



Friends,

We had a wonderful weekend of worship, fellowship and community. We were blessed with a great Maundy Thursday service. We then followed that with a beautiful Sunrise Service at the outdoor chapel. Then we capped off the morning with our traditional service at 9:00 and our contemporary service at 10:30. We were especially blessed with the baptism of Bryar Judd Mason, parents Brian and Becky Mason, as well as a great attendance of young families and their children. We offered a photo booth this year where families could have their picture taken as a free gift from the Crystal River Church. Thank you for attending one of the four services last week, and thank you for making CRUMC your faith family. We want you to feel at home and to know the CRUMC family is there for all.

We looked at the question last weekend, "What Happens After You Die?" We looked at some possibilities as offered by scripture and explored some thoughts as offered by other writers.

Some writers and theologians believe you go directly to heaven, others believe you go to sleep until the final judgment, and some believe there is a waiting place until final judgment before you receive a resurrected body. Some of these ideas have merit, and some come without any scriptural basis, but most are speculative at best. The bottom line I believe is this: 1) There is reality to the Resurrection; 2) There is a Heaven; 3) There is a second coming of Jesus, whether it is on this side of eternity or on the other side when we die and stand before Him; 4) We must be prepared at all times to know that we are just one breath away from meeting Christ; 5) Jesus promises eternal life and knowing there is eternal life should guide you as to how you live your daily life; 6) Nothing can separate us from the love of God; 7) Jesus will be our advocate before the Father; 8) Death does not have the final word.

Without the Resurrection, we have nothing to celebrate. Jesus not only conquered sin, he conquered death, which was and is the ultimate consequence of sin. Praise God that you and I do not have to fear death as a believer and follower of Jesus Christ. Jesus conquered both our sins and our fear of death through His death, burial, and resurrection. Now go and be a disciple of Jesus Christ by passing on to others this great message of hope. Become the

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9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

disciple Jesus calls you to be by making earth look more and more like heaven. And know that through Christ All Things are Possible.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

This weekend I will have a stand-alone sermon looking at the faith or lack of faith in the life of Thomas. Thomas is a well-known person in the Bible who was known as one who doubted. He is not alone, because there are many of us who doubt and that is ok. Thomas had the advantage of seeing Jesus and touching Jesus to overcome his doubts. Jesus tells him that he has an advantage over others because he has seen him. Jesus then goes on to say, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Be blessed this week and come and believe, even though you have not seen, because you have faith in Christ. Hope to see you this weekend as we look at the doubting life of Thomas.

R.V. STUDY TEAM

We are in the process of forming an R.V. Park study team. This team will hire a consultant to do a feasibility study to determine the viability of such a project. Once the study is complete this team will make a presentation to the church. The funding for this project is coming from a gift designated for this purpose and this purpose alone. If you have an interest in being on this team, give the pastor a call in the front office. The team is approaching this project with an open mind, seeking answers to the possibilities and the feasibility of an R.V. Park. The possibilities of using our property offers several opportunities. 1) It provides eco-tourism to the area, 2) We can derive an income from the project. 3) We have the opportunity to minister to the people who stay with us through worship, bible study and other activities. 4) The cost sharing of maintaining the entire church property. Keep this study in prayer.

KINDERGARTEN CLASS LAUNCH FALL OF 2017

We need 8 students to launch our Kindergarten class for the fall of 2017. If you have children or know of families with children of kindergarten age, we would appreciate your help in launching this class. We have state money available to supplement the tuition cost, and we have an additional \$500.00 scholarship that is being offered by Crystal River UMC for up to 8 families, if they qualify. So the cost of private kindergarten and the small class size are a great benefit for helping children get off to a great start in their academic career. Pray for this new ministry. Pray for the 8 families that we need, and help us launch this class this fall..

I hope you all had a great weekend. I trust you will continue in the Easter Spirit and join us for worship this weekend. I know God will bless you if you make time for Him.

Peace,

Pastor David



10:30 A.M. Contemporary Service

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ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC

FRIDAY- APRIL 21ST, 2017

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

SATURDAY- APRIL 22ND, 2017

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Alzheimers/Dementia Workshop
(S)

SUNDAY - APRIL 23RD, 2017

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 Scouts (T)

MONDAY- APRIL 24TH, 2017

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

TUESDAY- APRIL 25TH, 2017

2:00 p.m. Worship Design (RM 16)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)

WEDNESDAY- APRIL 26TH, 2017

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
2:30 p.m. UMW Board Mtg (RM 13)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (S)

THURSDAY- APRIL 27TH, 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)
10:00 a.m. S.M. Supervision (RM 18)
3:15 p.m. BBP Chapel (RM 13)
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)

FRIDAY- APRIL 28TH, 2017

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

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.

Charlie Ayers

Peter Holmes-Ray

Jim Andrinie

Char Waters

Linda Bradley

SATURDAY- APRIL 29TH, 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)



Divinely Unique
Thrift and Gift Store

Hello Church Family,

The store reached another goal this week by finally getting a bookkeeping system in place to let us see the big picture of sales and expenses. We thank the church office staff for spending time on helping us do this job better and look forward to having more information at our fingertips when needed.

The other milestone this week was not so happy, the lowest sales per week this year. Boo. But, snowbirds are leaving, Easter week, yada yada all came together to make sales a little off. Maybe you can come by this week to help make this week's total better. We get donations daily of lovely things so come often and tell your friends.

Also, we have WAY TOO MANY fluorescent light bulbs piling up from changing them to LED in the church buildings so Pastor says, get rid of them. They are FREE this week. Please come take all you can use. The Free Sale this week also includes cables; computer cables, tv cables, other electronic cables, cables, cables, cables. The next stop is recycling so check them out if you are in need.

As always, we thank you for and covet your prayers that the store be used by God in more ways than we can even imagine, that we see and share His hand in all we do there, that those entering be blessed by being there.

Blessings to all,

Your Thrift Store Board



Happy
Birthday

April 21st
Teresa Jenkins

April 22nd
CJ Lawson

April 26th
Jessica Reynolds

April 27th
Gerry Schabruch

April 28th
Deborah Florence

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

careteam@crumc.com



Earth Day is coming...Earth Day is coming...Earth Day is coming...

Don't forget to pick up your CRUMC reusable shopping bags in the courtyard Sunday. They are available to you for a donation to help defray the cost, suggested \$2.00 or so. Please take all you need and use them proudly whenever you shop. Some of your friendly church family will be manning the table and glad to help you this Sunday, before, between and after services. Please stop by and celebrate Earth Day this week and always, in appreciation of our beautiful creation from God.

The Earth says "Thank You".



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



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

careteam@crumc.com



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



Discovery Group



Annual Picnic
May 9th @ 11:30
Fort Island Trail Park

**Wednesdays 7:00
PM**



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.



Meadowcrest Bible Study will be returning to study the Miracles of Elisha. Fridays @ 10 AM at the Meadowcrest Club House

Ms. Ruth's Study will resume May 11th at 2 PM in the Choir Room and will go back to every 2nd and 4th Friday studying the Book of Ephesians.



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!



**Bright Beginnings
Preschool**



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

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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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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