



**FIRST
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Mike's Musings

1 Corinthians 4:6 - "For it is the God who said, 'Light will shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

I love this verse! The Creator God who said, "Let there be light," and there was light" (Genesis 1:3), has brought light into our lives, into our hearts. No longer do we have to live in the dark. The God of the universe, Creator of all things, wants to illumine our minds so that we can know God's glory. That is amazing! God wanted to put a human face on God's glory—the face of Jesus. All of God's glory is encapsulated in Jesus' face.

The Bible never reveals what Jesus looked like. Isaiah's prophecy does tell us that, "he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him" (Isaiah 53:2). He wouldn't make the cover of People magazine! We had Sunday School pictures of Him that we may still hold in our minds, but they were usually rather bland and tame. Jesus was anything but tame! He was the Creator. He caused the wind and waves to obey Him. He cast out demons. He healed the sick and blind. As a carpenter, He would be strong with rough hands. He threw money changers out of the temple. He confounded religious leaders and scholars.

No, He was not tame. God is not tame and cannot be tamed.

The glory of God is revealed in Jesus' face. His face must have been kind and welcoming. His eyes, clear and gentle. No doubt they twinkled. His smile, tender. His laughter, easy and contagious. He was approachable and winsome—not off-putting. Children were drawn to Him, and He gathered them around Him. But His face also would show grief. Grief for the bondage people were in—He could see into the heart of humanity. It would reveal hope. He knew He brought good news, redemption for all humankind. He knew the heart of God—He was the heart of God. The glory of God is revealed in the face of Jesus.

Take a moment and imagine Jesus' face. He is smiling at you with love. Smile back! How does that feel? Enjoy the moment.

Blessings!

Pastor Mike



September Sermon Schedule

Sermon Series: Daniel (cont'd)

September 1 - "End of Days"
Daniel 12:1-3, 5-13

Sermon Series: Journey Through the Old Testament

September 8 - "Creation and Fall"
Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8

September 15 - "God's Promise to Abraham"
Genesis 15:1-6

September 22 - "God Works Through Joseph"
Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

September 29 - "The Promise of Passover"
Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

Behind the Scenes

It is back to School time and the fall season is fast upon us! We are preparing for our Back to School Blessing Day and Potluck lunch on September 15th. Sign up sheets are in the Narthex. We also ask that you RSVP as well. We have been preparing Feelie hearts for our new hire staff at Bryan ISD and will soon be delivering the first batch.

This past week our Fellowship Team went through the ENTIRE kitchen. We emptied every cabinet, sorted through our items, cleaned and washed every single piece. This was a 3 day project and it looks amazing!!! Thank you to everyone who helped with this HUGE project!! Our efforts were to insure we have a more functional kitchen and remove items no longer being used. If you brought something to the church be sure and come claim it by Sept. 8th, as we will be rehoming these items. They are on display in the Fellowship Hall. If you can not pick them up by Sept. 8th you can contact Karen Townsend so we can set them aside for you.

We are looking for members who would like to help us at our annual Trick or Treat Event. This will be held on Saturday October 19th from 3-5 PM. We will be planning soon and need everyone who

is willing to help us make this event even better than last year. Michael and I have plenty of costume pieces or themes to share to decorate you and your table. We will be inviting our Outreach Partners as well as Patriot Paws and the Brazos County Volunteer Dept. to join us. We are reaching out to our Bryan ISD Ambassadors to help us with our games, crafts and face painting. They are great with these things and we welcome them to join us again this year!

The Worship Décor team has done a beautiful job of making our church spaces bright and cheerful. They are working on our fall pieces and they will be up soon. If you would like to be a part of this team please let us know. We appreciate all the help getting things in place and will soon be looking at planning for Advent. Can you believe the year is in the final quarter?

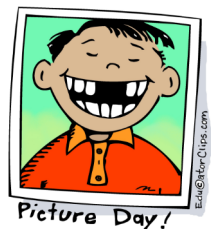
School Supplies

We will wrap up our school supply drive for Bonham Elementary School on **Sept. 8th**. Please bring any school supplies by this date, and place them in the bus in the Gathering Space.



School Photo

Bring a photo to share from your school days by **September 8th!** We will be displaying these to see if we can guess the person in each photo. It can be grade school to High School, even college if you choose. We will give your photos back to you on Sept 15th after our potluck lunch.



Back to School Potluck

 - We will have a Potluck lunch on Sunday, **September 15th**, after the church service. A **sign up sheet for food** is in the Narthex. We also ask you sign the **RSVP sign-up** so we know how many people to set up for.

Kraft Korner

Kraft Korner will meet on **Thursday September 19th at 10AM to noon.** We hope to start our Chrismons, if supplies are available.



Disciples Women/CWF

Our next meeting will be **September 4, 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.



Sunday Morning Fellowship

We are looking for people to help facilitate our Sunday Morning Fellowship for September and October. Also if you did not fill out our survey this past Sunday please fill one out. They are in our Gathering Space seating area on the coffee table. The Fellowship Committee appreciates your feedback! For more information contact **Karen Townsend.**

Music Ministry

PICKERS – Thursdays @ 11:00am
CHOIR PRACTICE – 10:00am, before church
HANDBELL PRACTICE – will begin soon.
Please watch for updates.



Recycle Team - If you are able to help take recycling from the church **please see Karen Townsend.** 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!

Walk
in the
LIGHT
of the
LORD
see John 3:19-21



Deacons needed - We have several of our Deacons who are working through some health issues and will need a fill-in. Please contact **Susan Beree** for available dates.

Celebration!

This past Sunday we celebrated **Caton Milstead** and his furry companion, **Winston**, as they became members of FCC. We are so happy to have them as part of our church family!



September Newsletter Deadline!

The September monthly Newsletter will be published **August 27, 2023. Articles will be due by August 26.**

Please submit your articles to:
firstchristianbcs@gmail.com

COVID and the Church: Update for September

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 be considerate of others.

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

Our Facebook Page:
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BryanCollegeStationDisciples/](https://www.facebook.com/BryanCollegeStationDisciples/)

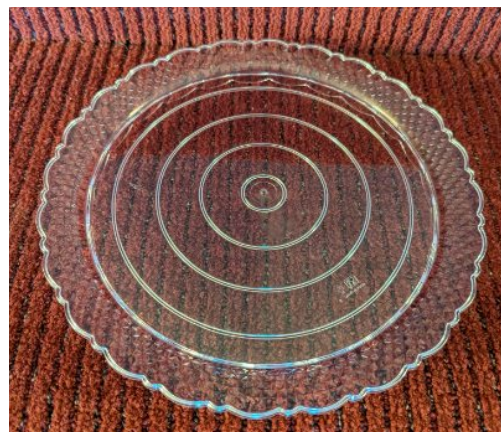
Prayer Concerns

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

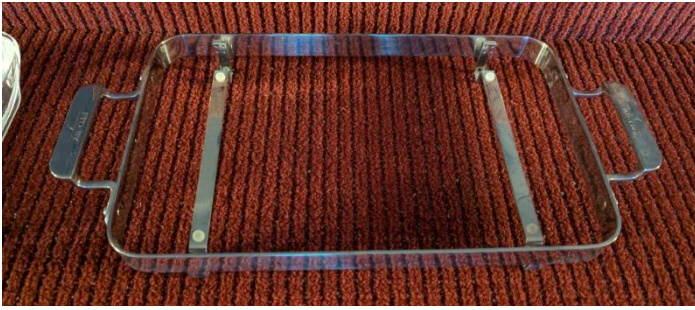
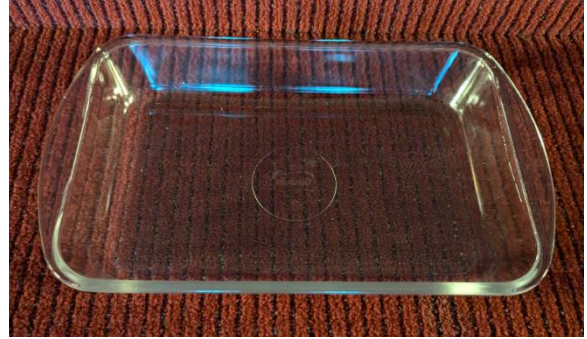
Diane Andrews (friend of Cheryl Aufderheide)
Julie (Atterbury) Porter
Teddy Atterbury (great-grandson of John Atterbury)
Karl Aufderheide
Kay & John Benes
Rose Bowden (sister of Diane Weber)
Family of Liza Culpepper (Mary Anne Culpepper's granddaughter)
Charles Dishman
Verla Green (Jackie Green's mother-in-law)
Terry & Eva Hart
Family of Leatha Jeffrey
Lois & Shorty Kindt
Jeanene Kindt
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,

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Church Calendar: September 2024

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	4 Disciples Women/CWF, 9:30am Mary Richards Ron Graves	5	6 Anniversary: Cheryl & Karl Aufderheide	7
8 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed Board meeting following worship Anita Foley	9 News from the Pews due	10 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg Gerald Bratz	11	12 Pickers, 11:00am Julie Porter	13	14 Melissa Tedrick Saphira Sysak McKayla Gilmore
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 – location TBA	18 Mary Anne Culpepper	19 Kraft Korner, 10:00am Pickers, 11:00am Anniversary: Marilyn & Jesse Myers	20	21 Rozan Coody
22 Sunday school, 9:30am Choir practice, 10:00am Worship, 10:45am, in person & live- streamed	23 October Newsletter Deadline Karen Aufderheide	24 10:30 am Worship Planning Mtg	25	26 Pickers, 11:00am Jesse Myers	27	28
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