

May 30, 2021

# Campus Update

## Church Budget Vote

We will vote in all three services next Sunday, June 6th on the proposed budget for 2021-22 without discussion.

## Podcast & Blog

We have 2 ways for you to dive deeper into Pastor John's message each week - our podcast called *Viewpoints*, and our blog (new episodes and posts every Sunday).

This week's topic is: What Is God Like?

Podcast: [crestview.church/viewpoints-podcast](http://crestview.church/viewpoints-podcast)

Blog: [crestview.church/blog-posts](http://crestview.church/blog-posts)

## May Forward by Faith Offering

If you haven't had a chance to give to our special Forward by Faith offering you are not too late! This offering will help our church have a greater impact online and in person by:

- Helping our children's ministry produce biblically-based resources for parents and kids.
- Helping our student ministry provide digital resources like podcasts to equip students and parents as they face challenges in life.
- Giving us the ability to increase the quality of every audio/visual piece we produce and increase the number of people we can reach with the Good News.

Please pray about how God might want you to give to this strategic opportunity!

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# "RECLAIMING OUR IDENTITY"

## IDENTITY: WHO ARE YOU?

### PART-4

*Shawn Williams*

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## 1. TO RECEIVE MERCY AND GRACE, WE MUST GO TO GOD.

"Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)

## 2. WE DON'T APPROACH GOD BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW GOD.

"David asked, 'Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?' Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, 'Are you Ziba?' 'At your service,' he replied. The king asked, 'Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?' Ziba answered the king, 'There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet.' 'Where is he?' the king asked. Ziba answered, 'He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.' So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel."

2 Samuel 9:1-5 (NIV)

"The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."  
Colossians 1:15 (NIV)

### **3. OUR IDENTITY IS FULLY RESTORED IN CHRIST.**

"When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, 'Mephibosheth!' 'At your service,' he replied. 'Don't be afraid,' David said to him, 'for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.' Mephibosheth bowed down and said, 'What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?' Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's steward, and said to him, 'I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table.' (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.) Then Ziba said to the king, 'Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do.' So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons. Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth. And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table; he was lame in both feet."

2 Samuel 9:6-13 (NIV)

### **4. LIVE LIKE CHILDREN OF THE KING.**

(on-screen only)

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."  
Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

### **MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:**

- Do this week's YouVersion® Bible App Reading Plan: "Identity Crisis" (3 day plan).
- Check out this week's blog or podcast on "What is God Like?"
- Learn more about Jesus and receive the grace and mercy waiting for me.
- Get more information about our next Baptism Day on July 25th.

**Notes**