



Friends,

As we concluded our sermon series last weekend we discovered that Samson, after being blinded and imprisoned, had begun to reflect on his life. After all he had had lots of time on his hands as he spent the day pushing a grist mill wheel in a circle all day. The sentential point is that Samson had come back to God after having ignored God for many years. In fact he came to a place of not just feeling a sense of remorse, he came to a place of repentance.

Remorse is feeling bad about what you did, or feeling sorry for what you did. Remorse is a dead end street if you do nothing but feel bad about your action. To be truly remorseful one has to go beyond feeling bad to asking for forgiveness through repentance. Repentance moves you to a place where you take ownership of your actions and you ask for forgiveness. Simply being sorry and not asking for forgiveness changes nothing.

In Samson's life, he spent years feeling remorseful about his actions, but he never owned or changed his poor behavior until he came to repent and ask for forgiveness. We see this forgiveness exercised when he prayed to the Lord: "Sovereign Lord, remember me, Please God, strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes." Judges 16:28. Samson defeated the Philistines and he finally fulfilled his purpose by defeating the Philistines and delivering Israel from their captivity. Samson asked for forgiveness when he asked the Lord to remember him.

God is always present and ready to listen, if you are ready to be remorseful and repentant to missing the mark. God never leaves us, but unfortunately we are like Samson; we turn and go our own way, and we do not listen to the leading of God's Spirit. Samson was remorseful and repentant and he prayed for forgiveness. May you and I do the same thing, and God will hear and answer our prayers.

I am away at Annual Conference this week, along with Bob and Jayne Kegan, who are representing CRUMC as the lay delegates. Keep the conference in prayer, and thank you for being a church that loves God and loves your neighbor by being open and accepting to all who come through our doors. Too often churches are accused of not being open to all, but CRUMC is different. You are open to diversity of ideas and thoughts and you respect others by allowing your neighbor the space to think and express their opinions. As followers of Jesus, may we continue to love one another, let the Holy Spirit convict and God to Judge.

Please continue to be faithful in your worship attendance. One of the signs of a healthy church is their average worship attendance. Let us be faithful to God and to one another by worshipping together each weekend. When we worship together, we offer one another a great gift. I know it is easy to say, "Let's skip church today," but sometimes it takes pushing past our own self interest to make God our priority in our lives. "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." *Hebrews 10:24-25*

See you in Worship,

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9:00 A.M.  
*Traditional Service*

Pastor David



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.

Nancy Bacon  
Kathy Butler  
Ed Fagala  
Jean Lynch  
Ruth Levins  
Justine, Jerry & Family



## Divinely Unique Thrift Store

Where Do I Begin...? That should be a song. Oh, it is.

So many exciting things have come to pass in the last week that I don't know where to begin so will start with the longest awaited special gift,,,,, OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!!! Please visit and like it, literally also. We are pleased and proud and I, who hardly know what Facebook is, am extremely appreciative of all those who worked to make it happen; the store board members and Tonya especially. Thank you for the great job and your love for and dedication to the store.

Along with the Facebook page is a video created by our own Drew Sherman. Thank you, Drew, for an adorable picture of what folks can expect in the store that's "off the beaten path but worth beating a path to". Please watch, share and like it also. (We see Drew as a church musician but this is his full-time profession.)

I am a firm believer that most situations can have a win-win outcome if we are willing to look hard enough for it. This is one with multiple wins. Divinely Unique Thrift Store is partnering with Crystal River Primary School to help make back-to-school time better for those families who need a little help. The school is having a clothing drive and the store is processing the donations, displaying them, providing vouchers to families in need for several pieces of clothing for each child, then hosting those families to an open house to shop before school begins. The child wins, the school wins, the store wins, the church wins, the donating families win, every person who will help make this happen wins and God is glorified. That's lots of wins. We are also working on other related opportunities to serve our community as the hands and feet and caring hearts of God. You'll hear more as details unfold.

We continually thank you for your great donations, for shopping with us, for your support and prayers. Blessings abound at Divinely Unique.

### 10:30 A.M. Contemporary Service

2017 JUNE						
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ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC  
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC

**FRIDAY— JUNE 9th, 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— JUNE 10th, 2017**  
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**SUNDAY - June 11th, 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 Troop  
415(T)

**TUESDAY- JUNE 13th, 2017**  
2:00 p.m. Worship Design (RM 16)  
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)

**WEDNESDAY- JUNE 14th, 2017**  
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
4:30 p.m. Stephen Leaders (RM  
18)  
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 20)  
6:00 p.m. Bethel Prayer  
Watch(BC)  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts 415 (T)

**THURSDAY— JUNE 15th, 2017**  
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
9:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)  
3:15 p.m. BBP Chapel (RM 13)  
6:00 p.m. Summer Rehearsal  
(CR)  
6:00 p.m. Mini Farms (T)

**FRIDAY— JUNE 16th, 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— JUNE 17th, 2017**

Blessings,

Your Thrift Store Board



**CALLING ALL SINGERS!!!**

**ANNOUNCING "SUMMER SING" AT CRUMC!!!**

The choir is taking a much-deserved extended vacation this summer, June, July and August. BUT, we must not let the worship experience suffer without the presence of "special" music to honor God. Our men are singing on Father's Day; other ensembles, solos and duets are in the works; and there is always room for any of you who are not currently in choir or those with whom we are not yet acquainted who might like to offer your gifts. Just let Pattie Williams know when and what and it can happen.

This is an exciting new concept for us. August 13 and 20 will be "Open Choir" Sundays at CRUMC. The choir members who are ready to come back AND, we hope, anyone else from the congregation who would like to join them, will be singing those days. We will use simple hymn arrangements that you already know. It's a chance to check out this ministry and maybe find it something you'd like to commit to, or just have fun singing for those two Sundays.

We hope you will consider SUMMER SING your CALLING!!

Pattie and Margaret

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)



**Church  
Office Hours**

Mon. 9am - 3pm  
Tues. 9am - 3pm  
Wed. 9am - 12pm  
Thurs. 9am - 3pm  
Fri. 9am - 12pm



Join us Wednesday's at 6 P.M. for Prayer  
Watch in the Bethel Chapel

**LIFEgroups**

**MEADOWCREST BIBLE STUDY**



**June 10**  
Robbie Bradley  
Carol Camp  
Jeffrey Camp

**June 13**  
Irene Neitz

**June 14**  
Faye Parker  
David Turner

Friday's from 10 am till 11 am  
at the Meadowcrest Club house



Our Food Pantry is in need of canned  
vegetables



## 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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**June 15**  
Courtney Dorman

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

[careteam@crumc.com](mailto:careteam@crumc.com)



**June 1**  
David & Beverly Hickey

**June 5**  
Eric & Richiko Palhof

**June 12**  
Harold & Ernestine Reeder

**June 18**  
Carol & Arnold Camp

**June 19**  
David & Michele Rawls

**June 22**  
Paul & Cristy Ingram

**June 24**  
Peter & Janice Ray Holmes

**June 30**  
Bill & Donna Farmer  
Fred & Bonnie Whetzel

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

[careteam@crumc.com](mailto:careteam@crumc.com)



Stephen Ministry is an  
ongoing ministry to meet the



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



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](mailto:careteam@crumc.com)

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.  
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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**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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