the owner (Cheryl Parks Hill's brother) and then get lunch at a nearby restaurant. Don't miss this groovy adventure!

Ice Cream Social: Sun., Sept. 14

Join us **Sunday, September 14th** following the Worship Service. We'll celebrate our Commitment Sunday with some sundaes! After worship, we'll serve hot dogs and have a sundae bar with all the toppings.



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Sunday Sept. 14	Everyone is welcome!
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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
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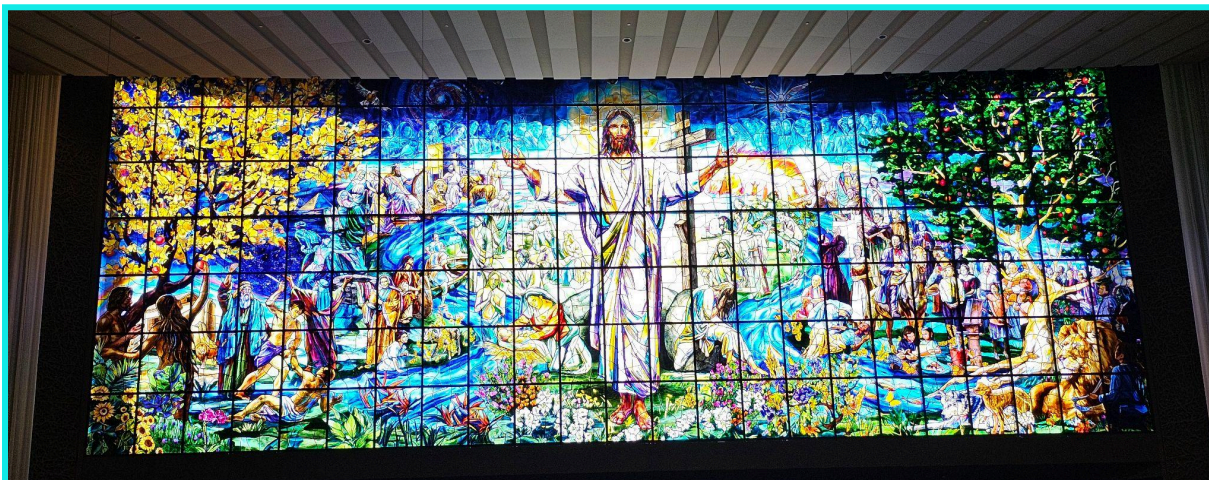
The Tall Oaks Gala

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>

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.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

time



talent



treasure

Northland NetWORKS for Good

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 brings decades of experience helping 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](#)





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
The food pantry is open to anyone in the community
Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM

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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!



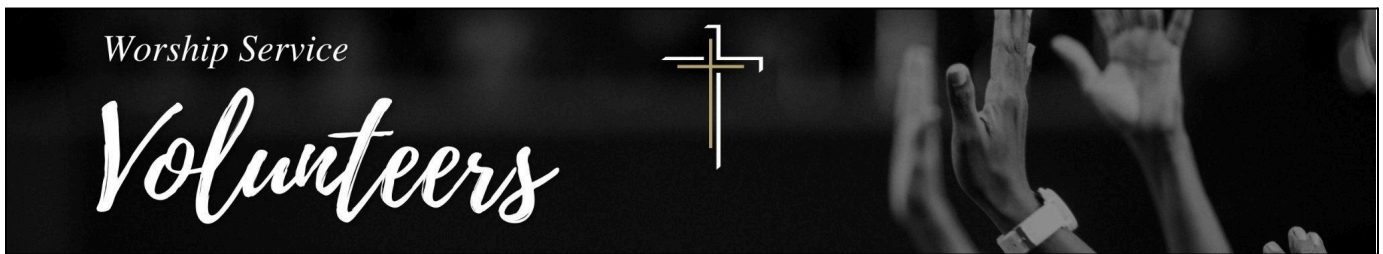


Watch Last Sunday's Service



Watch the August 10 Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1GXHjAtPwJ/>

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



Worship Service Schedule for September 7, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy
Elder: Suzie Clower
Lay Leader: Stacey Sapp
Greeters: Les Neer & Linda Neer
Prep & Serve: Argel Merideth & Cheryl Merideth

Serve & Clean-up: Sue Boswell & Cheryl Lewis
Cash Counter: Susie Clower
Acolyte(s): Beckett Milne & Brinley Milne
Nursery: Joyce French
Laptop: Johnny Viebrock

Worship Service Schedule for September 14, 2025

Pulpit: Laura Guy
Elder: Jennifer Schoonover
Lay Leader: Susie Clower
Greeters: Barbara Arnold & Bob Arnold
Prep: Suzanne Becker
Prep & Serve: Larson Viebrock & Jack Massie

Serve & Clean-up: Scott Schoonover & Barbara Millard
Cash Counter: Greg Atkins
Acolyte(s): Keaton Crosby & Case Crosby
Nursery: Janice Roberts
Laptop: John Merritt

*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>.





Please submit any prayer or praises - new or continuing concerns - through the Prayer Request Form. If you'd like a public prayer to be in the Sunday bulletin, make sure to send by the end of the day on Wednesdays. Handwritten prayers put in the prayer box at the back sanctuary by the office will be checked weekly and added. Thank you for praying with us for the needs in our community!

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."
Matthew 7:7 NIV

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

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Monday thru Friday: 9 am - Noon
Saturday/Sunday: Office is Closed

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