



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Mike's Musings

Romans 8:7 - For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot.

There are times when our minds seem to have a mind of their own. We know what is right, yet we find ourselves resisting it. We want to forgive, but we keep replaying the hurt. We want to trust God, but fear keeps whispering that we should take control. We want to love our neighbor, but irritation gets in the way.

Romans 8:7 reminds us that a mind focused only on human desires can become resistant to God. Paul is not simply pointing a finger at bad people. He is describing a struggle that all of us know. There is a part of us that wants to live on our own terms.

The good news is that God does not leave us trapped there. Faith is not about pretending we have everything under control. It is about allowing God to reshape the way we think, respond, and live.

Sometimes that change happens slowly. A harsh response becomes a patient one. Anxiety gives way to prayer. Resentment begins to soften into forgiveness. We start looking at

people not as interruptions or problems, but as children of God.

Today, pay attention to the thoughts that pull you away from God. You do not have to defeat them by yourself. Bring them honestly to God. Ask the Spirit to change your heart and redirect your mind.

God is patient with us. And every step toward God is a step toward a different way of living.

Blessings!

Pastor Mike



Sermon Schedule for October

"A Walk Through the Old Testament" Sermon Series

October 4 - World Communion Sunday
"Rescue at the Sea"
Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

October 11 - "Covenant and Commandments"
Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

October 18 - "Joshua Renews the Covenant"
Joshua 24:1-26

October 25 - "David and Bathsheba"
2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9;
Psalm 51:1-9

Behind the Scenes

Do you find time passes faster these days? Some seem as if there aren't enough hours in the day. As I write this I am packing to get my mom moved. Anyone who has ever moved knows the challenges that go with it. I appreciate all the prayers and support you have given my family.

Upon my return we will be working our way to getting ready for our **Trick or Treat on Ennis Street**. If you are able to help please let Jen Swartz know and sign up in the Narthex. We will need you on **Sunday Oct 18th from 2:00 -4:30**. Candy is also needed. We have a growing group of outreach agencies that will be joining us this year. Exciting times! See you soon!

Things Financial

The church has just finished our third quarter giving and we're heading into the end of our church financial year. Let's try to end the year with an outpouring of giving (which we usually do). So still time to catch up if you should have fallen a bit

behind. We want to finish the year successfully and head into the new year with a good feeling.

To the matter of 2027 (!) we will be starting our budget planning very soon. Let's enter this period of planning with a spirit of gratitude for our many blessings and looking for all the ways we can serve our church and its mission. If you are interested in serving on the stewardship committee to work on the 2027 budget, let me know.

Long Range Financial Planning – Through the generosity of several individuals FCC has some funds available to us that we wish to use in the most responsible and spiritual manner. We are beginning a Long-Range Financial Planning Committee to assist in these efforts. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please let me know.

Ann Pittman, Treasurer

Volunteers Needed

We are forming a Security subcommittee as part of the Property Committee. This committee needs volunteers for a couple of new jobs. We need people to volunteer to stay after church services and events and check to make sure that all exterior doors have been properly closed and locked after everyone has left the building. We also need people to volunteer to stay in the narthex during services to keep an eye on the doors and watch for late comers or visitors. This would entail greeting people who come in after the service has started and getting them seated in the sanctuary or taking their information so that Mike or an Elder can get in touch with them if they are seeking assistance. We would like to have multiple for each of these new roles so that the duties can be spread out and no one person has to do them every week. Please contact Bob Richards if you are interested in either job or in serving on the Security subcommittee.

OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

Trick or Treat on Ennis Street

Sunday, October 18 from 2:30-4:30pm. We are looking for anyone who is willing to help with small table games, hand out candy, share our church information and history. We can only do these events with your help!!

We have added new games and a toddler corner for our little ones! Candy, goldfish crackers, teddy grahams, etc are also needed to hand out as treats (individual packages only please). These can be placed in the box in our Gathering space. We will also be collecting non perishable food items for the Church Pantry as part of our 160th Celebration. **If you would like more information please see Karen Townsend or Jen Swartz.**

TRICK OR TREAT ON ENNIS STREET



October 18th 2:30-4:30 PM

First Christian Church B/CS
900 S. Ennis St.
Bryan, Texas

Games - Puppet Shows - Face Paint

Join the Trick or Treat Fun! Enjoy face painting, tattoos, games, prizes, crafts, puppets shows and more!

Help us celebrate our 160th Anniversary by bringing a non-perishable item for the Brazos Church Pantry and get a gift!

ALL AGES WELCOME!



Regional Assembly 2026

Join clergy, lay leaders, congregations, and ministry partners from across the region for CCSW Regional Assembly 2026, a milestone gathering for worship, fellowship, discernment, and the shared work of the church. In 2026, we mark 50 years since the first Regional Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest, and we will gather together in Fort Worth to celebrate that legacy and look ahead with hope.

One of most important topics to be discussed and voted on is a revised Design (think Constitution and Bylaws) that reaffirms the covenantal connection we have as individual congregations within a One-Region model

This is an in-person event only. There will be no Zoom option, or online participation - limited live streaming for viewing will take place throughout the event.

Location

University Christian Church
2720 S University Dr
Fort Worth, TX 76109

Start Times

Friday, November 6, 2026 — 9:00 AM
Saturday, November 7, 2026 — 9:00 AM

Registration Cost

\$100

Link: <http://www.ccsw.org/ra26>

First Christian Church

Celebrating our 160th year of worshiping and serving in this community!

November 8

Coffee and Fellowship @ 10:00am

Special Worship Service @ 10:30am



Little Library in Dishman Park

As many of you are probably aware, FCC's **Little Library** has been rebuilt and re-installed in Dishman Park. We do have a back stock of books that have been donated in past months. We try to put more books out once a week, and people from around town and the neighborhood also donate, but we do not have very many kids' books. If you are able to donate some children's books (ages 1 through 6 or 7 are most needed, but any would be welcome), we would greatly appreciate it!



Music Ministry

PICKERS – Thursdays at 2:00pm

CHOIR PRACTICE – 10:15am, before church

HANDBELL PRACTICE – Please watch for updates.



October Newsletter Deadline!

We would like to publish the **November** monthly Newsletter on **October 27**. Please submit any **articles or calendar items** by **October 26**.

Please submit your articles to:
firstchristianbcs@gmail.com



Kraft Korner

Kraft Korner will meet on **October 15 from 10:00am -12:00pm**. We will be starting on Chrismons.



Disciples Women/CWF

The next meeting is **October 7, at 9:30am**.



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.

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 October:

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
Family of Kathy Ervin
Gayle French
Terry & Eva Hart
Carolyn Hoyle
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
Ashley Weber
Elizabeth Weber
Reba Wood
Bobby Woods
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: October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 World Communion Sunday Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:15am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed Elders meeting following worship	5 News from the Pews due	6 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg House Church, 6:00pm	7 Disciples Women/CWF — 9:30am	8	9	10 Ron C.
11 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:15am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed Annette S.	12 News from the Pews due Jane C.	13 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg House Church, 6:00pm Heather B. Vicki G.	14	15 Kraft Korner, 10:00am Pickers, 2:00pm Anniversary: Sharon & Calvin J.	16	17
18 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:15am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed Trick or Treat on Ennis Street, 2:30-4:30pm	19 News from the Pews due	20 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg Disciples Men/CMF, 12:30pm House Church, 6:00pm Sharon J.	21 Larry G.	22 Pickers, 2:00pm	23 Susan B.	24
25 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:15am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed	26 November Newsletter Deadline Jackie K. Anniversary: Jane & Ron C.	27 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg House Church, 6:00pm	28	29 Pickers, 2:00pm	30	31