



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

OF BRYAN / COLLEGE STATION  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

# The Visitor

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## Mike's Musings

1 Samuel 15:22b - *Surely, to obey is better than sacrifice....*

Humanity has always revered various things: status, fame, popularity, people, money, and security. Anything that stands between God and humanity is considered idolatry. Many think that pagan worship belongs to the past, but it is still very much alive. We have simply renamed it: pop culture!

Every day, we face choices. When it comes to whom or what we worship, we have two options: submit to the things of this world and suffer spiritually or kneel before the true God and truly live.

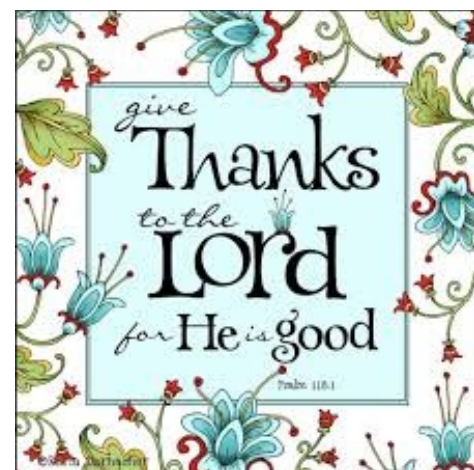
Worship, in its purest form, occurs only when our complete focus is on God—on His glory, power, majesty, love, and compassion. If we are honest, this rarely happens, as even in church or during our quiet moments, we often get sidetracked and fail to perceive God as He truly is. Those who worship God first acknowledge Him as the Lord, the Sovereign and all-powerful Creator of the universe. Worship is recognizing God as the Creator.

Genuine worship should arise from God's people because He has included them in the

Divine family. We need to learn to eliminate the distractions that prevent us from genuinely worshiping God. We must direct our minds and hearts to God daily, praising Him for who He is and for what He has done to save lost souls.

Blessings!

Pastor Mike



## Sermon Schedule for May

### "A Funny Thing Happened (to Paul) on the Way to the Forum" Sermon Series

May 3 – "Paul's Sermon at Athens"  
Acts 17:16-31

### "The Church at Philippi" Sermon Series

May 10 – "Partnership in the Gospel"  
Philippians 1-18a

May 17 – Ascension Sunday  
"The Christ Hymn"  
Philippians 2:1-13

May 24 – Pentecost Sunday  
"Pentecost: Rejoice in the Lord"  
Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7

### "Two Women of Faith: Ruth and Esther" Sermon Series

May 31 – "Loss and Loyalty"  
Ruth 1:1-22

Dear Church family,  
As we continue our year long celebration for 160 years, we the Elders would like to challenge you to 160 hours of scripture reading. Make yourself a plan - maybe a favorite Gospel, or the Psalms. Read and study, and lift yourself in the Word.

*The Elders*



## Elders Meeting

May 3, 4:00pm,  
via Zoom



## Board Meeting

May 10, immediately following worship



## Disciples Women/CWF

CWF will meet on May 6 at 9:30am



## 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.



## 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 **May 21st from 10:00am -12:00pm.**



## OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

\* We have begun a **new young adult/college student Sunday School class, at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.** It is available to those who are within the ages of 14-29.

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### June Newsletter Deadline!

We would like to publish the June monthly Newsletter on **May 28. Please submit any articles or calendar items by May 27.**

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

*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  
Jackie Kranz  
Bob McGee  
Caton Milstead  
Roger & Emily Nichols  
Linda Kay Rector  
Brad Slocum  
Annette & Richard Stadelmann  
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.)*



# Church Calendar: May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  Pat B.
<b>3</b> Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:15am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed  <b>Elders meeting,            4:00pm, via Zoom</b>	<b>4</b> <b>News from the            Pews due</b>	<b>5</b> 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg  House Church, 6:00pm	<b>6</b> Disciples Women/CWF -- 9:30am  Sue E.	<b>7</b> Pickers, 2:00pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:15am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed <b>Board meeting            following worship</b>  <b>Jeanette P.</b>	<b>11</b> <b>News from the            Pews due</b>	<b>12</b> 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg  House Church, 6:00pm	<b>13</b>   <b>Brandon Y.</b>	<b>14</b>  Pickers, 2:00pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:15am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed	<b>18</b> <b>News from the            Pews due</b>  <b>Jackie G.</b>	<b>19</b> 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg  Disciples Men/CMF, 12:30pm  House Church, 6:00pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Kraft Korner, 10:00am  Pickers, 2:00pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:15am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed -	<b>25</b> <b>June            Newsletter            Deadline</b>  <b>Anniversaries:            Mary &amp; Bob R.            Pat &amp; Larry B.</b>	<b>26</b> 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg  House Church, 6:00pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Pickers, 2:00pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Ben T.</b>
<b>31</b> Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:15am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed						