



**FIRST  
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## Mike's Musings

*Psalm 119:37a - "Turn my eyes from looking at vanities."*

Many today find the idea of reincarnation attractive—the belief that after we die we come back to Earth. Some people are influenced by other religions; others simply like the idea of being able to live out multiple experiences.

The Bible is clear: reincarnation isn't true, and the life we're leading now is the only one we'll ever live. Once we die, we go into eternity—either to Heaven to be with God forever, or to an existence where we will be eternally separated from God and God's Divine blessings.

What difference should this make? First, it gives urgency to our lives right now.

God's plan for each person in one life. There is no chance after death to do life over again. One life is all we have, and it is gone in the blink of an eye.

Sometimes we get tired of the burdens of life and wish we could start all over again. We can, with God, for God desires that we walk in upright ways through the one life we have been granted.

The Bible has much to say about the brevity of life and the necessity of preparing for eternity. Only when a person is prepared to die is he or she also prepared to live. Oh, that we would pray to the Lord to turn our eyes from the worthless things and receive the life God wants us to live.

Blessings!

Pastor Mike



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## June Sermon Schedule

### **"The Church at Galatia" Sermon Series (continued)**

June 8 – Pentecost Sunday

"Pentecost; Fruits of the Spirit"

Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7; 5:16-26

### **Jeremiah Sermon Series**

June 15 – Trinity Sunday - "Call and Temple"

Jeremiah 1:1-10

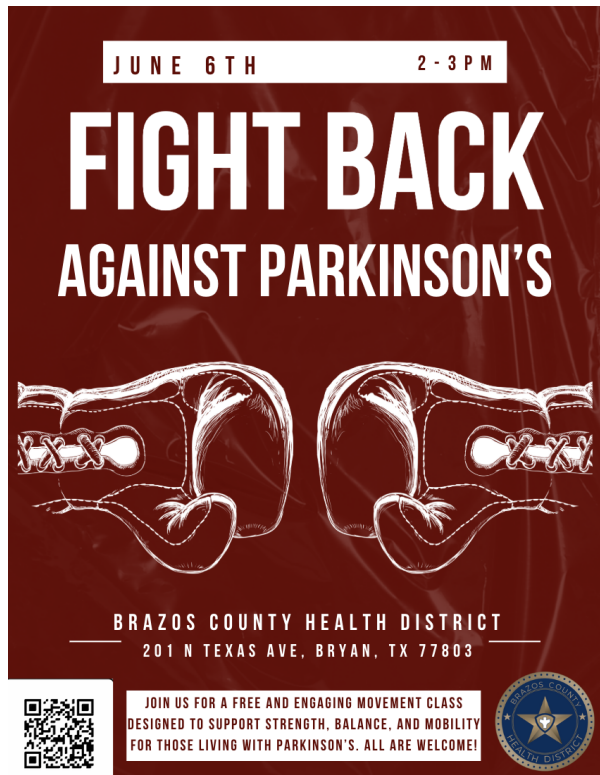
June 22 – "Potter and the Clay"

Jeremiah 18:1-11

June 29 – "Scroll Burned and Rewritten"

Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-31

## OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD



Link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/MwBAi2JqmnvTvL4x8>

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On Sunday, **June 15**, Missionary Lester Deng will be visiting with us. he will give a brief overview of his ministry during the service and will be available after the service to answer any questions you may have. Consider how you can support his ongoing ministry.

Our Fourth of July Celebration will be held after church on **July 6th**. Our Disciples Men will be providing lunch (hot dogs, chips, watermelon, etc). There will be 2 sign-up sheets in the narthex. One is for the men to sign up for what they will be bringing, the second one is for anyone who plans to attend so they know how much food to prepare. Sign-up will begin on Sunday.

### 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. Our coffee is typically being made as we enter the building thanks to one of our dedicated men. 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. Donations to help fund our coffee are greatly appreciated as well, a basket is located on the coffee table in the Gathering Space or you can place a check or envelope in the offering plate (please mark it for coffee if placing in offering plate). Thank you!

### Music Ministry

**PICKERS** – Thursdays @ 11:00am

**CHOIR PRACTICE** – 10:00am, before church

**HANDBELL PRACTICE** – Please watch for updates.

### Disciples Women/CWF

CWF will meet on **June 4** at **10:30** for brunch, study, and worship.



### Kraft Korner



Kraft Korner will meet on **June 19th** at 10 am. If you have a craft project in mind let Karen Townsend know ASAP. Back up project will be finishing our wooden crosses and rock painting, so dress accordingly.

## 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.



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## 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



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## Behind the Scenes

The past week has been a whirlwind and quite stressful as we worked towards getting our new home. Yesterday we finally closed and after a few hiccups we got the keys to our new home in Bryan. We are excited to get moved in and have a permanent place! Now the work begins as we get packed, start shifting our belongings into the new house as soon as we get the carpets cleaned, a/c cleaned, and the fireplace, along with some painting and updates to the house. Lots of things to do!!!

In between Michael has had 2 funerals with another this Sat. We have also been busy dropping off our Feelie Hearts around town. We have dropped off all the remaining hearts to BISD new hires for the past school year, to the CS & Bryan Fire Departments, to the CS Cotton Patch (where we know all the staff - guess you can tell where we like to eat out), and at Scott & White hospital in the NICU. Sarah graciously gave us a tour of the outside area of the NICU and told us how they were a place of hope and love as they helped these tiny lives grow strong so they can send healthy babies home. She felt so blessed to share the hearts we made with the staff and shared how she

works to be a light in the lives of the families she works with and how God has lead her to this line of work. She shares his message any chance she gets. She is truly one of his disciples! Our prayers will touch the lives of so many who go through the doors of the NICU. We are working on special hearts for the children at St Joseph Hospital and hope to deliver these soon, along with ones for the Pregnancy Assistance Center in Bryan & Brenham, to 2 of our Volunteer Fire Departments in the County, and add more to the Bryan Police Dept. to go with the few we sent in May when they came to pick up the teddy bears made by our CWF Women's group.

So for now we keep moving forward, try to stay hydrated and cool. Getting to use the new above ground swimming pool that came with our home should help us do just that!

We look forward to having everyone over once we get settled in! Thank you for all the support!

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## July Newsletter Deadline!

We would like to publish the July monthly Newsletter on **June 25. Please submit any articles or calendar items by June 24.**

Please submit your articles to:  
[firstchristianbcs@gmail.com](mailto:firstchristianbcs@gmail.com)

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## Worship Services

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

## Our Facebook Page:

**[https://www.facebook.com/  
BryanCollegeStationDisciples/](https://www.facebook.com/BryanCollegeStationDisciples/)**

## COVID and the Church:

### Update for June

*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.



# PENTECOST

**Sunday, June 8**

All are encouraged to wear red, or other flame colors to the worship service!

## 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  
Family of Liza Culpepper  
Family of Charles Dishman  
Bill Dixon  
The Fuller Family  
Terry & Eva Hart  
Laura Johnson (Bob Richards' cousin)  
Lois & Shorty Kindt  
Jeanene Kindt  
Jackie Kranz  
Caton Milstead  
Roger & Emily Nichols  
Linda Kay Lange Rector  
David Reed  
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: June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed  <b>Elders Meeting            following worship</b>	<b>2</b> <b>News from the            Pews due</b>	<b>3</b> 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg   <b>Anniversary:            Andi &amp; Tim S.</b>	<b>4</b> Disciples Women/CWF, 9:30am	<b>5</b> Pickers, 11:00am   <b>Dawn C.</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Pentecost            Sunday</b> Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed	<b>9</b> <b>News from the            Pews due</b>	<b>10</b> 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Pickers, 11:00am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed	<b>16</b> <b>News from the            Pews due</b>	<b>17</b> 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg  Disciples Men/CMF, 12:30pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Kraft Korner, 10:00am  Pickers, 11:00am	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed  Congregational meeting following worship	<b>23</b> <b>July Newsletter            Deadline</b>  <b>Terry H.            Gerry H.</b>	<b>24</b> 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg  <b>Diane W.</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed	<b>30</b> <b>News from the            Pews due</b>					