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Mike's Musings

Romans 11:33 – 'O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!'

As limited human beings, we can't fully grasp the infinite mind and ways of God. God is beyond what we can understand. In this verse, the apostle Paul highlights how we can't comprehend God. But Paul also tells us that God's wisdom and knowledge are incredibly rich. Not just rich, but deeply rich. This means it's worth our time to seek out God's wisdom and knowledge. Knowing God is important. We are told that if we look for God with all our hearts, we will find Him (Jeremiah 29:13).

We like to understand things or try to figure them out—how they are created, how they function, and why they act the way they do. This helps us feel comfortable and gives us a sense of control. However, we can't box God in. If we could, then God wouldn't be much of a God—God would be limited just like us. God is so much greater. God has shown us Divinity. Oh, if only we had the vision to see! How is God revealed to us?

God has been revealed through the Scriptures, showing us Divine interaction with humanity—fairly, with wisdom, patience, and kindness. God has left divine signs in nature—in the grandeur of the mountain peaks, the beauty of a butterfly's wing, the happiness of a baby's laughter. We can see

God's work in the lives of others as they are transformed by grace from sinners to saints.

Beyond what we can see and feel, God also asks us to trust. Trust in God's character. When it's dark and we can't see what's ahead, when we are hurting with no relief, when our hearts are breaking, when we feel lost and can't find our way, when we are exhausted and confused, we need to focus on God's character. And look around—see God in everything around you, and give thanks that God is greater than what your limited mind can understand, because that means God is powerful enough to handle your situation.

Take a second to be thankful that you can't fully understand God. God is more incredible, more awesome, more joyful, more powerful, more important, and more than anything you can think of. Let your heart fill with worship and start giving praise for how big God is in your life today.

Blessings!

Pastor Mike



September Sermon Schedule

"Encounters with God in the Old Testament"

Sermon Series

September 7 – "Creation by the Word"
Genesis 1:1-2:4a

September 14 – "Binding of Isaac"
Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

September 21 – *Bob Richards Preaching*

September 28 – "God's Name is Revealed"
Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17

Behind the Scenes

Michael and I are still working on our house, it is taking us longer than we thought. We are down to the last 10 boxes but still trying to figure out where to put things, even with all the purging we are doing. We will soon be getting ready for a bit of R & R.

The fall is full of upcoming wedding and plans are in place for our annual **Trick or Treat on Ennis Street which will be on Sunday Oct 19th from 2:30-4:30** (please forgive my error last week on the save the date-NOT the 16th!). So mark your calendars now and get your costume ready - if you don't have one, we have PLENTY you can borrow!! Just let us know!

So for now we unpack the house, get ready to pack the suitcases and gear up for a non stop end to the year as we go into the last 4 months of 2025! Keep praying for strength and endurance for us. And a huge thank you to everyone who was a part of the "Pounding & Prayers" night at our new home. We will soon have every one over to see the place and visit

with us. We greatly appreciate all the prayers and support you have given us.

Blessings to all of you! - Karen T.

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Back to School

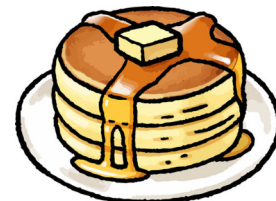
A special welcome back to all our students! Jerry will be entering his final semester at A&M and graduating in December. Jayden will

be starting her first semester as a Freshman this week Our youngest student just started Kindergarten on the 13th. Please pray for them and help support them any way you can. It is gonna be a great year! Prayers for all the teachers and support staff as the school year begins!

OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

Pancake Brunch

Sunday, September 7,
after the worship service,
we will be having a
Pancake Brunch. It is a
combined ministry activity:



Fellowship will be managing, the Men's Group will be facilitating, and the Elders will be hosting. The Elders have been very active in organizing and contacting their shepherding groups. If you have not already received an email, letter, text, or phone call, please look for one in the very near future. We look forward to seeing you there!

WAT (Worship Arts Team)

will be meeting soon to discuss decor for the holiday season if you would like to be a part of this please see Karen Townsend for more info. Watch the News in the Pews for updates.

National Night Out

Covenant Presbyterian
Church in College Station
is hosting a National
Night Out event on

October 7. Volunteers are
requested to help, and everyone is welcome to
attend.



Trick or Treat on Ennis Street

We will have our annual Trick or Treat Event on
Sunday, **Oct. 19th from 2:30-4:30 PM.** We have
invited our Community Outreach Partners and the
BISD Ambassadors to be a part of our event. We
have new games that will be added, and with your
help, lots of trick or treat stations to stop and get
some candy. In order to make this event happen
we ask for you to come be a part of this event.
Individually Wrapped Candy and small treat items
will be collected from Sept 21st to Oct 19th.
Small treats can be Individually wrapped crackers,
cookies for our little trick or treaters, stickers, small
toys, pencils etc. Look for the green box in our
Gathering Space.



Feelie Hearts Ministry

If you would like to help make Feelie hearts for us
to share with our community see Karen Townsend
for patterns or kits. Donations are greatly
appreciated to help us purchase fiber fill (stuffing),
thread, and special fabrics. Please mark in memo
"Feelie Hearts". Thank you for supporting this life
touching ministry.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Calling all members! The fellowship team could really
use your help! Each week before church service we
try to provide coffee and a small snack. In order to
keep this fellowship time available we need people
who are willing to set this up and clean up after
church service. We are happy to help assist, however
asking one or two people to take care of this every
week can become overwhelming. Many hands make
light work! Please consider signing up for a Sunday.
Sign up sheet is on the glass doors to the Fellowship
Hall. You can contact Karen Townsend or any of the
Fellowship team for more information.

Music Ministry

PICKERS – Thursdays @ 2:00pm

CHOIR PRACTICE – 10:00am, before church

HANDBELL PRACTICE –Please watch for
updates.

Kraft Korner

Kraft Korner will meet on
September 18 at 10:00am



TOILET PAPER ROLLS AND PAPER TOWELS ROLLS ARE NEEDED!!!!

We will continue painting our rocks and start
working on a new project - "Candy Corn Poppers" -
for the local nursing home residents. Toilet paper
tubes and paper towel tubes are needed to make
these so please bring in your **EMPTY** rolls. A box
will be in the Gathering Space to drop them off.
Please be sure to wear your painting clothes to our
Kraft Korner (if you don't we can make you a paint
smock!). These poppers will bring some smiles to
our local community.

Disciples Men/CMF

CMF will meet on the **third Tuesday of the month**
at 12:30 for lunch,

location TBA. If you
currently do not receive
an email from Rev. Mike
about this, please
contact him.



Men's Fellowship

Disciples Women/CWF

CWF will meet on
September 3 at 9:30am



CWF Back to School Drive

School Supply items that are being collected for Stephen F. Austin Middle School Teachers Back to School Drive can be dropped off in the bus in our Gathering Space or brought to the CWF Meeting on Sept. 3rd.

Worship Services

In person and live streamed,
Sundays at 10:45am:

Our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BryanCollegeStationDisciples/>

Recycle Team

If you have recycling at your home and are willing to take some home with you from the church we would greatly appreciate it. There is a recycling bin in the Fellowship hall as well as one in the copy room. You can contact the office for more information.



October Newsletter Deadline!

We would like to publish the September monthly Newsletter on **Sept. 30. Please submit any articles or calendar items by Sept. 29.**

Please submit your articles to:
firstchristianbcs@gmail.com

COVID and the Church:

Update for September:

We continue to follow CDC, and local Health Department guidance, in order to keep everyone attending our services as safe as possible.

People may choose to mask at any time. **People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a high-quality [mask or respirator](#) when indoors in public.**

Please take care of yourself, and be considerate of others.

Prayer Concerns

While we believe everyone needs prayer, those named on our list have specific and ongoing needs:

Diane Andrews
Julie (Atterbury) Porter
Teddy Atterbury
Cheryl & Karl Aufderheide
Kay & John Benes
Rose Bowden
John Delaney
Bill Dixon
Terry & Eva Hart
Caroline Jeffrey
Laura Johnson
Lois & Shorty Kindt
Jeanene Kindt
Jackie Kranz
Caton Milstead
Roger & Emily Nichols
Linda Kay Lange Rector
Brad Slocum
Annette & Richard Stadelmann
Ashley Weber
Elizabeth Weber
Reba Wood
John Wright
Jane Young

(If you would like yours or a loved one's name added to, or removed from, this list, please let us know.)

Church Calendar: September 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Mary R. Ron G.	5	6 Anniversary: Cheryl & Karl A.
7 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed Pancake Luncheon following worship	8 News from the Pews due Anita F.	9 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg	10 Disciples Women/CWF — 9:30am Gerald B.	11 Pickers, 2:00pm	12 Julie P. Melissa T.	13
14 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed Board meeting following worship Saphira S. McKayla G.	15 News from the Pews due	16 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg	17	18 Kraft Korner, 10:00am Pickers, 2:00pm Mary Anne C.	19	20
21 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed Rozan C. Anniversary: Karen & Mike T.	22 News from the Pews due	23 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg Disciples Men/CMF, 12:30pm Karen A.	24	25 Pickers, 2:00pm	26 Jesse M.	27
28 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed	29 October Newsletter Deadline	30 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg				