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Mike's Musings

Proverbs 19:2 - "Desire without knowledge is not good, and one who moves too hurriedly misses the way."

It is hard for me to believe that Christmas was just a month ago. The new year began just three weeks ago. Why does 2022 already seem to be going so fast?

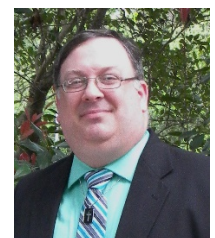
As many of you know, I came from the north part of Houston. It was an area rich in art culture and business. It attracted great multitudes of people from all over the Houston area, creating an enormous increase in automobile presence, a lack of parking space, and crowded buildings, parks, and event centers. You would think that with all of that busy-ness, things would have to slow down at some point. Not so! In fact, the circumstances resulted in many people being in a hurry, whether due to a lack of preparation, ignorance to their surroundings, or just plain self-absorption. And of course, arguments, road rage, and fender-benders increased, adding to the turmoil of an already hurried environment. "Hurry is a great enemy of spiritual life. You can hardly do anything the way Jesus did it if you're in a hurry. Jesus was often busy, but never hurried. Spiritual hurry is an inward condition in which you're so frantic and preoccupied that you're unable to receive love from the Father, unable to be present with other people, or to give love to them" (John Ortberg). We can be busy about the business of God without

having to go frantic due to our time or resource constraints.

We are called to be "in this world, but not of this world." That means we can use the resources in this world as long as we use them for God's ultimate glory. I will say that creating healthy spiritual habits is important in order to avoid becoming "of the world." But we shouldn't allow those activities to become so habitual that when a wrench is thrown into the mix we are unable to adapt. Things happen; sometimes they are because of us, sometimes they are in spite of us, and sometimes they have nothing to do with us at all. But we are all called to be the face of Christ to this hurried world. And sometimes that means speeding up to catch someone. Sometimes it means slowing down to let someone catch up to you. Sometimes it means pulling over to get your bearings. Eventually, though, we have to merge back into the traffic. Just make sure you know where your accelerator, brake, and blinkers are located, and how to use them accordingly.

I pray that February will bring you a heart to do God's will, an ability to use your hands and feet for God's work, and a mind that is able to discern God's call in your life.

Blessings!



Looking Forward in 2022

At the Congregational meeting on Sunday, January 23, the membership approved the budget for 2022. Once again, God has blessed us, and the numbers show we can look forward with enthusiasm for the year stretched out ahead of us. Now that the finances are set, we need to examine the rest of our giving – the gifts of time and talent. Some filled out a time and talent sheet and those are being quantified. For those who didn't get an opportunity to complete a sheet showing their service plans, forms will be available in the narthex this Sunday.

Take a moment to examine how you will serve your God and this congregation in 2022.



February Elders Meeting

There will be a Zoom Elders meeting on February 13 at 6:00pm. Please look for your invitation in your email in box soon.

Disciples Men/CMF

Continue to meet each Saturday at 9:00am.



Men's Fellowship

News & People Updates

Please see the most recent Visitor or News from the Pews emails, or your church text group for the most current updates and additional news.



Please let us know of any concerns, news, or updates that should go in the newsletter!

With the church office open limited hours, we may not get the information we need in a timely manner. If you have good news, interesting news, or just any news that the congregation would like to know, please email it to the church at:

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Preaching Schedule – Feb.

February 6 – John 4:46-5:18
"Healing Stories"

Feb. 13 – John 6:35-59
"Bread of Life"

Feb. 20 – John 7:37-52
"Living Water"

Feb. 27 – John 9:1-41
"The Man Born Blind"

Disciples Women/CWF

Next Meeting: February 2 at 9:30am



Women's Fellowship

COVID and the Church: Update for February

We continue to follow CDC, and local Health Department guidance, in order to keep everyone attending our services as safe as possible.

Since the Omicron variant of Covid-19 continues spreading widely in Texas, we strongly encourage everyone to wear a mask during the entire church service, and whenever inside the church buildings. We can provide masks if you do not have one.



Worship Services



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

Our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BryanCollegeStationDisciples/>

Our YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfkBUSqRgyYr1c-h0BdHn_A

March Newsletter Deadline!

The March monthly Newsletter will be published February 22, 2022. Articles will be due by Feb. 21.



We hope this monthly newsletter will include articles on people, ministries and reports as well as our calendar for March. Pictures are also much appreciated! Please submit your articles to:

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Prayer Concerns

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

Diane Andrews (friend of Cheryl Aufderheide)
John Atterbury
Julie (Atterbury) Porter
Teddy Atterbury (great-grandson of John Atterbury)
Jill Baker (Rozan Coody's niece)
Rose Bowden (sister of Diane Weber)
Family of Irma Bozardt
Gwen Bray
Nancy Deu Pree (Bob Richards' cousin)
Family of Jo Jo Evans (Stacy Atterbury's Mother)
Ashley Forster (Bob Richards' daughter)
Malcolm Foster (Rozan Coody's brother)
Family of Billie Green
Charlie Green (Larry Green's father)
Verla Green (Jackie Green's mother-in-law)
Terry & Eva Hart
Leatha Jeffrey (Calvin Jeffrey's mother)
Alexander Lam (Bob Richards' stepson)
Family of Liz McGee
Cody McKean
Caton Milstead (Karen Smith's nephew)
Roger & Emily Nichols (friends of Mary Richards)
Bob Richards
Delores Shaw (Mary Richards' aunt)
Brad Slocum (Stacy Atterbury's brother)
Family of Mark Stadelman
Richard Stadelmann
Elizabeth Weber
Reba Wood

Shut-ins:

Jackie Kranz
Nancy Wright



Let the beauty
of nature



remind you of
the goodness
of God

Church Calendar: February 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Disciples Women / CWF, 9:30am	3	4 Kasie Tedrick	5 Disciples Men / CMF, 9:00am
6 Worship, 10:45am, in-person & live- streamed <i>John 4:46-5:18</i> "Healing Stories"	7 News from the Pews Due	8 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg	9	10	11 Theodora Shepherd	12 Disciples Men / CMF, 9:00am
13 Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed <i>John 6:35-59</i> "Bread of Life" Elders Zoom Meeting, 6:00pm Tim Scott	14 Valentine's Day News from the Pews Due	15 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg	16	17	18	19 CPA Men's Retreat to Gonzales
20 Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed <i>John 7:37-52</i> "Living Water"	21 March Newsletter Deadline	22 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg	23	24	25	26 Disciples Men / CMF, 9:00am
27 Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed <i>John 9:1-41</i> "The Man Born Blind"	28 News from the Pews Due Nancy Wright					