



Friends,

As Peter continued in ministry for 34 more years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, he discovered several key principals in serving God. 1) The Power of the Holy Spirit, and 2) God does not show favoritism.

1)The Power of the Holy Spirit. In Acts chapter 3 Peter comes to the temple to pray. There is a beggar at the front gate who has been present for years begging for money. Peter tells him he does not have silver or gold, but he will give him what he has. What he has is the Power of the Holy Spirit to heal this man. The man was healed and this sets off a debate within the religious community as to where this power comes from and Peter gives witness that his power comes from the resurrection of Jesus. Peter tells people that it is Jesus and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, given to him by Jesus, that he has this power to heal in the name of Jesus.

Now the key principal is that you and I, and all believers are empowered by the Holy Spirit. This is the driving power to our ability to serve God. Without the Holy Spirit we are not plugged into the power of Jesus working through us a disciples. Peter learned this early and it is what gave him the power to do what he did for God over his 34 years of ministry. You and I have that same gift and power if we have come to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior for our lives. Through Christ, "All things are possible."

2) God does not show favoritism. In Acts chapter 10, Peter has a dream and in the dream God shows him that no one is beyond His grace, mercy and forgiveness. At the end of this story, this Roman family accepts Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is given to them. Through this experience Peter comes to see that God is for all people, not just for Jewish Christians. He baptizes this entire family in the name of Jesus. From that point forward in his ministry Peter shares the Good News with all who will listen and accept Jesus as savior. This new understanding changed Peter's ministry and it changed the direction of the church. The church then become open to all.

You and I are to offer Jesus to everyone. God shows no favoritism. God is available to all who will accept Him as Lord and Savior. The church has in her past built lists of exclusion, but that was never God's will for His church. There are no lists of exclusions that can be applied to the church. God's Good News is open and available to all. For all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. All of us stand in need of God's grace, mercy and forgiveness. Therefore let us offer this Good News to everyone as individuals and as the faith community called Crystal River UMC.

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9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

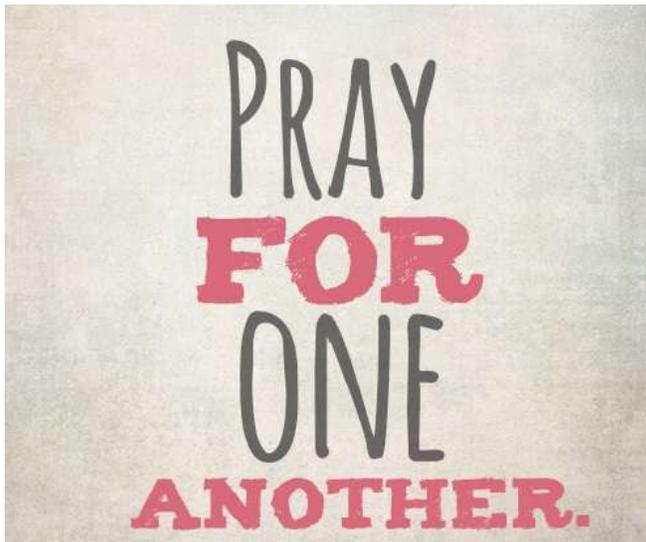
WEEKEND WORSHIP

We will begin a new sermon series this weekend entitled: "I Want to Believe, But..." Over the next four weeks we will discuss four different visions of "God's nature" that does not exist, but often are fabrications of what we want to believe about the nature of God. When you and I put God in a box, we tend to create our own ideas about God, and what He is suppose to do for us. When God does not meet those expectations we decide God is not for real. So we then say "I want to Believe, But..." I hope and pray you will join me for this new series beginning this weekend. I believe you will be blessed and will come away with maybe new perspective in how you understand the "Nature" of God's character. Go to crumc.com and share the link for our promo video for this new series with friends and family as a way for you to invite folks to this new series. Remember God calls us to invite and He will do the rest.

Have a great weekend and carve out some time for your spiritual health as you make yourself available for worship.

Blessings,

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.

Bonnie Whetzel
Dot Witcher

10:30 A.M. Contemporary Service

APRIL 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC

FRIDAY- April 13, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
4:00 p.m. Finance Meeting (RM 16)
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- April 14, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
2:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Blue & Gold
Banquet (S)

SUNDAY - April 15, 2018

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 - April 16, 2018

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

TUESDAY - April 17, 2018

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

WEDNESDAY- April 18, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
12:00 p.m. Friendship Circle (RM 13)
3:00 p.m. Blessings in a Backpack
(Offsite)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)

THURSDAY - April 19, 2018

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

FRIDAY- April 20, 2018

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

SATURDAY- April 21, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift Store



5015 N. Citrus Ave • Crystal River, FL 34428

(352) 436-2221

Wed thru Fri 9 - 4

Saturday 9 - 2

Answering God's call
to serve others

A Ministry of Crystal River United Methodist Church

Hello Church Family,

It has finally been completed! Our rented storage container is out and our purchased one is in, wired for lights and outlets, filled with wonderful shelving and plenty of storage for those big things that we have to have for a store to function. I was not present for all the work that made it happen so I won't begin naming names for fear of forgetting some of the willing hands but I will say that I am forever thankful for all those hands and all those hours.

However a very big Thank You does go to Curtis McKeown for doing all the electrical work in it and I have yet to see a bill. God has so blessed the store and staff with generous hearts and willing hands to make it all happen. Very often a need is mentioned and it mysteriously appears from Mr or Ms Anonymous or other friends.

Now, other folks in other positions have thought this container idea was such a good idea that another container has been purchased to release one more rented unit and that unit is being cleared out Wednesday as I write this. Just thought you'd want to hear about some good that happens behind the scenes that will save us precious dollars.

As we cleaned out the old unit we found several things that we feel we will not ever use. One is shelves, finished nicely, some blonde oak finish, some pine, some curly maple finish. There are probably 25 in all and would be very hard to sell in the store. If anyone can use any of them we'd love for them to have a good home for whatever donation you'd care to make. They are not free standing shelf units, just the shelving.

And, the first purchase from our flea market proceeds had been made and delivered. In the next few days watch for tree limbs to be trimmed and a big new sign to adorn the south end of the building so we will be more visible to potential customers. We get new folks every week who are just finding us and we still hear from people driving Citrus Ave regularly that they didn't have any idea we were here. So, pray that this is a good move to bring more folks our way to buy what is so generously donated to pass the good along.

Blessings to all you folks out there who give, buy, volunteer or just stop by for a visit. The store folks appreciate it all.

Pattie Williams and the
Thrift Store Board

<https://www.facebook.com/Divinelyuniquethriftstore>

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 2 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)



Church Office Hours

Mon. 9am - 3pm

Tues. 9am - 3pm

Wed. 9am - 12pm

Thurs. 9am - 3pm

Fri. 9am - 12pm



April 14



Our FOOD PANTRY is in need of
Cereal.
If you are able, please donate a box
or two this Sunday.



Bright Beginnings Learning Academy
is Accepting Applications
for Kindergarten and First Grade.
See Frank Pifer to apply
or call 352/795-1240

William More

April 18
Mary Castell

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

careteam@crumc.com



April 1

Bill & Betty More

April 5

Barney & Sue
McCollough

April 13

Bryan & Jean Bush

April 16

Gary & Jayne Stanley

April 25

Albert & Lynne Morneauult

April 26

Robbie & Linda Bradley

If we have missed your
anniversary, please

DISCOVERY GROUP

Wednesday, April 25th
May Stringer Historical Museum
In Brooksville



Lunch at Buffet City (Late Lunch About 3:00 p.m.)
\$10.00 (cash only, includes bus & museum.)

Meet at the church by 10:30 a.m.
To board bus

Sign up at The Connection Point

contact the Care Team at

careteam@crumc.com

MEALS ON WHEELS

NEEDS COOKS

Volunteer just Once a month

Please call the front office for more information
352/795-3148
Mon - Friday
9 am - noon



April 29th
Autism Awareness Day



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.

LIFEgroups

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

Call 352-795-1240

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Stephen
MINISTRY

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.



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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Breakfast



2nd Sunday
Breakfast

The Best Way
To Start Your Day!



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



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!*



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