



Friends of Crystal River UM Church,

As we gathered last weekend we discovered that God sees you as a "Masterpiece." Now I know you and I may not see ourselves as a "Masterpiece," but God does. The challenge is how can you see yourself as God sees you?

The very nature of coming to terms with knowing that you are a Masterpiece in the eyes of God is coming to know Jesus. When a person finally decides to accept Jesus as the one who can save you from yourself and turn your life around, that is when you come to see yourself as God's Masterpiece.

When Jesus becomes real in your life, that is when you come to see how much God loves you and forgives you. As **Ephesians 2:4-5** says: *"But because of God's great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us (you) alive with Christ even when we (you) were dead in transgressions."* In other words, God loved you even before you were willing to acknowledge God's Love. God's love was there all along, but you could not see it until you took a step of faith, and acknowledged Jesus as the one who could save you, meaning the one who opens a way for you to know God's love.

So when you and I are "In Christ," we can then see ourselves as God's Masterpiece, because when you know who you are, you will know what to do. Here is what God wants you to know as His Masterpiece.

1) You were created to do "Good Works." God wants you to be his representative or Ambassador, as we learned last week. You represent your home, which is in heaven, to your earthly home, which is temporary. God wants you to do good work for and to your brothers and sisters who are a part of your temporary earthly home. He wants you to help others come to see how much God loves them, just as he loves you.

2) You were created for a Purpose. That purpose is to do good works, but it is also to make earth more like heaven. In other words, you are to make your earthly home more like your heavenly home. Heaven is your permanent home where you love your neighbor, where all needs are met, and where you love and serve God. God wants you to do those same things here on earth. Know this: God will give you everything you need in order to do everything He wants you to do here on earth. Ask God daily how you can live out your purpose for His purpose. When you do, you will become that Masterpiece that is saved by grace for His purposes.

You are created in Christ Jesus as God's Masterpiece. I pray that you will come to see and know that this is your truth as a child of God.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

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SUNDAY
WORSHIP TIMES



Traditional
9:00 A.M.
Contemporary
10:30 A.M.

MAY 2019

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**ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC**

The Week Ahead

Now we all know that life can be tough even when we know we represent God and we are His Masterpiece. In those tough times, God also wants you to see yourself as a person, who through the power of God's grace and love, can be an "Overcomer" of anything that might cause you problems. This is true because first you are again, as we have said, "In Christ," and when you and I are in Christ there is nothing that can separate us from God's love and power. This means there is nothing you cannot overcome. Join me this weekend as we discover how we might access this power, as an Ambassador, as a Masterpiece, to be an "Overcomer" of all things. It is a guarantee that we will have trouble, so let's talk about how we overcome those challenges. Look forward to seeing you in worship this weekend

REMEMBER.

We are still looking for stories that you can share with us of men and women who died in service to this country. Next week is Memorial Day, and we want to remember and honor those who laid down their lives for each of us so that we might be free. Give us a call at the front office.

Thank you for your generosity and let us continue to share a portion of what God has given each of us, so we might go through the summer meeting our ministry responsibilities as a community of faith. Thank you for giving as God has given to you.

Blessings,

Pastor David



Remember to stop by and sign the prayer cards on Sunday morning. Then if you would, take the time to 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.

FRIDAY-MAY 17, 2019

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

SATURDAY-MAY 18, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Scout's Spaghetti Dinner

SUNDAY - MAY 19, 2019

9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship(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 - MAY 20, 2019

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

TUESDAY - MAY 21, 2019

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

WEDNESDAY- MAY 22, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
12:00 p.m. Friendship Circle(S)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 22)

THURSDAY - MAY 23, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
8:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)
10:00 a.m. SM Supervision
6:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal (C)
7:00 p.m. 4-H(T)

FRIDAY- April 24, 2019

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

SATURDAY- MAY 25, 2019

Divinely Unique Thrift 9 - 1

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)**



Please Contact The Church

Office for a Listing at 795-3148



Scout's #415
Spaghetti Dinner
Fundraiser

Saturday - May 18th @ 6 p.m.
in the CRUMC Sanctuary
Tickets are \$10 per person

OFFICE
HOURS

MON - THURS
9 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Closed Fridays

GENEROSITY REPORT

WEEK 05/19--05/25/2019

BANK BALANCE	\$ 5,367.00
LESS CURRENT EXPENSE	- 12,621.00
OFFERING NEEDED	\$ 7,254.00

05/12/2019 OFFERING \$ 4,888.00

THANK YOU FOR BEING FAITHFUL IN YOUR GIVING TO GOD

Be sure to seek out Lois and Lynne Ann this Sunday and purchase a beautifully packaged set of pen and ink sketched note cards of our church with matching envelopes for just \$10. Proceeds will go to the renovation of the Bethel Chapel.



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

APRIL 27

Gerry Schabruch

APRIL 30

Wanda Morris

MAY 2

Darin Copeland
Deven Copeland

MAY 3

Nancy Bacon

MAY 4

Chris Untiedt

MAY 7

Barbara Lerman

MAY 8

Arnold Camp
Ernestine Reeder

MAY 9

Becca Miller
Peggy Pilon

MAY 11

Sabrina Harner



Preschool Hours are 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Infants through VPK

Now enrolling for VPK 2019/2020 School Year
VPK Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
with wrap care available

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Bright Beginnings Learning Academy
is Accepting Applications
for Kindergarten,
First & Second Grade.
To apply call 352/795-1240

Brett Miller

MAY 12
Pattie Williams

MAY 14
Anna Speight

MAY 16
Beverly Dobbins

MAY 23
Melody Hinson
Marta Vallette

MAY 26
Richiko Palhof

MAY 27
Terry Rooks

MAY 28
Lynne Ann Penfold
Pat Purcell

MAY 29
Dennis McClure

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

careteam@crumc.com



APRIL 26
Robbie & Linda Bradley

MAY 1
Hallie & Mary Castell

MAY 3
Jenny & John Kreusch

May 19

Divinely Unique Thrift Store



5015 N. Citrus Ave • Crystal River, FL 34428

(352) 436-2221

Wed thru Fri 9 - 4

Saturday 9 - 1

Answering God's call
to serve others

A Ministry of Crystal River United Methodist Church

Hello, Church Family,

Things are slowing down a bit at the store as May and September are notoriously the slowest months in Florida for retail, maybe everywhere, but always in Florida. We are using the time wisely to do some deep cleaning and organizing. I always believe that good organization behind the scenes allows us all to do our most efficient work. It's our aim all the time to use our gifts and time wisely. That's good stewardship, too.

Speaking of stewardship, I think I have slipped up and not published the results of the most recent Steeple to Street event, so, here are some financial facts we think you might like to know.

What we call "outside income", booth and table rent, breakfast, outside merchandise sales brought the store \$595.50. We always tithe from this money that the store has decision making rights to, leaving us \$535.50 in our savings account for such things as our new awnings and more signage purchased from past events and gutters and driveway repairs desperately needed now. These are things we can devise means to be able to purchase outside the church's extremely tight budget. One of the ways we can joyfully serve as good stewards.

That day was also our best day for store sales, \$918, all of which, every day, goes to help support the bills of the church. We are proud of that also. Even in this slow month our daily sales average over \$200 x 4 days a week. We are working hard to use all our abilities to help our financial woes.

Now, speaking of stewardship, we who work there regularly, feel that although most of us can't write bigger checks, we can help raise more money for the church by the work we do at the store. That's being good stewards of both time and money management. Might that be something, another way, that you, too, might help out the struggling bill payers with more to work with? We all have such good fellowship as we work hard together; fellowship with one another as we work and with the regular shoppers, some of whom have come to work for their favorite thrift store! We had a gentleman offer today, just as we are beginning to need to cover vacations for our regulars. That's a good feeling for the entire store team.

And, this is big for us, we have now begun to send support regularly to both the scout troops that the church supports and to Hope Remembered African Missionaries. Our store was started to help fund missions, which we have all along as apportionments but now we are able to do more as Christ directed in helping spread the gospel around the world. We are blessed to be able to bless others. If you'd like to know more about Hope Remembered, you may ask at the store or check it out online.

Richard & Lynne Ann
Penfold

MAY 22

Earnie & Keri Olsen

MAY 28

Dennis & Tesa McClure

MAY 29

Tom & Jan Metcalf

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

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!***



**CONGREGATIONAL
CARE**

Our Congregational Care
Team helps to connect
people in the congregation
through visitation, phone
calls, emails &

So, with summer vacations coming up, some medical inconveniences coming up, with some just needing a little time away for rest and recuperation, might you see yourself and friends stepping up for an additional shift a week? Back room processing or front room sales? It would help so much to be able to count on you regularly offering your time and talents.

Blessings to all as we serve our God together,

Pattie and your store board



CRUMW has had a great year!!

We are taking our summer vacation, and hope to see you all in the fall. We had a great year raising money through the Steeple to Street, and The Cookie Walk, to provide scholarships for our graduates.

Thank you,

CRUMW



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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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