



Friends of Crystal River,

We began the Lenten season last weekend as we kicked off a new sermon series entitled: "The Time Has Come." This was in essence what John the Baptist said as he began to baptize those persons who came to confess and repent of their sins. John is telling the people the time has come to confess and repent for there is one who is coming that is more powerful than he, John. John says, "I baptize you with water, but he, Jesus, will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Now we know that person was Jesus, who was a cousin to John, and they were about six months apart in age. John came as a prophet to prepare the people for the messiah, the Son of God. The very purpose of confession and repentance is to break down the walls that we put up as an excuse for doing life our way instead of God's way. So when we decide what is or is not sin, we begin to play God, and the last time I checked, I am not God. So if we want to have a relationship with Jesus, then the time has come when you and I must give our all to him by confessing and repenting everything that separates us from Him. That means we cannot pick or choose what is or is not sin- that is God's call. What it does mean is that God loves you and me so much that he was willing to pay the price for that sin, that separation, that Jesus came to take our place, to be a substitute, to be a stand in, for our rebellion against God's ways. The offer of forgiveness is free, but there is an expectation of response and a change of direction as to how we live our lives.

The question is, will you accept the free gift of salvation? If the answer is 'No,' that is fine; you have free will, and God will still love you, hoping you will say "Yes" someday. If the answer is "Yes," then our response is to confess, repent, believe, and live as God calls us to live. Baptism then is your public act to say you have confessed, repented, believed and will follow Jesus.

Now when Jesus was baptized, his act was one of demonstrating what happens when we say "Yes" to God. Jesus did not need to be baptized for the purpose of the forgiveness of sin; after all, he was both perfect man and perfect God. The act of baptism for Jesus was to demonstrate how God sends the Holy Spirit to dwell within each believer. The bible says that when Jesus came up out of the water, "He saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from

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heaven: "You are my Son whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10b-11. Therefore, when you and I were baptized, the Holy Spirit then came, like it did for Jesus, and he dwells within your heart, your soul, leading and guiding you every day, if we will listen. That is the challenge. Whom do you listen to and whom do you follow?

Then when Jesus began his public ministry after spending 40 days in the wilderness led by the Holy Spirit and resisting the temptations of Satan, he came to Galilee and said this: "The time has come, The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news." Mark 1:15. Jesus picked up where John had left off.

So back to the question: Are you willing to confess, repent, believe, and follow Jesus? I trust you will trust him to forgive you of "All" your rebellion, your brokenness, your mess ups, your sins. Why? Because Jesus is our hope, our grace, our mercy, our love, our salvation in this life and in the life to come. Consider making a new commitment if you have been baptized by remembering your baptism, or consider being baptized if you have not made a public confession to follow Jesus. Consider giving "Your All" to Jesus.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

This weekend we will continue in our series, "The Time Has Come." We will explore Mark 4:35-41. The question is asked of His disciple, "Who Is This"? You cannot really grasp the entire meaning of "The Time Has Come" if you do not know who Jesus is. So when the disciples asked this question, it was a good place to start. It is a good question for us as well. Who is this Jesus? As we explore this story from Mark this weekend, my hope is that you will have a better understanding as to Who is this Jesus? I believe we will discover that Jesus is always present, even when he is hard to see, or for us to feel his presence. Join me this weekend as we seek to answer this question: Who Is This?

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

The Bright Beginnings Preschool and Learning Academy will be hosting a breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 6th, from 9:00 am until 11:00 am. The event will include breakfast with the bunny, a family picture with the bunny, face painting, and a bounce house activity. This cost is \$25.00 for a family of four. \$5.00 for any additional family members. \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 per child if less than four in a family. This is a great opportunity for you to invite family, grandchildren, and friends who have children to this family event at Crystal River UMC. This is also a great way to support the ministries of our Bright Beginnings Preschool and the Learning Academy. Contact the school at 352-795-1240 for further information. Hope you will join us for Breakfast with the Bunny.

The Time Is Now for each of us to make a difference in each other's lives as a community of faith we call Crystal River UMC. Let us make worship and each other a priority in our lives. Not only will you be blessed, but you will bless others.

Have a great weekend and I hope to see you on Sunday.

Blessings,

Pastor David

MARCH 2019

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ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC

FRIDAY- March 15, 2019

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

SATURDAY-March 16, 2019

Scout Yard Sale 8:00 a.m.
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
2:30 p.m. Celebrate Ldrship (RM 13)

SUNDAY - March 17, 2019

9:00 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)
9:15 a.m. Upper Room (RM 8)
10:30 a.m. Contemporary (S)
10:30 a.m. Kennedy Discussion RM 8)
6:30 p.m. Scouts roop 415 (T)

MONDAY - March 18, 2019

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (C)

TUESDAY - March 19, 2019

9:30 a.m. Worship Design
6:00 p.m. Joy Circle (RM 13)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)
6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

WEDNESDAY- March 20, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
12:00 Friendship Circle (S)
3:00 p.m. Blessings in a Backpack
6:30 p.m. Town Hall Mtg (S)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 22)

THURSDAY - March 21, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
8:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (C)
6:00 p.m. Mini Farms (T)

FRIDAY- March 22, 2019

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

SATURDAY- March 23, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
8:00 a.m. Steeple to Street
2:30 p.m. Celebrate Ldrship (RM13)

if you have a change or



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

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)

LIFEgroups

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

MARCH 20TH @ 6:30



TOWN HALL MEETING

JOIN US IN THE SANCTUARY



Bright Beginnings Learning Academy is Accepting Applications for Kindergarten, First & Second Grade.

To apply call 352/795-1240





Dear Friends in Christ,

It's been a long battle with an illness which brought me a lot of despair and then hope. Thanks to all for your prayers and visits, for without those I surely believe i would not have survived. God still hasn't told me what his plans are for me, but I'm sure he will some day.

There is definitely power in prayer and I thank you for yours.

Shirley Dibble



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

**Now enrolling for VPK
2018/2019 School Year**

VPK Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
with wrap care
available

Call 352-795-1240
Lic# C05C10049

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MON - THURS
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Closed Fridays



March 3

Jill Jackson
Ann Rochette

March 5

Sondra Garrett
Vicki Reeder

March 7

Megan Swanson

March 9

Judy Fowler

PLEASE DON'T FORGET



To complete and return your
Estimate of Giving
Commitment Card

Extra commitment cards can be found at
the connection point or by going to
www.crumc.com/giving.asp

Divinely Unique Thrift Store



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Wed thru Fri 9 - 4

Saturday 9 - 1



Answering God's call
to serve others

A Ministry of Crystal River United Methodist Church



Get Your Copy @ The Connection Point



*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)

March 14

Lynne Morneault
Cathy Murphy

March 16

Jean Bush

March 17

Lyle Dibble

March 18

Cathy Butler

March 20

Margaret Williams

March 24

Pam Bollin
Adrienne Kelly

March 27

Rev. David Rawls

March 28

Ron Bass
Becky Mason
Josh Vonderharr

March 29

Michael Brown
Al Morneault

March 31

Genevieve Kennedy

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

careteam@crumc.com



March 8

10:30 a.m. - Kennedy Discussion Class (Room 8)

We can't wait to see you there!



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



Glenn & Marion Corbin

March 14

Bobby Pate & Judy Fowler

March 18

Robert & Nancy Slack

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

careteam@crumc.com



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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