



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.

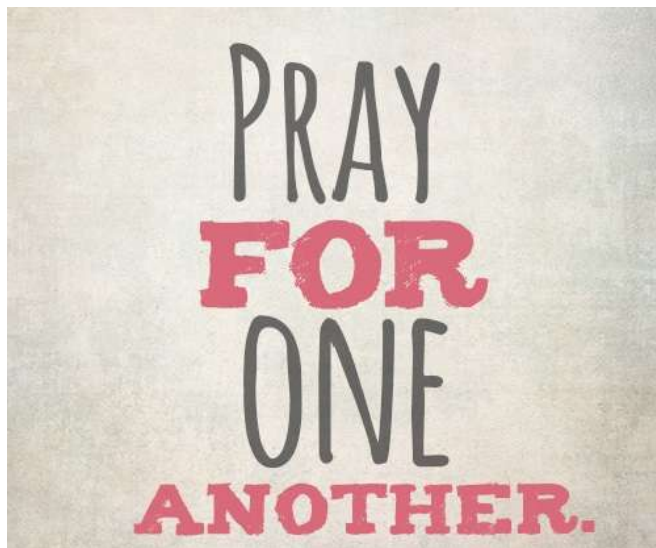
Join me this weekend as we continue in faith following Jesus. Invite yourself and your circle of friends and family to take a step with you this weekend. Remember we are on a 40 day journey to Easter.

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

Divinely Unique Thrift Store



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Wed thru Fri 9 - 4

Saturday 9 - 2



Answering God's call
to serve others

A Ministry of Crystal River United Methodist Church

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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

LIFEGROUPS

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



Apply for the **UMW** Scholarship

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**



Bright Beginnings Learning Academy



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!



**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

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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