



Friends,

We began a new sermon series last weekend entitled, "I want to Believe...But." The purpose of this series is to examine how you and I create an image of God's character and nature which is not grounded in reality. In creating this image of God, we then expect God to perform according to our created perception of God's nature.

Last week we looked at how many of us want an "On Demand God." We want God to answer our request on "Demand." We want a god that is like a cosmic coke machine. Put in your request, push the selected button, and our demand is satisfied. Wow, if it only worked that way, but the reality is that an "On Demand God" does not exist to serve you or even to make you happy. The reality is that you and I exist to serve and love God. Why? Because God is the true center of the universe. God created everything, and you and I are the benefactors of God's love. I know this because I know three qualities of God's heart. 1) God has a Heart that is Always Loving. 2) God has a Heart that is Always Higher. 3) God has a Heart that is Always Enough.

1) God has a Heart that is Always Loving. Just as a parent loves their children and desires to do their best for them, even when their children mess up, a parent will still love their children. God loves you and me unconditionally. God wants the best for us and he loves us even when we mess up. The difference is that God has a heart that is always loving, even when He does not answer your prayers in your time or in your way. God sees the bigger picture. He has an infinite understanding and we have a finite understanding. So if God knows better, then I can trust in Him to care for me and to love me, as his child.

2) God has a Heart that is Always Higher. This means there are times I do not understand why things happen to good people. Yet I need to know that God's ways are Higher than my ways. God is in control. He has an eternal view of things to come and he has a purpose and plan for my life. In understanding this, I need to trust in God's ways and allow him to direct my path as I seek to follow his will for my life. For His ways are Higher than my ways.

3) God has a Heart that is Always Enough. No matter what happens in my life, I need to know that God is all I need. God will provide. God will take care of me. God will meet all my needs. Why? Because God is enough. That means that, when you do not feel loved by others, God is enough. When people have let you down and have disappointed you, God is enough. When life does not go the way you thought it would go, God is enough. If God is the creator, If God is

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9:00 A.M.
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the potter and we are the clay, then there is nothing more than God. If you have that understanding, then you do not have to worry what will happen to you because God is already with you.

God is not an "On Demand" God, but He is a God that is always loving, always higher, always enough. I hope you will come to experience this kind of God in your life, and not a god you create in your mind.

GENEROSITY REMINDER

As our winter guests return home, let me remind you that they are not responsible to meet our financial expectations as a faith community. So two things: 1) If you have not made a commitment to God in supporting your church, remember that God owns everything and you are his money manager. Please consider how you are managing God's money. He calls each of us to give back a portion of what he has given us. Your love for God should be reflected in your generosity for God's church. How are you managing his money? You can pick up a commitment card off the Connection Point desk. 2) If you made a commitment, check and see if you are behind in meeting that commitment. If so, it would be helpful to catch up. As we are committed to serve God as faithful followers of Jesus, giving is one of those spiritual disciplines that God calls us to meet. I share with you these thoughts, because these are not the words of your pastor, but the words of Jesus himself. Let us begin to commit or recommit to this important discipline of being generous givers for Christ.

Have a great weekend. Make weekend worship a priority as you commit to love and follow God who loves and meets all your needs.

Blessings,

Pastor David

10:30 A.M. Contemporary Service

APRIL 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC

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 & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

SUNDAY - April 22, 2018

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service (S)
9:15 a.m. Upper Room (Room 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 23, 2018

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

TUESDAY - April 24, 2018

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

WEDNESDAY- April 25, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
10:00 a.m. Discovery Group
(May Stringer Museum)
2:30 UMW Board (RM 13)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)

THURSDAY - April 26, 2018

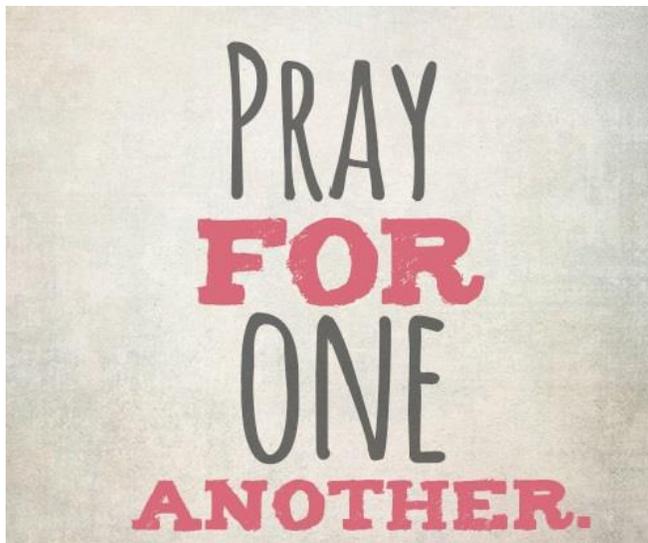
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry (S)
10:00 a.m. S.M. Supervision (RM 18)
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
7:00 4H (RM 20)

FRIDAY- April 27, 2018

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

SATURDAY- April 28, 2018

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



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.

CELEBRATION *of Life*

We will be holding a service for Barney McCollough on April 28th at 11:00 A.M. in the sanctuary of our church with some visiting time for family and friends prior to that.

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)

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,

Remember last week how I remarked that we at the store sometimes mention a need and it miraculously appears? Well, this is a big one. We salvage our scrap metal from goods that come to the store and what we board members scrounge up from home. It doesn't amount to much but helps with office and other supplies. It doesn't amount to much now but if we had a trailer to collect it in, and all the church family had access to it, it could amount to more. This Earth Day week is a great time to think about it as a recycling effort, think of it as keeping store needs out of the struggling church budget and to help you get rid of stuff.

Collecting this stuff is messy around the store building and messy to reload into a trailer.

Therefore.....

We need a trailer with sides and a grated bottom so it doesn't hold rain, like a lawn mower or atv trailer. I bet we even have folks who could handle a few repairs if needed. If you have one sitting around needing a new home, if your neighbor has one we might get or if you have any ideas about how we can think out of the box to make this happen, please pass along your ideas and please pray for one to drop out of Heaven for us. Thank you in advance for your thoughts and prayers.

We continue to minister to all kinds of needs through the store and continue to see God's hand in those we meet and serve and those we work with. Please consider joining the team of faithful volunteers who have found a place to serve there.

Blessings to all,
Pattie and the



Church Office Hours

Mon. 9am - 3pm

Tues. 9am - 3pm

Wed. 9am - 12pm

Thurs. 9am - 3pm

Fri. 9am - 12pm



April 21
Teresa Jenkins

Thrift Store Board

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



Our FOOD PANTRY is in need of
Cereal.

If you are able, please donate a
box or two this Sunday.



United
Methodist
Women

The United Methodist Women issued a tithe to the church for proceeds from the Cookie Walk, Cook Book Profits, Valentine Luncheon and Steeple To Street Sale. Along with the tithe was a note of thanks for the

April 23
Edna Lindsey

April 27
Gerald Schabbruch

April 30
Wanda Morris

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 Morneault

April 26

Robbie & Linda Bradley

use of space, and for the power to make their fundraisers successful.



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

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

If we have missed your anniversary, please 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

LIFEgroups

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



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.

Call **352-795-1240**
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Breakfast



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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



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 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)



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

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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*We can't wait to see you
there!*

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CHANGE THE WORLD
BY GOING TO CHURCH.
WE WILL ONLY
CHANGE THE WORLD
BY BEING THE CHURCH.



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