



Friends of Crystal River;

Political correctness has been around a long time. It was even a problem in Jesus' time. Political correctness was one of the reasons Jesus took a road trip to Caesarea Philippi. It was a town on the northern edge of Israel. It was not under the watchful eye of the Romans and the Jewish religious leaders, and it was a place that Jesus could teach his disciples in relative peace. It also served as a back drop to a very important question that everyone of us will have to answer one day. Jesus asked this question in two ways, but answered it in three ways. First way he asked the question: **Who do the people say I am?** The disciples were either not sure, they were embarrassed to give the wrong answer, or they were totally clueless. Now in fairness, Jesus is for the first time asking this question. Up to this point he had not verbally revealed who he was. Now the disciples had seen the miracles he had performed, but they did not know whether he was a prophet, a miracle worker or a military leader with extraordinary power. They probably were not thinking Messiah, or God in the flesh, or King of the universe. After all he came from a small town, poor parents, and no formal education.

When the disciples could not come up with the right answer as to who Jesus is, because the people seem to always be behind the eight ball, Peter steps forward and answers the question. Peter can answer the question because Jesus reframes the question down to a personal level. So the second time Jesus asked his question was on a personal level: **Who do You say I am?** Peter says, "You are the Messiah." Jesus then warns all of them not to tell anyone. Wow! After all that, Jesus wants them to stay silent. I have always wondered why? The simple answer is this: The Time Had Not Come! Jesus still had work to do before leaving this world and accomplishing the purpose for his coming to earth. So Jesus tells them to stay quiet until the time has come. God had a plan for his life like God has a plan for your life. Pay attention and listen and follow that plan, just as Jesus did for his life.

Jesus then reveals his plan to the disciples as to why he came, and why he must suffer and die. Jesus then reveals that on the third day he will rise from the grave, and not even death will have the final word in his life, or in our lives if you choose to follow. Then Jesus asked his third question, which is more implied than directly asked. **Will you deny yourself, pick up your cross, and follow me?**

If you can first answer the Question, **Who do you say I am?**, then you should be able to answer the last question with relative ease. I say that because, if you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, then you are acknowledging that there is no power higher, and with more authority in the universe than Jesus the Christ. If that is true for you and your life, then it should be a natural next step to put God first, deny your self-centered attitude,

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A graphic for Sunday Worship Times. It features a circular clock face on the left. To the right of the clock, the text reads: 'SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES', 'Traditional 9:00 A.M.', and 'Contemporary 10:30 A.M.' The background is dark with light text.

pick up your cross, which is to love your neighbor as much as God loves you, and follow Him. Except it is not natural, as demonstrated by the disciples, who spent physical time in the personal presence of Jesus, and yet could not answer His question.

Why is this so? It happens because our free will gets in the way, and we struggle to overcome our self-centered attitude and perspective that "I" have to be first. That is a part of our sinful nature, but praise God, that is why Jesus came, so he could demonstrate what real love looks like. ***"But God demonstrated his love for us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*** Romans 5:8 That is why Jesus came - to demonstrate his love for each of us so that we may come to know that Jesus is King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. **"Who do you say I am?"** I hope you can answer that question, for all of us will have to someday, if not today!

WEEKEND WORSHIP

We will continue with our sermon series this weekend, "The Time Has Come." I invite you to join me in worship as we look at how, after the disciples experienced the feeding of the 5000, and the 4000, they still did not get it. I hope we get it as to who Jesus is for our lives. The disciples had Jesus right in front of them and they still could not see. Each of us has to get to a place where we have eyes to see and ears to hear. I trust we might discover new eyes to see and ears to hear this weekend.

Hope everyone had a great spring break if you have children in school. Buy your Bunny Breakfast tickets this weekend and support our Bright Beginnings Preschool and Learning Academy. Be a blessing in someone's life this week as you are blessed by God.

Blessings,
Pastor David



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.

MARCH 2019

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ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC

FRIDAY- March 29, 2019

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

SATURDAY-March 30, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SUNDAY - March 31, 2019

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (S)
10:30 a.m. Contemporary (S)
10:30 a.m. Kennedy Disc. (RM 8)

MONDAY - April 1, 2019

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

TUESDAY - April 2, 2019

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

WEDNESDAY- April 3, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (ROOM 22)

THURSDAY - April 4, 2019

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

FRIDAY- April 5, 2019

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

SATURDAY- April 6, 2019

Our Fathers Table @ St Annes
Divinely Unique Thrift 9 - 1
9:00 a.m. Breakfast with the Bunny
2:00 p.m. Scouts Pinewood Derby

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!

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

Sanctuary- (S)
Bethel Chapel- (BC)
Choir Room- (C)
Tabernacle- (T)
Kitchen- (K)

LIFEgroups

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

April 6th 9am - 11am

EGGSTRA! EGGSTRA!

**Crystal River United Methodist Church
&
Bright Beginnings Preschool, Bright
Beginnings Learning Academy**

Is hosting a super
eggciting complimentary
meet and greet with
the Easter Bunny!!

A pancake buffet
breakfast served to
you by our very
own eggceptional
Bright Beginning Students.



*1 Photo included
with purchase
Additional
photos \$5 each*

All you can eat
\$10 Adult
\$5 Child
Family
of 4 \$25
Additional \$5

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE
PRESCHOOL & LEARNING ACADEMY**



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

To apply call
352/795-1240



Bright Beginnings Preschool

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

Now enrolling for VPK

PALM SUNDAY ~ APRIL 14TH

For our 9:00 A.M. Service our Sanctuary Choir will present a Musical Program entitled

The Days Of Passion

Due to our Choir Presentation there will be only one Sermon at 10:30 A.M., so please join us for this spectacular performance and stay for Part VI of our Sermon Series "The Time Has Come"



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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April 18th

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Seder Meal at 6:30 p.m.
with Service to Follow



MAUNDY *Thursday*

SOS SEDER DINNER

Beef brisket, mashed potatoes, veggies, dessert

April 18th 6:30 PM CRUMC Sanctuary

Donation: \$10 Children under 10 eat free



Proceeds for Bethel Chapel Restroom and Wood Floor

OFFICE HOURS

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



MARCH 27

Rev. David Rawls

MARCH 28

Ron Bass
Becky Mason
Josh Vonderharr

MARCH 29

Michael Brown
Al Morneault

MARCH 31

Genevieve Kennedy

APRIL 4

Sandy Tripp

Easter Sunday ~ April 21st
HE IS RISEN
celebrate the savior

Sunrise Service at our Outdoor Chapel Begins @ 6:30 A.M.	Traditional Service at 9:00 A.M. In the Sanctuary	Contemporary Service at 10:30 A.M. In the Sanctuary
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Upcoming
EVENTS

get involved stay connected

Get Your Copy @ The Connection Point

*Join us for
 Sunday School*

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!

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Join us every Friday night for Celebrate Recovery.
 Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

APRIL 8
 Peter Holmes-Ray

APRIL 18
 Mary Castell

APRIL 21
 Teresa Jenkins

APRIL 27
 Gerry Schabruch

APRIL 30
 Wanda Morris

If we have missed your Birthday, please contact the Care Team at
careteam@crumc.com

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

APRIL 13
 Bryan & Jean Bush

APRIL 16
 Gary & Jayne Stanley

APRIL 25
 Albert & Lynne Morneault

APRIL 26
 Robbie & Linda Bradley

If we have missed your anniversary, please contact the Care Team at
careteam@crumc.com

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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in the congregation through visitation, phone calls,
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