

# The Current Weekly

## A NOTE FROM

*Pastor Laura*

**April 29, 2026**

Dear Church,

It was a great morning last Sunday as we honored our graduates and heard them share their thoughts with us. When you grow up in church, you have lots of extra “aunts, uncles and grandparents” who think of you as “one of our kids.” Our graduates have already accomplished so much, and we will continue to be proud of all their accomplishments yet to come!

McKinley Massie was unable to be on our panel due to illness on Sunday, but she sent in her answers to me, so I wanted to share them with you.

1. What is one special memory you have of growing up here at Smithville First Christian Church?

*A special memory I have is running around the church and hiding with Chloe on our “first grade adventures”*

2. What's one thing you wish older generations understood about your generation?

*That sometimes the church needs to adapt and change if you want to draw in more youth.*

3. Borrowing from Oprah Winfrey, what's "one thing you know for sure" about God or your faith?

*I am certain that God exists and is there to lean on.*

Thanks, McKinley!

May has become a busy month for many people as we celebrate Mother's Day, graduations, Memorial Day - and this year Pentecost is in May, too! There are lots of announcements in this newsletter about upcoming events, so be sure to read them over and add them to your calendar as you're able to participate.



## Made in God's Image

Sermon Series  
May 3-24

My sermon series for the next four Sundays is "Made in God's Image." We're all familiar with words and imagery and metaphors for God that lean into the masculine parts of God's nature. But Scripture is also filled with words, images and metaphors for the feminine parts of God's nature, too. Since we're all made in God's image, we'll explore some of those forgotten or overlooked images for God in the next four weeks.

See you in church!

*Pastor Laura*

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*p.s. My office hours vary each week depending on my schedule. I'm happy to meet with you, but ask that you make an appointment so I'm sure to be in the office.*



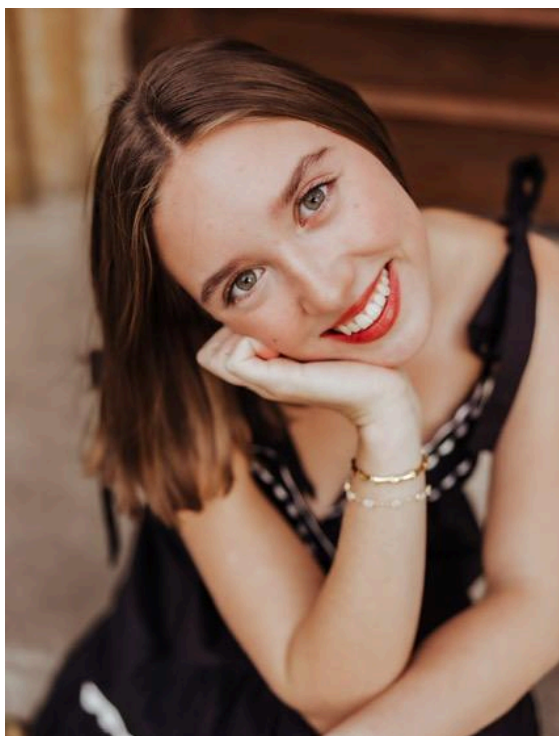
### Our Graduates



**Addison Ayers** is the daughter of Jennifer & Jason Ayers and granddaughter of Mike & Ann Darr. She attended Platte County HS and heads to Mizzou this fall to study Health Sciences, with a goal to attend Medical School. Congratulations.



**Chloe Easton** is the daughter of Traci Easton and attended Smithville HS. She heads to K-State to study Psychology. Congratulations.



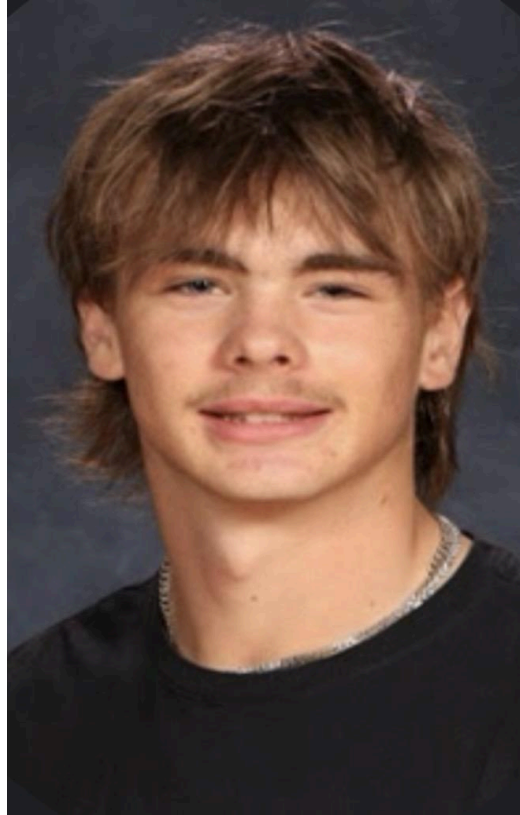
**McKinley Massie** is the daughter of Tom & Cara Massie and granddaughter of Lavera Craig. She attended Smithville HS and heads to Mizzou to study Constitutional Democracy and Spanish, with a goal to attend Law School.



**Ben McCann** is the son of Polly McCann and graduates from Staley High School and MapleWoods Community College. He heads to Wichita State to study Computers.



**Larson Viebrock** is the son of Johnny & Angie Viebrock and attended Smithville HS . He heads to State Technical College of Missouri to study Diesel Technology .



**Brandt Cook** is the son of Ted & Anita Cook and Grandson of Marcia Hayes. He attended Smithville HS. His future plans to attend Maple Woods Community College, and work toward a degree in education in order to teach Elementary School Physical Education



**Kendall Cissel** is the daughter of Carrie Boswell & Bret Reid. She is the granddaughter of Bill & Sue Boswell. She attended Maple Woods Community College for her CNA. Her future plans: she will continue on to UMKC to complete a Degree in Nursing.

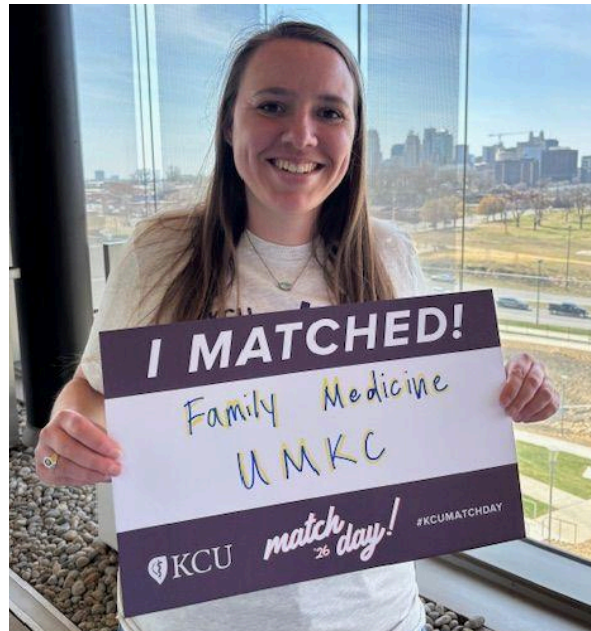


**Cole Matthews** is the son of John & Sandra Matthews

and attended Wichita State University to receive a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering and a Minor in Mathematics. Future Plans: In June, Cole will begin working as a Structural Engineer at Boeing. Cole's plans include obtaining a Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering in the future.



**Megan Burns Barr** is the daughter of Pat & Traci Burns. Megan already holds a Doctorate in Education from Northwest Missouri State University. She has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. Her Future Plans: Megan is currently teaching 3rd grade at Lewis & Clark Elementary School.



**Lauren Burns** is the daughter of Pat & Traci Burns. She attended Kansas City University - College of Osteopathic Medicine for her Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine. Future Plans: Lauren will begin a three-year residency in Family Medicine at University Health, working primarily at the Lakewood Medical Center.



**Robert Schwind** is the son of Rick & Amy Schwind and Grandson of Sue Lake. He attended the University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law for his Juris Doctorate. His Future Plans: Following graduation and

passage of the bar exam, Rob will practice law with the defense attorneys of Wallace Saunders in Overland Park, KS.

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### **Graduating or in College?**

Scholarships are now available to apply for online or paper copies in the office. Apply by Sunday May 31st at noon. Awards given to those who have attended at least a year or members. We will celebrate the awards in service Sunday June, 14th, 2026. [SFCC Scholarship Form](#) for those who have completed 24 hours of college or the [Miller Scholarship Form](#) for high school graduates, upcoming Freshmen.

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# Town Hall Meeting

SUNDAY,  
MAY 3RD  
after worship

The By-Laws Committee has been working since last October and recommends this change be approved by the congregation at our May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

- Topic of Discussion:**
- **By-laws proposal to change the size of the Board to 11 members**



## **Town Hall Meeting: Sunday May 3rd**

We will have a Townhall Meeting this Sunday May 3rd after services. Our By-Laws Committee will go over the proposal and answer any questions you have. To read the proposal and some Q&As, [click this link](#). The Congregational Meeting will be on the 31st to vote for it.

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## **Mother's Day: Sunday May 10th**

On Mother's Day, we will honor all the special women in our lives and thank God for the blessing they have been to us. We will have a special gift for all women to pick up after worship. Invite your favorite women to church with you on May 10!

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# FELLOWSHIP DINNER

BRING A DISH TO SHARE

May 17th

## Fellowship Potluck Sunday May 17th

Join us after the service on Sunday May 17th for some fellowship with a church Potluck dinner. Bring an old favorite or something new to share. Can't bring anything? Stay and eat with us! We will have plenty.

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# Pentecost Sunday

May 24th

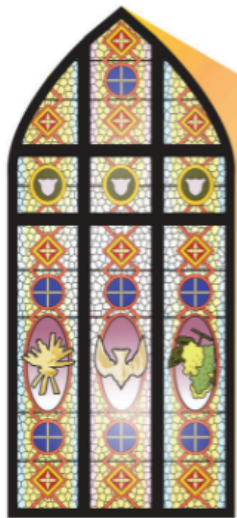


## **Pentecost Sunday: May 24th**

This year, Pentecost falls during Memorial Day weekend. If you're in town, enjoy our special service that's all about the Holy Spirit! You can wear something red to signify the flames of the Spirit. There will be special treats and surprises during worship. Also, The Northland DOC churches are doing a picnic again this year, but it is scheduled for the week after Pentecost, May 31st.

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# CONGREGATIONAL meeting



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**MAY 31, 2026**  
**FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**AGENDA:**  
To Approve the slate of  
2026-2027 Board  
Members and proposed  
by-law changes.

## **Congregational Meeting: May 31st**

We will have a congregational meeting after the service on Sunday May 31st to approve the slate of Board Members and approve the by-law proposals. Then join us that evening for a Northland DOC celebration. See our Pentecost Picnic below.

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# PENTECOST PICNIC



**FOODS - GAMES - MUSIC- COMMUNION**

COME CELEBRATE A POST PENTECOST PICNIC  
GATHERING WITH US!

JOIN THE NORTHLAND DOC CHURCHES FOR  
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND A TIME OF WORSHIP  
BY THE REGIONAL YOUTH CABINET—THE NKC  
BAND WILL BE BACK!

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO  
SHARE, ALONG WITH YOUR OWN CHAIR AND  
DRINKS. ALL ARE WELCOME!

SUNDAY  
**31**  
MAY

**FESTIVAL SHELTER  
AT MACKEN PARK  
AT 5 PM**

1002 CLARK FERGUSON DR,  
NORTH KANSAS CITY, MO 64116





disciples youth



smithville first christian church

**youth news**

REGISTER ONLINE AT [KCDISCIPLINES.ORG/YOUTH](http://KCDISCIPLINES.ORG/YOUTH)

# IN THE WILDERNESS



2026 GREATER KANSAS CITY DISCIPLES CAMPS

<b>DAY CAMP 1</b>	Pre-K - 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	<b>JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>DAY CAMP 2</b>	Pre-K - 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	<b>JULY 18</b>
<b>PRIMARY</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	<b>JULY 20 -22</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>JULY 7 - 10</b>
<b>CHI RHO</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>JULY 19 - 23</b>
<b>EIGHTERS</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade only	<b>JULY 6 - 12</b>
<b>CYF</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>JUNE 22 - 27</b>
<b>ADULT</b>	19 and older	<b>MAY 28 - 31</b>
<b>GRANDPARENTS 1</b>	Grandparents & grandchildren	<b>JUNE 19 - 21</b>
<b>GRANDPARENTS 2</b>	Grandparents & grandchildren	<b>JULY 10 -12</b>

**EARLY BIRD DEADLINE FRIDAY MAY 1!**

ALL of our 2026 KC Disciples Summer Camp registrations are [OPEN!](#) Be sure to register by Friday, May 1st to receive the early-bird discount price. Beginning on May 2nd all camp prices increase by \$50.



- **BEES \$30 x 2 = \$60**
- **HOPE BASKET (BUNNIES)  
\$50**
- **PIG \$120**
- **SHEEP \$120**



### **Children's Church**

Here are the animals we're sending to families in need through Heifer International. The kids in Children's Church chose these animals to purchase with the donations they received from your donations to our last noisy offering. THANK EWE. Keep saving your loose change (and bills) for our next noisy offering!

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**Summer Picnic at Macken Park in NKC May 31st 5 to 7 pm**

TIME CHANGE Join us a bit earlier than planned on May 31st for our first Summer Youth Group event: “No Caps” where we will join in with the picnic and other regional youth at Macken Park 1002 Ferguson Clark Drive, NKC, MO at the Festival Shelter. Live Music by NKC Band! (Let’s save the bonfire part for fall! so I can get a permit or a location for that one!) This will be a great time to connect. Youth Group grades 6 to 12

and family invited. Join us for "No Caps" We really are going to have fun, for real. To volunteer or attend, sign up in the fellowship hall or [online](#).  
Polly McCann c (816) 507-4193.

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**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED FOR  
CHILDREN'S  
CHURCH**

We are looking for volunteers willing to be with kids during Children's Church. You'll be scheduled once every 2-3 months. No preparation needed, just another loving adult presence with our kids. Please let Pastor Laura know if you're willing to help out!

### **Volunteers needed in Children's Church:**

Changes are happening with our Sunday morning children's programming. Chloe has been our nursery attendant for years, but with her upcoming graduation, she will be stepping down from that position. We rarely have babies in the nursery, so we have decided that we won't try to hire someone else in that position for the time being. However, our Children's Church is growing! We need an adult volunteer to be with Polly and the kids on Sunday mornings. Volunteers would serve once every 2 to 3 months. Please let Pastor Laura know [laura.guy@smithvillefirstchristian.org](mailto:laura.guy@smithvillefirstchristian.org) if you're willing to be on a rotation schedule of helpers.

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In partnership with  
Smithville &  
NorthCross UMC

More Details Coming Soon!

**VBS**

**SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE**

FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD!

COKEBURY KIDS

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JULY 8-10**

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**SAVE THE DATE: VBS & Camps**

We Need You. Let's minister to our local neighborhood kids. We will be partnering with Smithville, UMC for VBS again this year. We will meet

Wednesday through Friday, July 8th to 10 in the evening starting with dinner at 5:30 and going to 8 pm. The theme is Snowball Mountain with a celebration during service on Sunday the 12th. Need School Volunteer credit? We will need volunteers ages 12 and up to help with supper, snacks, crafts, games, and team leaders. [Volunteer sign ups](#) are now here!

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# PROPAGATION FAIR

Potluck lunch after worship, then it's all about the plants! Bring in starter plants to give or swap. Learn more about plant care and propagation.

**SUN, JUNE 7**  
following worship

## **Calling all plant lovers! Propagation Fair: June 7**

What's a Propagation Fair? It's just a fancy way of saying that we'll be doing all things plant-related, especially sharing our new plant starts with others. Bring in starts of as many plants as you want - houseplants or outdoor plants or both - doing your best to write on each the name of the plant and what kind of care it needs. And then come pick up some new plants to take home and see if they'll grow! This is for everyone who loves plants, whether you have any to share or not. We'll eat a quick potluck lunch of salads and then start perusing plants and learning their names and how to best care for them. We'll have a "potting station" so bring in clean pots and potting soil if you have it. Everyone is welcome!

# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

*time*



*talent*



*treasure*



## **Community Outreach with Seeds**

Please donate seed packets or home gathered seeds of vegetables and flowers to the Smithville Public Library. The collection basket is in the Fellowship Hall. Join Meagan Jacoby in sharing seeds. The MCPL library will then share them with our community. Put a SFCC sticker on you packet and watch your flowers grow in the neighborhood gardens around town.



*Wish List*  
*Food Pantry*



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*First*  
*Christian*  
*Church*

**PAPER  
TOWELS**



*May*

## May Food Pantry

Items we could use in May: **Paper Towels**

Thanks so much for your continued support!

The food pantry is open to anyone in the Smithville community on Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM. ~  
Contact Cheryl Parks Hill with questions (816) 225-0571.

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**Coffee & Donut Fellowship**  
**Every Sunday at 10 AM**

Enjoy some time with new friends and old. Chat and chew. Join us each Sunday at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship! What a sweet time together. Come hang out with us on Sunday before service.

\*Puzzles are now located in the office. Feel free to borrow, trade, or take home a puzzle.

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**WATCH LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE**

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1FQduDKodh/Cl>

***ick here for website*->ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS &  
EVENTS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE:**

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# PRAISE & PRAYER *requests*



**Submit prayer requests in person** handwritten in our prayer box at the back of the sanctuary by the office.

AND you can also share prayers or praises through the Prayer Request Form online. Want your prayer to be in a Sunday bulletin? Make sure to send it to us through our online form or email the office by Wednesday before.

Let's all pray for each other and for the needs in our community together. Where two or three are gathered, God is there! To share a Prayer Concern: <https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>.

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..."

**Matthew 3:11a, NIV**

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## **May 3, 2025 WORSHIP**

**Pulpit:** *Rev. Laura Guy*

**Elder:** *Jennifer Schoonover*

**Lay Leader:** *Jan Howard*

**Greeters:** ***Jan Heath and Janice Roberts***

**Prep & Serve:** *Amy & Danny Heath*

**Serve & Clean-up:** *Larson Viebrock & Volunteer*

**Cash Counter:** Susie Clower

**Acolyte(s):** Lincoln Viebrock & Volunteer

**Children's Church:** Jonica Merritt

## **May 10, 2025 WORSHIP**

**Pulpit:** Rev. Laura Guy

**Elder:** Angie Viebrock

**Lay Leader:** Gerry Carson

**Greeters:** Kathy Hamilton, Susie Clower

**Prep & Serve:** Cheryl & Argel Merideth

**Serve & Clean-up:** Sue Boswell, Barbara Millard

**Cash Counter:** Phil French

**Acolyte(s):** Brinley Milne

**Children's Church:** Volunteer

*\*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 going to <https://bit.ly/4ktjhGm>.*



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