

Crystal River United Methodist Church

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Date: March 17, 2017



Friends,

Leading in ministry is hard. It does not matter whether you are the pastor or a leader over worship, children, administrative duties, a small group, a care ministry or a serving ministry like one of our food ministries or the Thrift Store. It is all difficult - Difficult because we deal with our own brokenness and the brokenness of our neighbor, and those relationships can become entangled in conflict and hurt feelings. The question is how do we recognize the issues? What do we do about it?

Now this issue is not new, but it can become very destructive to you personally, to the ministry you serve in and the people you serve with. My daughter attends a church in DC called "Metro Church." This week the person who acts as a superintendent for the church came to preach, and to let the people know their pastor and his wife would be taking a leave of absence. The church was told their leave centered on helping them as a couple to reconnect with one another in their marriage, and with their spiritual walk with Christ. As I listened to some of the sermons, I had the feeling they had come to a breaking point in their ministry, and they needed to step away until such a time they would be able to reconnect with themselves, each other as a couple, and as a leader for Christ. Then they would evaluate what the next step would be.

As I said, the question is, "How do you recognize the issues in your faith walk that are causing you to stress to a breaking point?" What do you do about it? In the case of my daughter's pastor, taking a step back from ministry and reevaluating is a good first step. This will help them to seek counseling, to evaluate their relationship, and to see what lessons they can learn in order to move forward. Now I am not suggesting that taking a leave of absence is the first step, but stepping back for a short period of time, and reevaluating your effectiveness might be a good first step if you find you are at a breaking point. Even if you are at a point of frustration, stepping back is a good first step, instead falling off a cliff, hurting yourself, your witness and the people you work alongside.

What do you do about it? I raise this issue because I see many of you getting frustrated in serving in ministry, and I do not want to see any of you come to such a point that it causes you to walk away from your relationship with Christ. Let me offer three thoughts. 1) Refocus and Reconnect to the "Purpose" of why you are serving. The simple answer is you are to serve Jesus and to be His hands and feet by serving His people. 2) Serve under the power of the Holy Spirit. Know that if you are trying to serve out of your

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9:00 A.M.

Traditional Service

own strength, you will crash and burn. It is only through the power of the Holy Spirit that you can do all things through Christ who gives you strength. We forget about this and we fall off cliffs. 3) Commit your ministry to Prayer. Your calling is to keep the focus on Jesus, who will lead and direct your ministry through the Holy Spirit. If you do not give your every day to Jesus, things usually will run off the rail. If you cover your ministry in prayer, even if you run off the rail, you will know how to put it back on the right track.

If you practice these three things, I believe you will recognize the signs that you are reaching a breaking point, and you will be guided by the Holy Spirit as to what to do. Just a thought! My door is always open if you need to talk.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

This weekend we will examine the third point in our current sermon series, "The Creed" - "I Believe in the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit is what makes things go. He is the power and the energy to our lives and ministry. Invite a friend and yourself and let us explore this power and energy this weekend. You will not be sorry, and you just might find a different direction for your life journey.

Hope all is well and I pray you will continue to seek Christ as your Lord and Savior every day.

Blessings,

Pastor David



Divinely Unique Thrift and Gift Store

It's been another great week at Divinely Unique. In fact, what I thought was a slow February turned out to be possibly our best month ever, \$1000 over January. PTL. We continue to make positive steps in all areas, not necessarily as fast as we'd like but headed in the right direction. This week's big step was in getting the phone and internet issues figured out and addressed, cutting costs drastically to use our funds in line with our steward's hearts.

We still need a few more dedicated folks to make the work lighter. Work is divided while fun and fellowship multiply with every heart that joins.

Blessings to all,

Your Thrift Store Board

Alzheimer's/Dementia Workshop Coming Soon

10:30 A.M. Contemporary Service

2017 MARCH						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC

FRIDAY- MARCH 17TH, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

10:00 a.m. Bible Study at
Meadowcrest Clubhouse
2:00 p.m. Bible Study
with Miss Ruth (S)

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

SATURDAY- MARCH 18TH, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Mini Farms Annual Mtg
(S)

SUNDAY - MARCH 19TH, 2017
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 Scouts (T)

MONDAY- MARCH 20TH, 2017
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir (C)

TUESDAY- MARCH 21ST, 2017
2:00 p.m. Worship Design (Rm 16)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)
6:30 p.m. Joy Circle (Rm 13)

**WEDNESDAY- MARCH
22ND, 2017**
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (Rm 20)
6:30 p.m. The Creed Small
Groups
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (S)

THURSDAY- MARCH 23RD, 2017
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)
10:00 a.m. S.M. Supervision (Rm
18)
3:15 p.m. BBP Chapel (Rm 13)
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)

FRIDAY- MARCH 24TH, 2017

Got 30 minutes to spare?
Do a square!



Look for more information
at the Connection Point



Small Groups

Wednesdays @ 6:30 P.M.
@ CRUMC

Fridays @ 10 @ The
Meadowcrest Clubhouse

Fridays @ 2 P.M. @ CRUMC

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SATURDAY- MARCH 25TH, 2017
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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)



Happy
Birthday

March 17th
Madison Carr
Phyllis Panczel

March 18th
Cathy Butler

March 20th
Phyllis Colquitt
Margaret Williams

March 22nd
Debbie Webber

March 23rd
R.V. Williams

March 24th
Adrienne Kelly

Celebrate Recovery's
Dessert and A Movie
Friday March 31st
Showing



Beginning @ 6 PM
In the Sanctuary



Apply for the
UMW
Scholarship

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

careteam@crumc.com



March 8

Glenn & Marion Corbin

March 14

Judy Fowler & Bobby Pate

March 15

Jenna & Mike Bell

March 23

Pat & Gerry Schabruch

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

careteam@crumc.com



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

Applications are available
at the connection point or
in the front office.
Completed applications
are due to Margaret
Williams by April 15th



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.
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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Bright Beginnings Preschool

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

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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



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.



*Do you love discussing
Scripture?*

**Enrolling for VPK
and Kindergarten**

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

Call 352-795-1240

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***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!***

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