



Friends,

Elijah asked the question, "**How Long Will You Waver Between Two Opinions?**" In other words, will you choose a false god or will you choose the real God, who is truth and life? Whom will you worship?

That is a great question because I know every one of us has chosen at times in our lives to follow a false god. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God as Romans tells us. The people in Elijah's day worshiped a god who demanded child sacrifices, and for women to prostitute themselves in the temple of Baal and Asherah. This was some evil stuff. Elijah was sent by God so they might hear the good news of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, giving them the opportunity to make better choices.

Here is what I know: when we choose false gods, they lead to poor choices with dark and dysfunctional results. When we choose God, who is our Father in Heaven, it leads to good choices, with healthy and beautiful outcomes in our lives. It is a matter of life over death. God wants us to choose life. God wants you to choose His Way versus your way or the world's way. That is why you need to choose- your life depends on it, because the story you choose to follow today will determine the story you tell tomorrow. "**How Long Will You Waver Between Two Opinions?**"

Once you choose, then the decision is how will you stay committed to following the real and truthful God? The simple answer is never putting anything else or anybody else ahead of God. In other words, it is always making God the center and priority in your life, in your relationships, in your choices. If God is first and everything else takes second place, then you will for the most part not waver in your choices. Try it! I know it works. In fact I guarantee that it works. If God is first, then there is no room for false gods and false choices. "**How Long Will You Waver Between Two Opinions?**" You need to decide! I look forward to hearing and seeing your decision at work in your life.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

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This weekend we will continue in part three of the sermon series. We will see how Elijah prayed for rain to return and the results of his prayers. Rev. Gene Strange will lead you through this third sermon in the series. Please make God a priority by being in worship and not putting anything else in front of this one commitment on Sunday morning. It will help you to keep false gods out of your life and you will be making the right choice.

I will be leaving on Friday for West Palm Beach for my mother's funeral on Saturday at 11:00 am. The funeral will be held at St. Peter's UMC in Wellington. Please keep me and my family in prayer as we celebrate her life. She was 87, and as many of you know, it has been a long journey these past 7 years. Michele and I thank all of you for your condolences, cards, and prayers. Your love is wonderful and appreciated so very much. Michele and I consider ourselves very fortunate to be serving with you at Crystal River UMC. Forgive us when we have at times not communicated our appreciation for each of you. All of you are a blessing in our lives and in our ministry.

THIS AND THAT

We will celebrate Dana Froe's life today. Keep his family in your prayers.

We also celebrate the baptism of Asher Kreusch this past weekend. Asher is the son of John and Jennifer Kreusch. Remember our covenant to hold this child and his parents in prayer and to help them raise Asher in the life of the church.

We had an information meeting for registering children for our Kindergarten and the new First grade class. You will see the Nomads have been working to ready a new space for First grade in the fall. We had a good turn out and we hope to have at least 10 children in each grade for the 2018-2019 school year. Keep this ministry in your prayers.

God is Good All The Time and All the Time God is Good.

Have a great weekend.

Blessings,

Pastor David



Remember to stop by and sign the prayer cards on Sunday morning. Then if you would, take the time and 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.



9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

10:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service

2018 FEBRUARY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

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

FRIDAY- February 2, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- February 3, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Our Father's Table
(St Anne's)

SUNDAY - February 4, 2018
9:00 a.m. Bring A Can Sunday
9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (S)
9:15 a.m. Upper Room (RM 8)
10:30 a.m. Contemporary (S)
10:30 a.m. Kennedy Disc (RM 8)
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 415 (T)

MONDAY - February 5, 2018
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir (S)

TUESDAY - February 6, 2018
9:00 a.m. Worship Design (RM 16)
12:00 p.m. UMW Lunch (S&K)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)
6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

WEDNESDAY- February 7, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)
6:30 p.m. Church Council (C)

THURSDAY - February 8, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry (S)
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)

Carol Courduff
Clint Morris
The Family of Dana Froe
Claire & Gregory Hrbal

Bring A Can Sunday



FEBRUARY 7TH @ 6:30

church council
MEETING

IN THE CHOIR ROOM

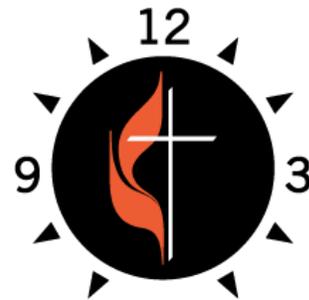
6:00 p.m. N. Citrus Civic Assoc. (T)
7:00 p.m. 4-H (RM 20)

FRIDAY- February 9, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
4:00 p.m. Finance Meeting (RM 16)
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- February 10, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
11:00 a.m. UMW Valentine Lunch
(S)

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)



Church Office Hours

Mon. 9am - 3pm
Tues. 9am - 3pm
Wed. 9am - 12pm
Thurs. 9am - 3pm
Fri. 9am - 12pm



Our Nomads returned on January 29th for three weeks.

If you would like to show your appreciation for all that they do.... there will be a sign up sheet for lunches at the connection point. Thank you for all you do to support our Nomads!!!

First Annual
Citrus Empty Bowls

Benefiting the Community Food Bank

Saturday, February 3rd • Open 11 am - 2 pm
First Baptist Church of Crystal River
700 N. Citrus Ave.

Tickets: \$15 per person
Kids 10 and under FREE

Purchase tickets at CitrusEmptyBowls.eventbrite.com
or at the door.

1 in 4 children and 1 in 6 adults are in need of food in Citrus County. This is why the Community Food Bank needs your help in our mission to **End Hunger and Nourish Hope**

Your donation includes soup and a hand-crafted ceramic bowl from the Lucania High School art program.

Our Major Sponsors:
The Citrus County Chronicle
Ted Williams Museum
Crystal Automotive

Featuring Soups From:

- Amy's on the Avenue
- Highlander Cafe
- McLeod's Bistro
- Cattle Dog Coffee Roasters
- Katch Twenty-Two
- River Ranch Bar & Grill

The logo for the Community Food Bank shows a brown bowl filled with colorful produce (red, yellow, green, purple) and the text "COMMUNITY FOOD BANK" in a circular arrangement around the bowl, with "citrus county" written below it.

February 1

Joan Stowell

February 2

Roberta Cauwels

February 5

Hank Dobbin
Paula Schmitt
Char Waters

February 7

Penny Hesselberg

February 8

Bryan Bush

February 9

Justine Storey Carufel
Rhonda Johnson
Jayne Stanley
Richard Yerton

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

careteam@crumc.com

**CRUMC is currently
looking for**



Vocalists and



Instrumentalists

For both services

**Contact the front office @ 795-3148
or EMAIL officestaff@crumc.com**



**North Central District
Lay Servants Training Event
February 24th, 2018
Location:
FUMC of Spring Hill
9344 Spring Hill Drive
Spring Hill, FL 34608
Applications can be obtained
in the front office.**

happy 
anniversary
 to
you

February 6

Patricia & Gerry
Schabbruch

February 10

Ron & Jenny Bass

February 14

Judy & Terry Leavitt

February 18

Justine & Jerry Carufel

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

careteam@crumc.com



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



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.

Well, what a Christmas busyness we have had! We are finally back to reaching out to you, our church family, about the thrift store.

The winter residents are back and shopping with us. The store looks great and we continue to be blessed with many donations of quality goods. I am always so grateful for the dedication of our staff of volunteers, both the ones the customers see and the back room folks that process every day. It is a joy to be there and see folks working and visiting and taking pride in their jobs, big or small, that make the store run so well.

Remember the flea market at the store last Feb? It's in the works again and, when all the right people have signed off on it, I will give you the facts so you can be gathering your goods and praying for good weather!

The storage container we have been waiting for is tagged with our name on it and should be arriving in a few days. We will have a big job moving into it but it is the right thing to do to own rather than rent one. We are excited about this long-awaited step.

The sale this week is clothing and shoes BOGO. Next week is fabric and crafts and linens.

We hope you visit often and recommend us to your friends and neighbors AND are always watching for the opportunity to help your neighbors find the perfect place for their no-longer-needed nice items.

Blessings to all,
Your Thrift Store Board

<https://www.facebook.com/Divinelyuniquethriftstore>



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



**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!**



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



The Annual Bell Ringer appreciation breakfast will be February 16th @ 8AM at the Homosassa United Methodist Church



LIFEgroups

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



Bright Beginnings Learning Academy is Accepting Applications for Kindergarten and First Grade. See Frank Pifer to apply or call 352/795-1240

Bright Beginnings Preschool

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

Enrolling for VPK

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

Call 352-795-1240

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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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