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Mike's Musings

It almost seems as if the end of May would never arrive. It began joyfully enough, with Easter Sunday in the review mirror, Mother's Day in the front windshield, and the windows down allowing the end of spring winds to cool us as the approaching summer heat bore down on us. And then without warning a figurative vehicle stops suddenly in the road ahead of us in the form of the supermarket shooting in Buffalo, NY, creating a cascading series of crashes behind it as we heard of similar shootings in Ohio, Colorado, and California. And then, just as we thought we had swerved enough to avoid it all, the tractor trailer behind us slammed into us, pushing into the maelstrom taking place in Uvalde, TX. And the final straw is the airbag of Memorial Day deploying to remind us we are still here when others were not so fortunate.

I, like many of you, am having a tough time reconciling with the love/hate relationship of the world in which we live. The world has turned love into a secondary feeling, replacing its priority with personal satisfaction. Please do not misinterpret what I am saying, there is nothing wrong with being satisfied with oneself. What creates the dilemma is when that satisfaction is obtained to the detriment of another person, or people.

The arguments of Constitutional rights versus Civil Rights versus any number of other legal statutes that someone can pull out of the air on a moment's notice are not easily resolved.

What the laws seek to do is to protect citizens' rights. But the cost of protecting those rights sometimes results in irresponsible and inhumane behavior, some of it very tragic, as we have seen in the last few weeks.

If I have learned anything about the morality of law from Scripture, it is this: laws, albeit meant to make people free, do so at the cost of freedom for someone else. That is why Jesus so frequently challenged the Pharisees and legal experts of his day to look at the Spirit of the Law rather than the letter of the law, because the letter of the law could not encompass an ultimate morality. That means that just because someone has the right to do something, it does not give them free reign to adversely affect others (directly or indirectly) with the exercise of that right. All it takes is to read Matthew Chapter 15 or 23, or Mark 2, 3 or 7, or Luke 6 or 13!

Within our congregation, I am reminded today of the lyrics from the former television show *Family Matters* ("As Days Go By" by Jesse Frederick, Bennet Salvay and Scott Roeme):

*It's a rare condition, this day and age,
to read any good news on the newspaper page.
Love and tradition of the grand design,
some people say it's even harder to find.*

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*Well then there must be some magic clue inside
these gentle walls
Cause all I see is a tower of dreams
real love burstin' out of every seam.*

*As days go by,
we're gonna fill our house with happiness.
The moon may cry,
we're gonna smother the blues with tenderness.*

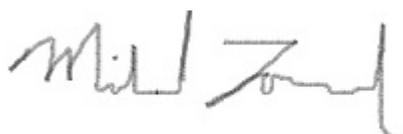
*When days go by,
there's room for you,
room for me,
for gentle hearts an opportunity.*

*As days go by,
it's the bigger love of the family.*

Jesus says the greatest commandment is this-to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. And the second greatest commandment is similar-love your neighbor as yourself.

June provides us new hope: we have the Spirit of God descending on us at Pentecost, followed by Father's Day. Let us get back to the "loving" part of life.

Blessings,
Mike



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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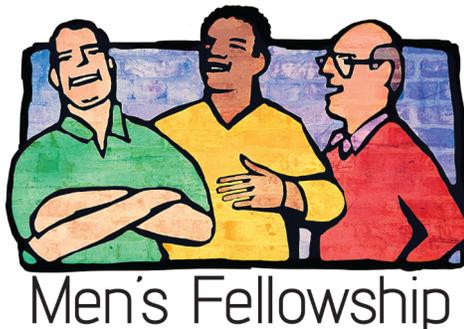
Disciples Women/CWF

Next Meeting: June 1 at 10:30am
Lunch outing following short meeting.



Disciples Men/CMF

Continue to meet each Saturday at 9:00am.



June Elders Meeting

There will be a Zoom Elders meeting on June 12, at 6:00pm. Please look for your invitation in your email in-box soon.

Special Music Needed for June!



The choir will be on vacation for most of June. Anyone interested in providing special music on June 12, 19, or 26, please contact Cheryl, Karl, or Rev. Mike.

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.

Community levels of Covid-19 are currently **low** in Brazos County. People may choose to wear masks at any time. **People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to Covid-19 should wear a mask.**

Individuals who have not received a Covid-19 vaccination are strongly encouraged to wear masks within church buildings, and during the entire church service. We can provide masks if you do not have one.

Summer Preaching Schedule

June 2022:

June 5 (Pentecost Sunday): "Rejoice in the Lord"
Philippians 4:4-7

4-week Sermon Series: The Ten Commandments

June 12: Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-2

"Nineteen Comes Before Twenty"

June 19 (Father's Day): Exodus 20:3-11

"The First Tablet - Tuned into God"

June 26: Exodus 20:12-16

"The Second Tablet - Turned Toward the Neighbor"

July 2022:

July 3 (Independence Sunday): Exodus 20:17

"The Desires of the Heart – Do Not Covet"

5-week Sermon Series: First Peter

July 10: 1 Peter 1:3-23

"Living Hope and Holy Living"

July 17: 1 Peter 2:1-9, 19-25

"Living, Chosen, and Suffering"

July 24: 1 Peter 3:13-22

"Suffering for Doing Right"

July 31: 1 Peter 4:1-19

"The Testimony of Suffering"

- Theodora Shepherd's Testimony

August 2022:

August 7: 1 Peter 5:1-14

"Tending the Flock"

4-week Sermon Series: Ruth

August 14: Ruth 1:1-22

"Loss and Loyalty"

August 21: Ruth 2:1-23

"Gleaning and Hope"

August 28: Ruth 3:1-18

"Daring to Act"

September 4 (Labor Sunday): Ruth 4:1-22

"New Life"

July Newsletter Deadline!

The July monthly Newsletter will be published June 28, 2022.

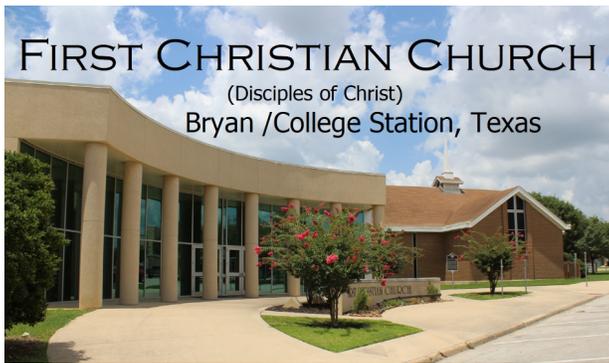
Articles will be due by June 27.



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

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Worship Services



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

Our Facebook Page:

[https://www.facebook.com/
BryanCollegeStationDisciples/](https://www.facebook.com/BryanCollegeStationDisciples/)

Our YouTube Channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCfKBUSqRgyYr1c-h0BdHn_A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfKBUSqRgyYr1c-h0BdHn_A)

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)
Devin Forster (Bob Richards' grandson)
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)
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



Church Calendar: June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 CWF/Disciples Women, 10:30am Choir practice, 6:30pm	2	3 Anniversary: Andi & Tim Scott	4 Disciples Men / CMF, 9:00am
5 Pentecost Special Offering Worship, 10:45am, in-person & live-streamed "Rejoice in the Lord" Philippians 4:4-7 Dawn Chandler	6 News from the Pews Due	7 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg	8 *Choir is on vacation for the remainder of June	9	10	11 Disciples Men / CMF, 9:00am
12 Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed "Nineteen Comes Before Twenty" Matthew 22:34-40 Congregational meeting following worship. Elders Zoom Meeting, 6:00pm	13 News from the Pews Due	14 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg	15	16	17	18 Disciples Men / CMF, 9:00am
19 Father's Day Worship, 10:45am, in person & live-streamed "The First Tablet – Tuned into God" Matthew 22:34-40	20 News from the Pews Due	21 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg	22	23 Gerry Hart Terry Hart	24 Diane Weber	25 Disciples Men / CMF, 9:00am
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