



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Mike's Musings

Matthew 10:42 – "...and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Sometimes we think the work of God is to be done by the professionals or those more spiritual than we are. Nothing could be further from the truth. Just take a close look at the stories in the Bible. God uses people of whom we would never think. Noah got drunk. Abraham tried to pass his wife off as his sister to save his own skin. David was an adulterer who arranged for his lover's husband's death.

Jacob was a liar. Think of John the Baptist—he was sort of an odd character! None of the twelve apostles were men of note. They were people just like you and me. But God has a penchant for using the imperfect, odd, broken, marginalized, and sinful. God's infinite grace and mercy sees each of us, flaws and all, and chooses us to accomplish Divine work. God knows us and invites us to participate in Divine work.

For some, it might mean serving in the mission field in a faraway place. However, for most of us, God's work is in the mundane and routine of our everyday lives, in our family, neighborhood, workplace, and community. It's not complicated. It may be just giving a kind word to a coworker, a reassuring smile to the check-out clerk, being patient as we struggle to explain ourselves for the

fifth time. Or it could be more involved, like walking with someone going through a divorce, an addiction, or the unexpected death of a loved one. Life is not easy. We need one another. And we need to be available to serve the simple things in the name of Jesus. It's all His work, and He prepares, empowers, and provides for us to do it.

When God trusts us to be hands and feet helping a hurting world, there is no greater fulfillment, no greater satisfaction, than knowing we have participated with God in Divine work of grace, which makes a difference that counts for all eternity.

Take a moment to consider one thing you can do this week that will make a difference in the life of someone right where you live. Is it the teller at your bank who needs a smile and a great big thank-you to be reassured that they count? Is it the single mom driving carpool who would welcome a casserole? Maybe there's an opportunity to share God's love with a colleague. Take that step. Make a difference. Give a cup of cold water to help refresh another's soul.

Blessings!

Pastor Mike



Sermon Schedule for July

July 5 - Independence Sunday

"From Sadness to Joy"

Esther 7:1-10; 9:1-2, 20-22, 29-32

"Timothy" Sermon Series

July 12 - "Have Confidence in the Gospel"

1 Timothy 1:12-17

July 19 - "Take Hold of Eternal Life"

1 Timothy 6:6-19

July 26 - "Rekindle the Gift of God"

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Independence Sunday – July 5

There will be an **Elder/Fellowship luncheon and game day with bingo** following the worship service this **Sunday, July 5**.

Please join us!



Recognizing New life

On Sunday, June 28, during prayer time, First Christian Church recognized new life in our midst, with a rose for each new baby, grandbaby, or great-grandbaby born to members' families.



Families and members also celebrated with a diaper shower and refreshments, following the worship service.





As part of our 160th Anniversary as a congregation, this week begins a tribute to the music that played a large part in our worship experience in its first couple of decades. Each week from now until the

end of the year, the opening hymn will be accompanied by a brief historical note. In addition, another hymn during the service will also be one that was sung or written during our early days; however, it will not include any history with it. We hope you enjoy this journey through our musical history during worship

The Elders



Disciples Women/CWF

Meetings are currently on hiatus through the summer.



Disciples Men/CMF

CMF meets on the **third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 for lunch, location TBA.**

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



Music Ministry

PICKERS – Thursdays @ 2:00pm
CHOIR PRACTICE – 10:15am, before church
HANDBELL PRACTICE – Please watch for updates.



Kraft Korner

Kraft Korner will meet on **July 16th from 10:00am -12:00pm.**



August Newsletter Deadline!

We would like to publish the June monthly Newsletter on **July 29. Please submit any articles or calendar items by July 28.**

Please submit your articles to:
firstchristianbcs@gmail.com

Worship Services

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

Our Facebook Page:

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

COVID and the Church:

Update for July:

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
Cheryl & Karl Aufderheide
Kay & John Benes
Rose Bowden
John Delaney
Bill Dixon
Kathy Ervin
Terry & Eva Hart
Caroline Jeffrey
Sharon Jeffrey
Laura Johnson
Shorty Kindt
Jeanene Kindt
Gaby Kocmoud
Jackie Kranz
Bob McGee
Caton Milstead
Roger & Emily Nichols
Brad Slocum
Annette & Richard Stadelmann
Gwen Townsend
Ashley Weber
Elizabeth Weber
Reba Wood
Bobby Woods
John Wright
Dale Young
Jane Young

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

We thank Bob Richards for leading the service and giving the sermon on June 28. His sermon title was **"One Small Cup."**



Church Calendar: July 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 John P.	3	4
5 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:15am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed Luncheon & Bingo following worship	6 News from the Pews due	7 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg House Church, 6:00pm	8	9 Pickers, 2:00pm	10	11
12 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:15am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed Board meeting following worship	13 News from the Pews due	14 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg House Church, 6:00pm	15 Andi S.	16 Kraft Korner, 10:00am Pickers, 2:00pm	17	18
19 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:15am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed -	20 News from the Pews due Elma R.	21 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg Disciples Men/CMF, 12:30pm House Church, 6:00pm	22 Lois K.	23 Pickers, 2:00pm	24	25
26 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:15am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed	27 August Newsletter Deadline	28 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg House Church, 6:00pm	29 Phillip G.	30 Pickers, 2:00pm	31	