



Friends,

I understand worship went well last week and everyone was blessed with Rev. Bob Wannall's message. I am appreciative of his service to Christ and to each of you for coming and sharing God's Word. Thank you Bob for serving last weekend, and giving Michele and me the gift of being able to take some time off.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

This weekend we will continue in the new sermon series, "I Want To Believe...But." This week we are going to examine the belief that God is a "Kill Joy God." Meaning... following God means having to follow a bunch of rules, and who wants to follow a lot of rules? After all, rules take away all the fun out of life. Life is hard enough, and who needs a God who wants to take what little fun there is in life and make me follow more rules? So I want to believe, but I just cannot follow a god who wants me to follow too many rules.

Unfortunately, that is how many people see God. He is nothing more than a rule maker, and if you do not follow His rules, you will end up in a very bad place. But Praise God, this is not the reality of who God is as the creator of the world. I hope you will join me this weekend and discover that maybe you have been following a false idea and perception of God's character. I know if I believed in a "Kill Joy God," I would want to run in the opposite direction as far as I could run. So join me this weekend and maybe you might be able to find your way home into the loving arms of a God that loves and cares for you unconditionally. By the way, this rule thing was not God's idea, it was his religious leaders that felt we needed a bunch of rules.

Invite yourself and others to join you for worship, and share the link

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to the sermon video at crumc.com so others might join us.

AUTISM AWARENESS WEEKEND

This weekend we will also be honoring persons and people who serve others who struggle with the issue of Autism. You probably know many people who are affected by this challenge. So we thought it would be a blessing to lift up, honor and pray for all persons who are challenged by Autism in life. We know that there is no problem in life that God cannot help us overcome and deal with on a daily basis in our lives. So we want to recognize the power of God in all of our lives to overcome those challenges. May God bless all of us as we love and pray and support all people affected by the challenge of Autism.

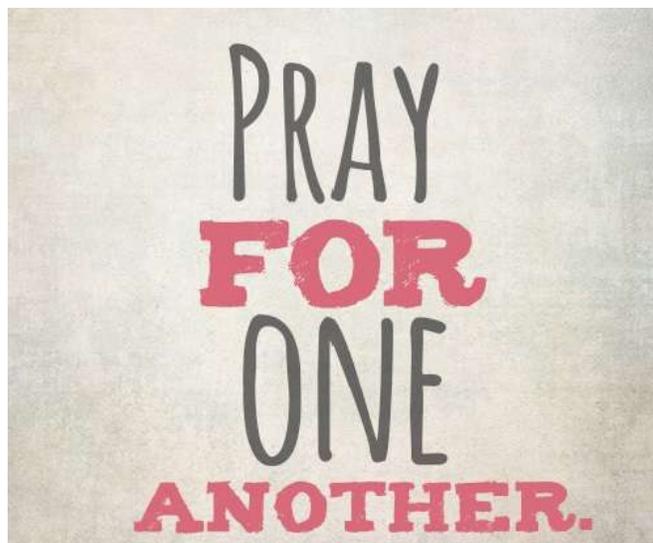
LET US NOT FAIL TO MEET

Let us not fail to worship together as Hebrews reminds us of the importance of gathering together as a faith community. I was reflecting on the importance of worship the other day, and do you realize that, if you miss two weekends, there is a gap of 21 days that you miss seeing one another? That is a long time, and that is a lot of living that we miss out on in sharing and encouraging and caring for one another. It is also a good reason that meeting together once a week in a small group helps to bridge the gap between the other times we may not be in worship together. It would be hard to form and keep any kind of significant relationship with another person if you only spoke to each other every 21 days. Just a thought! Consider how you might bridge the gap and stay connected in between weekends of worship. Let us make the effort to stay connected.

Hope to see you this weekend.

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



9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

10:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service

APRIL 2018						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	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 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.

SUNDAY - April 29, 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 30, 2018

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

TUESDAY - May 1, 2018

9:00 a.m. Worship Design (RM 13)
12:00 p.m. UMW Lunch (S & K)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)
6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

WEDNESDAY- May 2, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)

THURSDAY - May 3, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)
9:30 a.m. Stitches For God (RM 18)
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)

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.

Claire Hrbal
Jarve Gross

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 one hour before the service.

A celebration of life reception for Robin Thomas will be held at the Crystal River Golf Club at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 29th.

On Monday, April 30th, a funeral service will be held at the Bethel Chapel at 10:00 a.m., followed by a graveside military ceremony at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell at 1 p.m.

Divinely Unique *Thrift Store*



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(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

FRIDAY- May 4, 2018

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

SATURDAY- May 5, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Our Fathers Table
(St. Anne's)

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

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 may not 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 helping 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
Thrift Store Board

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



April 27
Gerald Schabbruch

April 30
Wanda Morris

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

careteam@crumc.com



Our **FOOD PANTRY** is in need of
CANNED VEGGIES AND MEATS
If you are able, please donate a box
or two this Sunday.

Thank You! Thank You!
Thank You!
for all the food donations this



April 1

Bill & Betty More

April 5

Barney & Sue
McCollough

month and for those that
volunteered this past Wednesday to
help with this weeks
pick up/delivery!



United
Methodist
Women

The United Methodist Women's Group of our church wants all women in our church to know they are always welcome at our monthly meetings. We hold a luncheon at noon on the first Tuesday of each month from September through May. We have fundraisers during the year, such as our December Cookie Walk and our Valentine Luncheon, to raise funds for local charities and Scholarships. Several of our members act as Prayer Angels to the Pre-kindergarten children attending our Bright Beginning Preschool. We also invite speakers from our community and have occasional special programs of spiritual enrichment. Recently we distributed many Meals Ready to Eat (MRE's) that were given to us by The Church Without Walls. Please join us for our next meeting on May 1st at noon in the sanctuary.



Bright Beginnings Learning Academy
is Accepting Applications
for Kindergarten and First Grade.
See Frank Pifer to apply

April 13

Bryan & Jean Bush

April 16

Gary & Jayne Stanley

April 25

Albert & Lynne Morneault

April 26

Robbie & Linda Bradley

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

or call 352/795-1240



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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Office for a
Listing at 795-
3148**

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



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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***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!

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.



[To view the best version of the message, please click here](#)

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