



**FIRST  
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# The Visitor

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## Mike's Musings

*1 John 4:8 – "God is love."*

The Bible says, "let us love one another, because love is from God... for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him...he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:7-10). Until the good news of Jesus Christ burst onto the human scene, the word love was understood mostly in terms of seeking one's own advantage. A loving God reaching down to sinful humans was unthinkable.

The greatest act of love a person can ever perform for people is to tell them about God's love for them. God is the Source of love; God is the demonstration of love, wrapped up in righteousness, judgment, mercy, and grace. To receive it, we must be willing to listen and obey God's Word.

It is also important to understand that true love—God's love—is unchangeable; God knows exactly what we are and loves us anyway. It was God's love that knew humankind was incapable of obeying the Law, and it was God's love that promised a Redeemer, a Savior, who

would save the people from their sins and empower them to live for God. True love is an act of the will, and anyone who receives Christ as Savior does the will of the Father in Heaven.

Blessings!

Pastor Mike



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## June Sermon Schedule

Sermon Series: Lord's Prayer (continued)

June 2 – "Lord's Prayer -The Holiness"

Luke 11:2-4

June 9 – "The Kingdom"

Luke 11:2-4

June 16 – Father's Day

"Our Needs"

Luke 11:2-4

Sermon Series: 1 John

June 23 – "Our Joy Can Be Complete"

1 John 1:1-2:2

June 30 – "See What Kind of Love"

1 John 3:1-7



## Women's Fellowship

### Disciples Women/CWF

(meet on the first Wednesday of the month 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.



Men's Fellowship

## Congregational Meeting



### Congregational Meeting –

June 9,  
following worship

### Elders Meeting

June 9, following  
worship



### Kraft Korner

We meet on **June 20th from 10-12.** We will be assembling our 4th of July craft projects



## ATTENTION, PLEASE!

We have photos from our **Mother's Day Display** that have not been claimed. If you brought a photo of your Mom and didn't take it home it is located on the buffet in the Gathering Space next to the office window. Please be sure and pick these up this Sunday as we will be preparing the space for our upcoming events and we don't want any photos to be misplaced. Thank You!

### Small Group Meals

Karen and Mike Townsend will be hosting small group meals at their home in the next few weeks. Please sign up for one that fits your schedule, sign-up sheet in the narthex:

Thursday, **June 6**, 5:30pm Dinner

Sunday, **June 16**, 1:00pm Lunch

Friday, **June 21**, 11:00am Brunch

Saturday, **June 29**, 5:00pm Dinner

Monday, **July 15**, 1:00pm Lunch



### From Our Outreach Partners...

**Sunday, June 2 - 6-9pm: Grill-a-Pride-a-Looza;**

Friends Congregational Church

2200 Southwood Drive

College Station, TX 77845.

**Friday, June 14 - 8-9am: Coffee, Muffins, and CHOSEN;**

Bryan Community Church

2901 Austin Colony Parkway

Bryan, TX 77808.

CHOSEN is a community-oriented organization that empowers universities, hospitals, churches, and individuals through the provision of community projects, campaigns, and healthcare items and surgical equipment that inspire overall wellness, rehabilitation, and mobility.

## Behind the Scenes

Summer has started and the calendar is already beginning to fill up quickly. Michael and I are preparing for our Small Group Gatherings. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. We look forward to visiting with all of you in our home for a meal and a chance to talk about what you would like to see happen in our church. This is the start of the visioning process and how we move forward. It is an exciting time. You will also get to experience some of Michael's cooking as I am still working to get back on my feet. We are exploring opportunities in the community and will have more information coming soon. Be sure and check our community events board and other bulletin boards in our Fellowship/Education hallways as these will have new things coming soon!

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Mark your calendars and be sure to attend our 4th of July celebration lunch and game day on **Sunday July 7th!** Our Disciple Men's Group will be preparing hot dogs and watermelon with the help of our Fellowship team. Food, fun and fellowship that you won't want to miss! Feel free to bring a friend to service and stay for the fun!

## Kitchen Reorganization

We are looking for members who would like to be part of our Kitchen Reorganizing Team. We will be planning on scheduling this in **August**. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex on Sunday or you can contact Karen Townsend for more info.

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

**We are in need of someone to help with Sunday Morning Fellowship THIS Sunday June 2nd. Please contact Karen Townsend ASAP.**

We also have slots available for June to September. Sign up sheet is on the door between the Fellowship Hall and the Gathering Space. If you have questions you can contact Karen Townsend or Vicki Green.

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**Recycle Team** - If you are able to help take recycling from the church **please see Karen Townsend**. We are trying to make sure our recycling items are not sitting more than a day or two at the church. We have 4 families on our Recycle Team but could use a few extra hands. If you live in CS and are willing to help please let us know!



## Music Ministry

**PICKERS** – Thursdays @ 11:00am

**CHOIR PRACTICE** – Sundays before church @ 10:00am, until further notice

**HANDBELL PRACTICE** – on hiatus for the summer



*The choir will have the month of **July** off. We invite anyone who wishes to provide **special music for a Sunday in July** to contact the office, or Rev. Mike.*



Please be considerate of others.

## Prayer Concerns

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

Diane Andrews (friend of Cheryl Aufderheide)  
Julie (Atterbury) Porter  
Teddy Atterbury (great-grandson of John Atterbury)  
Karl Aufderheide  
Rose Bowden (sister of Diane Weber)  
Nancy Deu Pree (Bob Richards' cousin)  
Charles Dishman  
Dennis & Pat Henry Dugas (Friend of Mary & Cheryl)  
Ashley Forster (Bob Richards' daughter)  
Verla Green (Jackie Green's mother-in-law)  
Terry & Eva Hart  
Family of Leatha Jeffrey  
Alexander Lam (Bob Richards' stepson)  
Bob McGee  
Caton Milstead (Karen Smith's nephew)  
Roger & Emily Nichols (friends of Mary Richards)  
Monique & David Reed (friends of the Aufderheides)  
Brad Slocum (Stacy Atterbury's brother)  
Annette & Richard Stadelmann  
Elizabeth Weber  
Reba Wood  
John Wright  
Family of Nancy Wright

Shut-ins:  
Jackie Kranz,

## July Newsletter Deadline!

The June monthly Newsletter will be published **June 25, 2023.**

**Articles will be due by June 24.**

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 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.**



# Church Calendar: June 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>2</b> Sunday school, 9:30am  Choir practice, 10:00am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed	<b>3</b> <i>News from the Pews Due</i>  <b>Anniversary:</b> <b>Andi &amp; Tim Scott</b>	<b>4</b> 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg	<b>5</b> Disciples Women/CWF, 9:30am  <i>Handbells are on hiatus for the summer</i>  <b>Dawn Chandler</b>	<b>6</b> Pickers, 11:00am	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Sunday school, 9:30am  Choir practice, 10:00am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed  <b>Congregational Meeting</b> following worship <b>Elder meeting</b> following worship	<b>10</b> <i>News from the Pews Due</i>	<b>11</b> 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg	<b>12</b>     <b>* Special Choir Practice, 6:30pm</b>	<b>13</b>   Pickers, 11:00am	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Sunday school, 9:30am  Choir practice, 10:00am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed	<b>17</b> <i>News from the Pews Due</i>	<b>18</b> 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg  Disciples Men/CMF, 12:30pm – location TBA	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Kraft Korner, 10:00am  Pickers, 11:00am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Sunday school, 9:30am  Choir practice, 10:00am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed	<b>24</b> <i>July Newsletter Deadline</i>  <b>Diane Weber</b>	<b>25</b> 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Pickers, 11:00am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Sunday school, 9:30am  Choir practice, 10:00am  Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed  <b>Terry Hart</b> <b>Gerry Hart</b>						