



Friends of Crystal River,

This Sunday is Easter and I would love to see you in worship this weekend with your friends and family. Easter is a special time of celebration because we acknowledge and affirm that our lives are more than the years we spend on this earth. In fact, what we are acknowledging is that our lives will continue to exist on the other side of our physical death. This gift of eternal life is a gift from God himself. It is the gift of resurrection that Jesus gives us as a result of his death, burial, and his conquering of death itself. Not even death could conquer him, and Jesus offers you that same gift he accomplished, if you will chose to accept his offer.

So this weekend we will gather to celebrate this gift of eternal life that Jesus made possible through his resurrection from the dead. Consider this: if it were not for the resurrection, we would have no reason to gather and celebrate this gift from God, but praise God, this is not the case.

Let me offer one other thought. If the Resurrection were not real, then there would be no boundaries on human action and behavior. If there is life on the other side of our physical life, then I am suggesting that it shapes the way you act, behave, think, love, and live. When life is more than simply existing for a moment in time, but is a life that has eternal consequences for yourself and for other people, then the Resurrection will shape how you live your life every day. Consider the life you live. Is it making a difference in you, in your family and in the lives of others? If not, why not?

Join me as we celebrate this wonderful gift, and consider the impact the Resurrection should have in all of our lives.

WEEKEND SERVICES

We will begin the morning with our Sunrise service down at the outdoor chapel at 6:30 in the morning. I know it is early, but we gather at this hour to remember the women who went to the tomb early on Sunday morning to finish the burial preparations on the body of Jesus. They had run out of time on Friday before the sun had set and Sabbath had begun. So when they came to the tomb, they found the stone rolled away and Jesus was gone. Sunrise service is a

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great way to commemorate this story in the life of the early believers of Jesus. If you come at 6:30, be sure to bring A LAWN CHAIR if you want to have a seat. The benches in front of the stage are limited. I hope to see you early on Sunday.

Then we will have our Traditional Worship service at 9:00 in the sanctuary. We will then follow that service with our Contemporary Service at 10:30. Like last year, we will offer a Photo Booth so you and your family can have a free photo to remember this day of celebration in all of your lives.

In addition to these celebrations, do not forget to bring some cut flowers so you can flower the cross in front of the sanctuary. Again, this is a tradition that remembers Jesus has risen from the dead, and the cross is now a celebration that Jesus conquered death, and offers you and me eternal life.

I want to thank everyone who has helped in the preparations for Holy week, in the Maundy Thursday Worship Service, and the services for Easter Sunday. Your acts of service bring great joy to others, and they make a great difference in many people's lives.

Easter is a great day and a day of celebration. I pray you will make this a special day in your life and in the life of your family. See you in worship.

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.



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

The Week Ahead

Easter Sunday – April 21, 2019

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
(Outdoor Chapel)

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (S)

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
(S)

10:30 a.m. Kennedy Disc (RM 8)

Monday – April 22, 2019

Tuesday – April 23, 2019

6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)

6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

Wednesday– April 24, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift Store

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

2:30 UMW Board Meeting (T)

6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 22)

Thursday – April 25, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift Store

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)

10:00 a.m. SM Supervision (Y)

6:00 p.m. 4H (Y)

Friday– April 26, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift Store

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

Saturday– April 27, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift 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)**

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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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!



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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9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
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APRIL 4
Sandy Tripp

APRIL 8
Peter Holmes-Ray

APRIL 18
Mary Castell

APRIL 21
Teresa Jenkins

APRIL 27
Gerry Schabbruch

APRIL 30
Wanda Morris

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

careteam@crumc.com



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



APRIL 13

Bryan & Jean Bush

APRIL 16

Gary & Jayne Stanley

APRIL 25

Albert & Lynne Morneault

APRIL 26

Robbie & Linda Bradley

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