



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Mike's Musings

Isaiah 55:1-2 - Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Are you thirsty? For what? What do you long for? What are you pursuing? What do you spend your time dreaming about? This passage calls us to examine ourselves. What are we doing? Are we pursuing the things that do not satisfy? So often we wear ourselves out, trying to be more, do more, have more. And yet it does not fulfill us—there is always more out there beckoning us. One more hill to climb. One more achievement.

This verse tells us to stop! Instead of the relentless pursuit of things that do not satisfy, God invites everyone to come. Come to him, the living water. It isn't an exclusive offer for those who have it altogether—it is for everyone. Drug addicts pursuing the next high. Promiscuous people seeking the next trick. Bankers after the next deal. Preachers trying to look good. Sinners pursuing that which does not satisfy. We are all sinners. The invitation is for all: "come to the waters." Be cleansed. Refreshed. Imagine a cool, clear watering hole where children are playing—diving, splashing, playing. Carefree. We all long to be free from the burdens and sins we carry. Such freedom is possible.

What God offers is free. Money is not the currency of God's Kingdom; faith and trust are. What we receive from God is always the best. God says, "I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you" (Psalm 81:16). God longs to satisfy us. God wants us to delight in the abundance of peace, grace, forgiveness, mercy, love, and joy. It can't be bought. It can only be received.

God is not stingy. God pours good things out upon us if we would but stop running after that which is empty. Stop grasping at things you will ultimately lose, and open your hand to receive eternal, lasting gifts. You will be glad you did.

Take a moment. What occupies your thoughts and energy? Does it have eternal value? Stop running after that which has no lasting value. For what is your heart longing? Have you found it? You have a standing invitation to come to the living water that cleanses, refreshes, and satisfies an abundance.

Blessings!

Pastor Mike



“Lent” Sermon Series

March 1 – “Jesus Washes Feet”
John 13:1-17

March 8 – “Peter’s Denial”
John 18:12-27

March 15 – “Jesus and Pilate”
John 18:28-40

March 22 – “Jesus Condemned”
John 19:1-16a

March 29 – Palm Sunday
“The Crucified Messiah”
John 19:16b-22

Behind the Scenes

We have hit the busy season! Plans are being put in place for our Annual Easter Bunny Egg Trail Event on March 29th from 2:30-4:30 pm. We will soon begin to stuff eggs so watch for dates. If you have individually wrapped candy you are willing to donate, a box will be placed in the Gathering Space for these items.

We are meeting with some of our Outreach Agencies to see what is needed in the community, and how we might assist or refer those in need. This next week brings our quarterly meeting with Bryan ISD Faith Based Leaders, as well as the Habitat for Humanity Builders Breakfast. The calendar is filling up quickly, but we don't mind as we feel God is leading us to new opportunities to share his love and message. We hope you will want to be a part of these exciting opportunities as well.

Disciples Women/CWF

CWF will meet on **March 4 at 9:30am**



Celebrate 160

Dear Church Family,

Prayer being a vital part of First Christian Church life our next “160” Celebration event will be March 8, 2026 at 9:30 in the Church Sanctuary. We will convene on the Church Chancel to pray for our Church. You will have the choice of silent prayer, or you can pray aloud with others. We will offer ideas or possibilities for your thoughtful prayer.



We can pray for:

Gratitude for our Past,
Empowerment for the Present,
Hope for the Future.

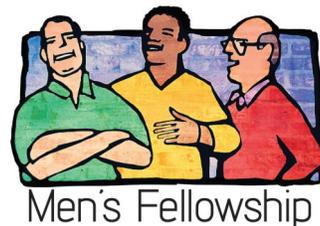
Let's come together and pray for God's Blessing on our 160 Celebration

Yours in Christ,
The Elders

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 **March 19th from 10:00am -12:00pm.** We will be working on last minute prep for our Easter Event.



OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

We are beginning a new program, designed to give people a break from the hustle and bustle of Bryan/College Station while providing a fun trip and atmosphere. It is called "Hearts in Motion." A series of day trips through this coming year are being detailed.

Currently, the first trip is scheduled for **March 23 from 9:30am-3:30pm**. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, but you can contact me directly, too, if the sign-up sheet is not an option for you. The only financial burden for you is lunch. I will be providing the transportation, based on the number of participants. That means it is important to let me know how many people plan to go. Our first trip will be to look at wildflowers, and maybe some shopping (if the wildflowers are not in full bloom). Deadline to sign up (or to let me know) is Monday, March 9.

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* A **Budget Committee** is being formed to take a very close look at our budget, spending, and long-term financial planning. If you are interested in working on this, **please contact Ann Pittman, who will chair the committee, or Andi Scott.**

* 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.

* We are looking for 3-4 enthusiastic volunteers who would be willing to teach a **children's Sunday school class**, for ages 5-13. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Pastor Mike.

* On **April 12, at 6pm**, First Christian Church will be hosting **The Southern Plainsmen Quartet**, a Southern-Gospel group based out of Louisiana. A love offering will be gathered. Please invite your family and friends. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 4: 9:30am - Disciples Women

March 5: 7:30am - Habitat for Humanity Builders' Breakfast

March 8: (Daylight Saving Time - Spring forward),
9:30am - Congregational Day of Prayer
(no Sunday School classes)

March 17: 12:30 Disciples Men's luncheon, location TBD

March 19: 10am-12pm - Kraft Korner

March 23: 9:30am-3:30pm - Hearts in Motion trip to see wildflowers

March 28: 10am-3pm - Elder Retreat

March 29: Palm Sunday; 2pm - Easter Egg Bunny Trails

April 2: 4:45pm - Soup Supper

5:30pm - Maundy Thursday Service

April 5: Easter Sunday

April Newsletter Deadline!

We would like to publish the April monthly Newsletter on **March 24** Please submit any **articles or calendar items by March 23.**

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 March:

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
Terry & Eva Hart
Caroline Jeffrey
Sharon Jeffrey
Laura Johnson
Shorty Kindt
Jeanene Kindt
Donna Kochan
Jackie Kranz
Bob McGee
Caton Milstead
Roger & Emily Nichols
Linda Kay Rector
Mary Richards
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: March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed Elders meeting following worship	2 News from the Pews due	3 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg House Church, 6:00pm Cheri G.	4 Disciples Women/CWF -- 9:30am Taylor R.	5 Pickers, 2:00pm Lauren D.	6	7 Cheryl A. Zachry G.
8 Congregational Day of Prayer, 9:30am (no Sunday School) Choir practice, 10:00am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed Board meeting following worship Jeremy S.	9 News from the Pews due	10 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg House Church, 6:00pm	11	12 Pickers, 2:00pm	13	14 Anniversary: Vicki & Larry G.
15 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed	16 News from the Pews due	17 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg Disciples Men/CMF, 12:30pm House Church, 6:00pm	18	19 Kraft Korner, 10:00am Pickers, 2:00pm	20	21
22 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed	23 April Newsletter Deadline Hearts in Motion wildflower trip, 9:30-3:00 Anniversary: Melissa & Ben T.	24 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg House Church, 6:00pm	25	26 Pickers, 2:00pm	27 Tonya C.	28 Elder Retreat
29 Palm Sunday Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed 2:00pm – Easter Bunny Egg Trail Arlen C.	30 Mark W.	31 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg House Church, 6:00pm				