



Friends of Crystal River,

We concluded our sermon series, "Under God," last weekend looking at the fourth phrase in the pledge of allegiance: "Liberty and Justice for all."

Today, if you are a follower of Jesus, you know that faith in Jesus has moved from being a principle at the center of community to being a principle found on the fringe of society. In addition, the principle of following Jesus is seen as no longer being something positive to being, but rather seen as something negative or even a threat to some. With that being said, it begs the question: If you are a follower of Jesus, "How do you live faithfully, in following Jesus in a Post-Christian world as it relates to liberty and justice?"

1 Peter 3:15 tells us this: 5 *"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,"*

Two observations: 1) You are to be prepared when you are asked to give witness to your faith, but that witness is one that is given only when asked. You are not to force yourself on others. If you are being a faithful follower of Jesus, your witness will show through your actions and people will naturally ask you about your faith.

2) When asked, you are to respond with gentleness and respect. You are not to be rude or over bearing, but to be gentle and respectful in your response.

1 Peter 3:15 offers us good advice in how we might respond when asked about our faith in Jesus, but then how do we frame our answer through the eyes of liberty and justice for all? Good question!

Let me offer John 1:14 as a way of reframing the definition of liberty and justice to a biblical definition using grace and truth. Liberty is found in Grace, and Justice is grounded in Truth.

John 1:14: *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son,*

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brain to become the person God designed us to be. So if you can change your thinking, you can change your life. I hope you will join me for this six-week series starting next week.

Have a great weekend. Stay warm, and I hope you will be present this weekend.

Blessings,  
Pastor David



Remember to stop by and sign the prayer cards on Sunday morning. Then if you would, take the time to write a personal note of encouragement to these persons as well. The Care Notes are available at the table on Sundays. Thanks for serving and caring together as the CRUMC family of faith.

Bill Surrick  
Linda McKeown  
Jerry Schabbruch

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET**



To complete and return your

Estimate of Giving  
Commitment Card

Extra commitment cards can be found at  
the connection point or by going to  
[www.crumc.com/giving.asp](http://www.crumc.com/giving.asp)

**FRIDAY- January 25, 2019**

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

**SATURDAY- January 26, 2019**

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
2:30 p.m. Celebrate Leadership  
(RM 13)

**if you have a change or  
cancellation of a regularly  
scheduled meeting/Bible Study,  
please be sure to call the  
front office with your  
information so that our  
calendars remain current.  
Thank You!**

**Sanctuary- (S)  
Bethel Chapel- (BC)  
Choir Room- (C)  
Tabernacle- (T)  
Kitchen- (K)**

**LIFEgroups**

Please Contact The Church  
Office for a Listing at 795-3148

Salvation Army Bell  
Ringer Appreciation  
Breakfast:  
March 1st 8:00 A.M.  
@ the Homosassa  
UMC



Bright Beginnings  
Learning Academy  
is Accepting  
Applications  
for Kindergarten,  
First & Second

**Divinely Unique**  
*Thrift Store*

5015 N. Citrus Ave - Crystal River, FL 34428  
352/436-2221

Wed. Thru Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sat 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Happy New Year

Grade.  
To apply call  
352/795-1240

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**REGISTRATION IS LIMITED.  
ENROLL TODAY.**

**Bright Beginnings  
Preschool**

Preschool Hours are 6:30  
a.m.-6:00 p.m.  
Infants through VPK

Now enrolling for VPK  
2018/2019 School Year  
VPK Hours  
Monday - Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
with wrap care  
available

Call 352-795-1240  
Lic# C05C10049

January 19, 2019  
Crystal River United Methodist Church  
8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

This highly-effective competition consists of complex scenarios (including pediatric), to challenge contestants to obtain the advanced airway efficiently and effectively under stressful situations. This event will give you a chance to participate in simulated "real life" scenarios with advanced airway management.

**This is the only event of its kind in the Country!**

COST: \$75  
Includes finisher medal, t-shirt  
(while supplies last) and lunch.

Enrollment is limited **REGISTER TODAY** to Reserve your Spot! To register: Visit [www.naturecoastems.org](http://www.naturecoastems.org). Click on "Education," then, select "Intubation Rodeo" under Upcoming Classes.

**OFFICE  
HOURS**

MON - THURS  
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.  
Closed Fridays





**PROTECT  
THE FLOCK**

**CHURCH SAFETY SEMINAR**

**January 28. @ 6:30 P.M.**

**presented by**

**Sheep Dog Safety**

**THIS EVENT IS FREE,**

**BUT PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

**Go to [Church Safety Seminar](#)**



Our Nomads will be returning  
January 28th.

Please show your support and gratitude  
for all that they do for our church by  
signing up to provide and serve lunch.  
Available dates for lunches can be signed  
up for at the connection point or by  
calling the front office!

**January 19**

Jane Kegan

**January 20**

Earnie Olsen

**January 23**

David Hickey

**January 25**

Jerry Carufel

Ronald Schmitt

Lauren Thomas

**January 26**

Ann Hansen

Mary Lyons

Craig Raiford

**January 28**

Tanner McClure

If we have missed your  
Birthday, please contact the  
Care Team at

[careteam@crumc.com](mailto:careteam@crumc.com)



**January 8**

Chris & Don Dial

**January 17**

Irene & George Neitz

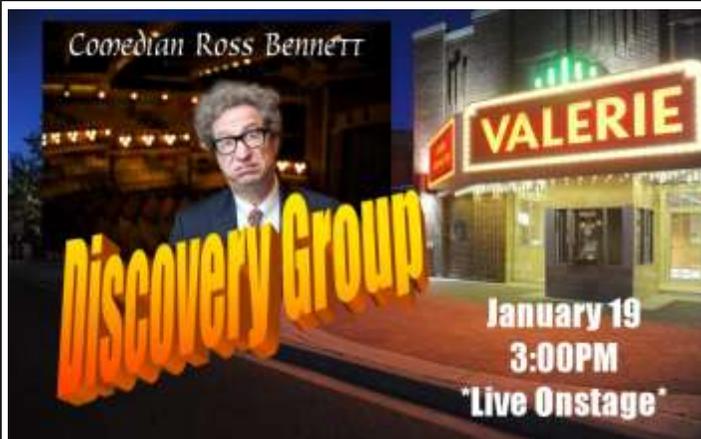
**January 23**

Cindy & Frank Pifer

**January 26**

Audrey & Claude  
Wagner

If we have missed your



A popular headliner at comedy clubs worldwide, veteran comedian, Ross Bennett has appeared on The Late Show with David Letterman, along with countless other TV appearances. He was the winner of the Best Supporting Actor in A Comedy Series at LAWEBFEST 2016. His show is PG, Valerie Theatre friendly rated. Tickets \$25 and seating can be purchased on line or by calling 352-641-7850

Please call Jean Bush if you are going so car pooling can be arranged as needed @ 352-795-6350  
Supper to follow at Stumpknockers in Inverness

Sign up at the Connection Point

anniversary, please contact the Care Team at

[careteam@crumc.com](mailto:careteam@crumc.com)



***Do you love discussing Scripture and offering your thoughts on it?***

Then we have the perfect class for you!

9:15 a.m.-Upper Room  
Jesus Fellowship (Room 8)

10:30 a.m.- Kennedy  
Discussion Class (Room 8)

***We can't wait to see you there!***

**United Methodist Women's  
Valentine's Day luncheon**



Saturday February 9th  
11:00—1:00 pm  
Crystal River  
United Methodist Church



CONGREGATIONAL  
CARE

Our Congregational Care Team helps to connect people in the congregation through visitation, phone calls, emails, & correspondence. If you have a need, please call the office @ 352-795-3148 or email [careteam@crumc.com](mailto:careteam@crumc.com)

Sponsored by the CRUMC Sanctuary Choir

## \*SOS DINNER

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

CRUMC Sanctuary

5:30-7:00 P.M.

Join us for dinner and help complete the Bethel Chapel renovation.

One hundred percent of your donation will go to that cause.

### Spaghetti and Meat Balls

Served with green salad, garlic bread and dessert

Beverages: Iced Tea, Lemonade Water, Coffee

Donation \$10 Children under the age of 10 eat free

Tickets on sale from January 6 thru January 20

*\*Share Our Spirit*

*Tickets may be purchased at any time from choir members or between Sunday services at our patio table*



Stephen Ministry is an ongoing ministry to meet the needs of persons going through a crisis or in need of care.

Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one confidential Christian Care giving to those in need. To refer yourself or someone else, call Judy Leavitt @ 352-746-7716.

Stephen Ministers meet every fourth Thursday of each month for continuing education and supervision.



Join us every Friday night for Celebrate Recovery.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

Worship follows shortly after at 7 p.m.

following with small groups

**All are welcome to attend.**

***Free child care is available - please call the church office to make arrangements!***

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