

Happy Valentine's Day



Friends,

We will continue our sermon series this weekend "Breaking Free," with Rev. Doctor Candace Lewis. Candace is our District Superintendent from the Gulf Central District. I know you will be blessed by her message. One of the themes that keeps showing up in this study is whether you have a Kingdom of Self perspective or a Kingdom of God perspective. I am looking forward to hearing her message on how God has helped her to see beyond herself to capture a greater vision of seeing things from a Kingdom of God perspective. My hope is that you will make this a great weekend and be a part of our worship service this Sunday.

Last weekend Rev. Bill Farmer spoke and he pointed out that too often we are held back from "Breaking Free" to be more generous by the things of this world. Before Bill and Donna moved to Florida they invited their son to come in and take whatever he wanted before they gave the rest of their stuff away. Not only was that a generous offer to their son it was a burden lifted off their shoulders in getting rid of the things they did not need any longer. "Stuff" keeps us from "Breaking Free."

I can imagine that many of you are burdened with stuff as well, and for too many of us, our "Stuff" defines us. The challenge is not to be defined by your "Stuff," but to be defined by how God sees you, and how you see God. If you see yourself in how you define yourself it is probably a very limited view, but if you see yourself as God sees you, nothing is impossible. It is a matter of perspective, and God offers us an eternal perspective which is much bigger than our self-centered perspective. We will never "Break Free," from our self-centered perspective if we are not willing to let go of the things in our lives that hold us back. Over the last weeks, we have talked about three things that can and do hold us from "Breaking Free." 1) Making Excuses. 2) Complaining. 3) Comparing. If we were

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9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

to quit those three things alone, we would begin to really "Break Free" and become more generous to ourselves and to others. The things that keep us from "Breaking Free" are too numerous to list, but what I do know is that if you are going to "Break Free," you have to put Jesus in the middle of your life. He has to become real. He has to make a difference in how you live and behave, and how you love yourself and others. Everything changes when you make Jesus the center of your life and that is when you will "Break Free."

One of the outward and visible qualities of a person who is "Breaking Free," is a person who is no longer looking for ways to benefit, but is looking for ways to participate in God's Kingdom. It is a person who desires to serve others. I hope you will begin to see ways you can "Break Free," and begin to see things from a perspective that is bigger than yourself. When that happens, we will become more generous in all aspects of our lives.

I look forward to seeing you in worship this weekend as we continue our study together.

Blessings,

Pastor David

Thrift Store



Well, it's probably impossible to tell all the accomplishments in the store this week but many Thank You's are due.

The backlog of donations has now been processed freeing up valuable work and storage space for all groups using the building. This required many hours from your very dedicated store board members and crew.

- New volunteers joined this week bringing more talents to the team

10:30 A.M. Contemporary Service

2017 FEBRUARY						
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**ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC**

FRIDAY- FEBRUARY 10, 2017

2:00 p.m. Breaking Free
Small Group (S)

6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- FEBRUARY 11, 2017

UMW Valentines Luncheon
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

8:30 a.m WWWWJ Breakfast (T)

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 12, 2017

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (S)

9:15 a.m. Upper Room (RM 18)

10:30 a.m. Contemporary

10:30 a.m. Kennedy Disc. (RM 8)

4:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (T)

MONDAY- FEBRUARY 13, 2017

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir (Choir Room)

TUESDAY- FEBRUARY 14, 2017

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1:30 p.m. Worship Design (RM16)

6:00 p.m. Praise Team (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY- FEB. 15, 2017

12:00 p.m. Friendship Circle (RM 13)

3:00 p.m. Blessings (Offsite)

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Room 20)

6:00 p.m. Breaking Free
Small Groups

6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (T)

THURSDAY- FEBRUARY 16, 2017

9:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)

12:30 p.m. Stewardship (RM 16)

3:15 p.m. BBP Chapel (Room 13)

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (Choir RM)

6:00 p.m. Mini Farms (Tabernacle)

FRIDAY- FEBRUARY 17, 2017

2:00 p.m. Breaking Free
Small Group (S)

- Leslie O'Dell acquired much needed clothing racks from KMart for us.
- Work has begun by our Nomads on the refurbishment of our long-awaited, eye-catching sign. Watch for it next week.
- Organization of the book section is in progress which should aid in sales.

Store sales remain good, customer's comments remain complimentary and encouraging.

Sale!

We will be offering another back room estate during the Breaking Free Flea Market Feb 18, thanks to a generous donation from a church member moving.

I'm sure I've missed some other gifts but please know we are extremely grateful to all of you and to God for the continued blessings through the ministry of Divinely Unique.

Your Thrift Store Board

6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- FEBRUARY 18, 2017

Breaking Free Flea Market
8am - 2pm

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)



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.

This Week's Care Note
Ted Burrige



Happy
Birthday

February 10

UMW Valentines Luncheon

February 11th ~ 11 a.m. -
1 p.m.
\$8.00 per Ticket



Breaking Free Flea Market

February 18th
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Breaking Free

Ted Burrige
Debra Cleary

February 12
Jaidyn Storm

February 13
Jenny Russ

February 15
Alva Young

February 16
James Copeland
Bob Kegan
JoAnn McDaniel
Jim Shiver

February 17
Ruth Grega

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

careteam@crumc.com



February 6
Gerry & Patricia Schabruch

February 10
Ron & Jenny Bass

February 14
Terry & Judy Leavitt

February 18
Justine & Jerry Storey

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

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Wednesdays @ 6:30 P.M.
Fridays @ 2:00 P.M.



Gulf Central District
Training Event for
Lay Servants
April 22nd & 29th, 2017

**MUST attend both Saturdays
to be certified.**

Location of Classes:
Faith United Methodist Church
7215 1st Ave West
Bradenton, FL
34209

**Meadowcrest
Bible Study
will be taking a break
until
Friday
March 10th**

**Upcoming Spiritual Growth Retreat -
5 Day Academy!
March 5-10, 2017**

If you are up for a challenge that is an outstanding retreat, featuring two renowned speakers, each giving five hours of lecture, followed by silent meditation and then discussion. Let the Holy Spirit guide you in your silence. This is sponsored by the FL Conference and it is held at the Life Enrichment Center.

Meals are included, and you will be in the dorms. Sharing a room lessens the cost. The LEC is holy ground. Come see for yourself! Click the link below and check out the brochure that gives details.

<http://www.flumc.org/eventdetail/5346039?month=3&year=2017&day=1&display=m>



Bright Beginnings Preschool

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

**Enrolling for VPK
and Kindergarten**

Congregational Care

Our Congregational Care Team helps to connect people in the congregation through

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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If you have a need, please call the office @
352-795-3148

or email careteam@crumc.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL

*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!



Join us every Friday night for Celebrate
Recovery.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m.
The cost is \$3 per plate.

Worship follows shortly
after at 7 p.m.
We then split out

into groups and end
the evening with dessert and
fellowship.

All are welcome to attend.

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

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