



Friends,

Billy Graham is being laid to rest today. A man who began his ministry in Temple Terrace, a suburb of Tampa, Rev. Graham serves as an example of what a disciple for Jesus Christ looks like. A man who was flawed, yet was faithful in serving Jesus over his 99 plus years on this side of eternity, Rev Graham was well known, but that is not what makes him an example of being a disciple. What makes him a disciple is his character, his integrity, his moral principles, but most importantly is his "Faithfulness" to follow Jesus at all times, including when he failed. There is not one person in the world who cannot seek to be a "Faithful Follower" of Jesus, even with our brokenness and our flawed character. The life of Rev. Billy Graham serves and teaches us this life lesson, and I would guess Peter may have served as an example for Billy Graham, just as he does for us.

We have used the term "Perseverance," as a way of describing "Faithfulness." Perseverance means to stick with it, never to give up, and to pursue the goal continually. Faithfulness is persevering under any and all conditions. Is it easy? No, but through the power of the Holy Spirit, who empowers you, you can and will remain faithful in pursuing a relationship with Jesus.

In our current series, Peter stands out among all the disciples as the one who was faithful to Jesus, in spite of his failures. As was demonstrated last week, it was Peter who asked Jesus for permission to get out of the boat. Peter was looking to discern between faith and foolishness. After all, walking on water is pretty foolish on the face of it, yet Jesus told Peter to come, get out of the boat. Peter stepped out and the other 11 disciples remained in the boat. Peter experienced the awesomeness of Jesus, because he took a step of faith towards Jesus. Why? Because they thought it was foolishness, they were comfortable staying in the boat, they were not risk-takers like Peter, they were not willing to step out on faith and follow. Faithful following begins with one step followed by another and then another. It is one step at a time. Can you take one step, and then maybe a second, and then a third and so on? Taking a step in faith is not dependent on being a person without flaws; taking a step is dependent on Trusting God more and Fearing less. I pray you will consider taking a step followed by another and another and another. That is what "Faithfulness" looks like.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

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9:00 A.M.

*Traditional Service*

*10:30 A.M. Contemporary Service*

We will continue following in Peter's footsteps, as we step into the story where Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah. Again, Peter makes this confession of belief while the other 11 are behind the eight ball. They are still sitting in the boat. We will see how, in one moment, Peter makes his confession of faith to Jesus, and in the next breath, he is back focusing on the fears of the world, and not on the things of faith. Sounds familiar! Again you and I, like Peter, vacillate between Fear and Faith. The issue is keeping our eye on Jesus, taking one step at a time always moving towards him. When we do, we will follow in faith and not fall off in fear.

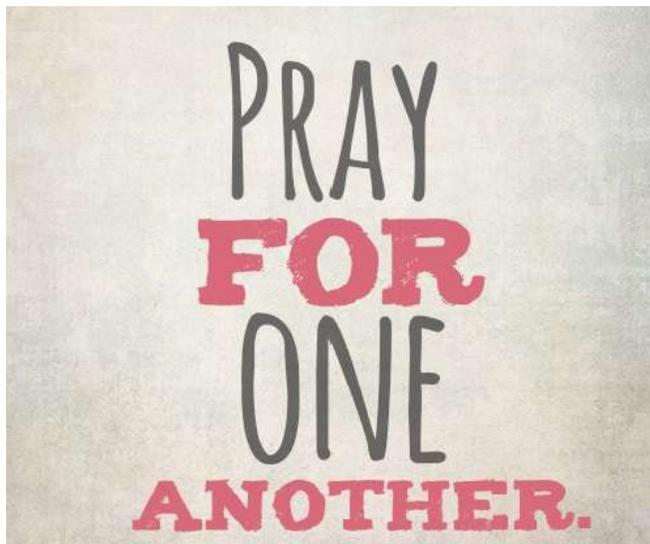
Join me this weekend as we continue in faith following Jesus. Invite yourself and your circle of friends and family to take a step with you this weekend. Remember we are on a 40 day journey to Easter.

### STEEPLE TO STREET

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 17th, from 8:00 until 3:00 for our Steeple to Street Market and Fair Outreach. My call to you is to ask you to come and be a host and offer hospitality through conversation. You are to listen and watch and see, and discern what people are looking for... what do they need, what can we do to offer ourselves to others as a disciple, and as a follower of Jesus? You are on a mission to connect to your neighbor in however God leads you at the moment of your encounter. Help me to help you so we can be more faithful in our call to be a disciple who follows Jesus. Remember, it is one step at a time.

See you this weekend for worship.

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.

Bob Mapes

## March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
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	29	30	31

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

### FRIDAY- March 2, 2018

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

### SATURDAY- March 3, 2018

8:00 a.m. Scouts Yard Sale (T)  
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. Our Father's Table  
(St. Anne's)

### SUNDAY - March 4, 2018

9:00 a.m. Bring A Can Day  
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 - March 5, 2018

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

### TUESDAY - March 6, 2018

9:00 a.m. Worship Design (RM 13)  
12:00 p.m. UMW Lunch (S&K)  
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)  
6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

### WEDNESDAY- March 7, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)

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

### FRIDAY- March 9, 2018

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

### SATURDAY- March 10, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

if you have a change or cancellation of a



# Steeple to Street Neighborhood Flea Market and Fair



**Saturday - March 17th 8am- 3pm**

Come to buy or sell  
house wares, toys, clothes & collectibles  
Vendors Welcome  
10 X 10 areas for rent for just \$10

**FREE**  
Carnival Games  
Popcorn and Cotton Candy  
Hot Dogs and Lemonade

**Silent  
Auction**

**BAGELS, PASTRIES & COFFEE  
FOR EARLY BIRDS  
GRILLED BURGERS & CHIPS**

**Crystal River United Methodist Church**  
4801 and 5015 N. Citrus Ave - Crystal River, FL 34428

352/795-3148

**Divinely Unique Thrift Store**

352/436-2221

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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 Scouts will be having their  
annual Yard Sale tomorrow by  
the Thrift Store. Be sure to  
stop by and show your support!



**March 3**

Jill Jackson  
Anne Rochette

**March 4**

Marietta Boettcher

**March 5**



## NEEDS COOKS

Volunteer just  
Once a month

Please call the front office  
for more information  
352/795-3148  
Mon - Friday  
9 am - noon

Sondra Garrett  
Tenley Miller  
Vicki Reeder  
LJ White

March 7  
Megan Swanson

March 9  
Jacquelyn Dirscherl Corbin  
Judy Fowler

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

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

## Divinely Unique Thrift Store



5015 N. Citrus Ave • Crystal River, FL 34428

(352) 436-2221

Wed thru Fri 9 - 4

Saturday 9 - 2



Answering God's call  
to serve others

A Ministry of Crystal River United Methodist Church

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



March 8

Marion & Glen Corbin

March 11

Christa & Dan Starkey

March 14

Judy Fowler &  
Robert Pate

March 18

Nancy & Richard Slack

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

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

## LIFEGROUPS

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



### **CRUMW SCHOLARSHIP TIME**

Members of the Crystal River Unit of United Methodist Women are so thankful to a faithful family for their generous gift to the scholarship fund in memory of Dana Froe, long time member and leader in our church. When we add this gift to the \$1200 we budgeted for scholarships in 2018, we will be better able to give more scholarships and/or increase the amount of each one.

We encourage our graduating seniors to apply for one of these scholarships by picking up an application in the church office, filling it out and returning it to the church office by April 2, 2018.

Any questions please phone Jill Jackson  
**563-1066** or cell **220-1765**



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 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!***



Bright Beginnings Learning Academy



**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)

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

## Bring A Can Sunday



### 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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