



Friends,

We looked at what it means to be holy and catholic last weekend. What we discovered was 1) To be holy is to know that you "Belong to God." 2) To be "catholic" is to find the church "everywhere" Jesus is acknowledged as Lord and Savior, no matter the denomination label. Let me break these ideas down a little bit more.

1) If "holy" means to "Belong to God," then what does the church have to do with this understanding? Let's start with defining what "Church" means. The church are the people that God has specifically called out, and set aside for the work of His king here on earth. If we are people who have been called by God, this means we belong to God. Unfortunately, the church sometimes does not reflect an attitude of belonging to God. It reflects its own agenda, and that is why the church can find itself off course. So if we are going to be the "church" that reflects the will and direction of God, then we have to first start with an acknowledgement that the church is not ours to control, but that it "Belongs to God." The church was not our idea; it was God's. It is His bride, and we are His people called out, set aside for God's purpose. The purpose of the church then is to belong to God as a community of believers who acknowledge we belong to God and to one another as the people set aside and called out. If we can get that understanding and belief in our hearts and minds, then we can be the church as God envisioned it - a community that loves, encourages, cares, worships, gives to others and serves God. Being a part of the church does not make you perfect, simply forgiven; but it does make you holy when you seek to belong to God and to do His will for your life. So be the church, but be holy by belonging to God.

2) To be "catholic" means we are to take the church everywhere, and we are to be the church everywhere, by belonging to God. So to be "catholic" is to be the church that acknowledges and accepts the understanding that Jesus is Lord and Savior over all who will call on His name. No matter the denomination, if Jesus is Lord of the denomination, then the church is a part of the church "everywhere" that is a part of the body of Christ. The church is to represent Jesus to the world, which means you are a part of the church that represents Jesus. You are His hands and feet, and if the church is going to change the world to look more like Jesus, then it means you have to be changed by becoming Jesus'

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9:00 A.M.

representative here on earth. This comes as we engage the power of the Holy Spirit to help us become a person who loves God and loves our neighbor for the sake of Jesus. It is by your actions that we show the world who God is and can be in the lives of all persons. So be the church everywhere that shares God's love, grace and forgiveness.

THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we will look at the statement from the Apostles Creed, "I believe in the forgiveness of sins." Notice this statement does not condemn people for their sins, even though that is a given that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The emphasis in both the Creed and in the Christian life is not on the guilt of sin, but on the grace and forgiveness of sin. So join me as we seek to know and hear about God's grace and forgiveness of sin. Know this, that no one is beyond God's grace and forgiveness of sin no matter what we have done. What a great message of love from God to you and me. Invite yourself and a friend to join you this Palm Sunday weekend as we celebrate God's gift to each of us. The forgiveness of sin. Do you believe that?

We are one week out from Easter and we are a four days away from Maundy Thursday as we begin the next week. Begin to focus your heart on the love God offers you as we enter into Holy Week next week. Hope you will be a part of the Maundy Service next Thursday beginning at 7:00 pm. It will be a great service of renewal and maybe even a new beginning in your faith walk.

Thank you for being a part of this faith family we call Crystal River UMC. When you and I make Jesus the center of all we do, say, and think, we then begin to live out this understanding that as the church we "Belong to God." In belonging to God we can become more "holy" as a people who loves God and loves our neighbor, which in essence is what the church is all about.

Blessings,

Pastor David

A Celebration of Life

For Diane Willis
 April 12th 11:00 AM @
 the Bethel Chapel
 Friends and Family will gather
 @ the Sanctuary following
 the Ceremony



Traditional Service

10:30 A.M.

Contemporary Service



Join us for our Easter Sunrise Service @ 6:45 A.m. at our Outdoor Chapel located just North of the Church at 5015 N. Citrus Ave

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FRIDAY- APRIL 7TH, 2017
 Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Meadowcrest Clubhouse
 2:00 p.m. Bible Study (C)
 6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- APRIL 8TH, 2017
 Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 8:30 a.m. WWFJ Meeting (T)

SUNDAY - APRIL 9TH, 2017
 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (S)
 9:15 a.m. Bible Study (RM 8)
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary (S)
 10:30 a.m. Kennedy Disc (RM 8)
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 415 (T)

MONDAY- APRIL 10TH, 2017
 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir (C)

TUESDAY- APRIL 11TH, 2017
 12:00 p.m. Discovery Group @ the Plantation
 2:00 p.m. Worship Design (RM 16)
 6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)



If you will be joining us for our Maundy Thursday Service, please let us know by signing up at the Connection Point



Please stop by and sign the prayer cards for the following people 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 this Sunday. Thanks for serving and caring together as the CRUMC family of faith.

- 1) Mike Brown, continued healing.
- 2) George Neitz, who is ill and is in need of his medication that is being held up by the insurance company.
- 3) Don Stevens, a faithful servant who worships with us during the winter months. Safe travel and a great summer while he is away.
- 4) Bob Anderson, who was bitten by a dog this past week and is recovering.
- 5) Jim and Azure Kelly, in the loss of Jim's dad this past weekend.
- 6) Georgia Skinner, for health and healing.

WEDNESDAY- APRIL 12TH, 2017

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
4:30 p.m. Stepehn Leaders (RM 18)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)
6:30 p.m. The Creed Small Groups
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (T)

THURSDAY- APRIL 13TH, 2017

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)
3:15 p.m. BBP Chapel (RM 13)
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
6:00 p.m. N. Citrus Civic Assc (T)
7:00 p.m. Maundry Thursday (Courtyard/Sanctuary)

FRIDAY- APRIL 14TH, 2017

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
10:00 a.m. Bible Study at Meadowcrest Clubhouse
2:00 p.m. Bible Study (C)
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- APRIL 15TH, 2017

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift 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)



Happy Birthday

April 7th
Jean Lowe



Divinely Unique Thrift and Gift Store

Dear Church Family,
It's been another record breaking month at Divinely Unique! We could list several specifics in marketing that have helped. We could tell you of how grateful we are for the givers, processors, sellers and shoppers who support us. It's just easier and closer to the fact to tell you God continues to bless the efforts of His people.

Easter items are 50% off this week and next and there are still lovely Easter outfits for young and not so young.

We are researching and processing a HUGE collection of trading cards which will be ready very soon. Watch for that announcement here and on the sign.

We are continually amazed and appreciative of the donations received that help to support the ministries of the store.

Now, we say, "Blessed Holy Week" beginning Sunday, and we hope to see you all in worship as often as you are able.

Blessings to all,

Your Thrift Store Board



**Alzheimer's/Dementia
Workshop with 3 Speakers
April 22nd
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
in the Sanctuary**

April 8th
Peter Holmes-Ray
Georgia Inman
Rue Ledesma

April 12th
Pattie Mapes

April 13th
Helen Mack

April 14th
William More

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

careteam@crumc.com



APRIL 1
Betty & Bill More

APRIL 5
Sue & Barney McCollough
Mary Ann & Jay Osborne

APRIL 13
Jean & Byron Bush

APRIL 16
Jayne & Gary Stanley

APRIL 25
Lynne & Albert Morneault

APRIL 26
Linda & Robbie Bradley

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

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Please sign up at the
Connection Point



Bright Beginnings Learning Academy is
now Accepting Applications
for Kindergarten. See Frank Pifer to
apply or call 352/795-3148

Discovery Group

Our next event will be April 11th @ the Plantation Inn.
Lunch will be at noon, followed by a boat ride in Kings
Bay at 2:30. Cost for the boat ride is \$15.
Lunch is at your own cost.
Please sign up at the Connection Point.



Gulf Central District
Training Event for
Lay Servants
April 22nd & 29th, 2017

MUST attend both
Saturdays
to be certified.

Location of Classes:
Faith United Methodist
Church
7215 1st Ave West
Bradenton, FL
34209



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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



Stephen Ministry is an
ongoing ministry to meet the



Apply for the **UMW** Scholarship

Applications are available
at the Connection Point or
in the front office.
Completed applications
are due to Margaret
Williams by April 15th

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.



Join us every Friday night for Celebrate Recovery.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m.
The cost is \$3 per plate.

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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**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!**

THE CREED

SMALL GROUPS

Wednesdays @ 6:30 P.M.
@ CRUMC

Fridays @ 10 @
Meadowcrest Clubhouse

Fridays @ 2 P.M. @
CRUMC



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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