



Friends of CRUMC,

Hope you had a great week. We collected over a 100 boxes of school supplies, because of your generosity, and they were delivered to Crystal Primary school on Thursday. We also were able to give school supplies to our preschool and primary school as well. Thank you again for your efforts and generosity. In addition, you were generous in donating socks and underwear that were distributed to the homeless center and to Crystal River primary. This was a wonderful gift from a great church seeking to make a difference for God and His kingdom.

First week of school for BBLA went well. We have 14 students between kindergarten and first grade, and we have a great staff. In the next couple of weeks I will include a small bio on each of our teachers, and they will be attending worship on a monthly basis, so you will be able to meet them. Pray for the Bright Beginnings Preschool staff, and the Bright Beginnings Learning Academy, as well as, all of our teachers in Citrus County, and the state of Florida. Offer these prayers on a daily basis, because teaching is a challenging and difficult job.

On Sunday we honored teachers, support staff, mentors and administrators for the coming school year. Thank you for all the support, prayers and efforts that you have offered and will offer over the next year in educating our children. They are our future.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

As we continued into part two of our sermon series, "The Courage to Stand," we saw how King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, and the people who supported the king did not want to interpret the dream. Daniel was then called in to interpret the dream. He hesitated because the dream was not about the king's enemies; it was about the king himself and no one wanted to tell him. The consequences could have been deadly, but because Daniel had a 30 year relationship, he stood up to the king, and he was able to tell the king what the dream meant.

What we discovered was, because the king was not willing to follow God, he was about to lose his throne, his place of authority and his power unless he acknowledged God as king of the universe. That did not happen and, just as predicted, he ended up living in the desert for seven years. It was not until he came to his senses, just like the prodigal son, that he acknowledged God. Once he acknowledged

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9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

10:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service

God, God restored him to power, but it took seven long years of difficult living before he would acknowledge God's authority over his life.

It is sad, but you and I do the same thing. We are stubborn, prideful, procrastinating, and power hungry, and we refuse to acknowledge who holds power over our lives. We believe we are at the center of our own universe and we ignore God. We hurt other people and ourselves, and we live self-centered, self-absorbed lives. It is not until we focus on God, acknowledge God's authority over our lives, and allow God to lead our lives that anything changes. Once we come to terms with our hurts, habits and hang-ups and turn them over to God, we can return from the desert and begin anew in our relationship with God, through Jesus.

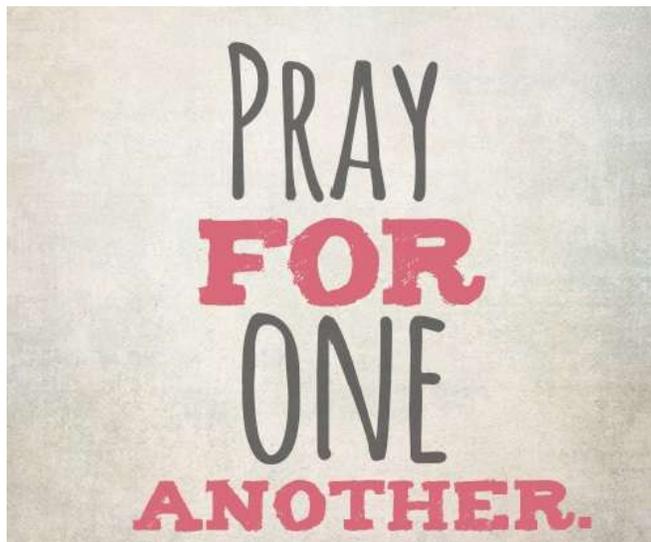
In the case of the king, Daniel stood up to him and offered him a way out, but the king refused. We too have had friends and family who have offered us a new direction, but we have refused to listen or follow their advice. For you who offer advice, do so with the goal of pointing them back to God, and not getting even for some wrong they may have fostered on you. At the same time, if you offer advice, be sure you also listen when others might see you going off the right path, and offer you a new direction. If you offer advice, make sure you are willing to accept advice and make sure it is done in love and with the goal of restoration. Daniel did just that, and eventually the king returns from the far country. My hope is that God can use each of us to help point the way to God.

PART THREE ON STANDING UP

This weekend we will see that Daniel is serving under a new king. They have a great relationship, but there are others in leadership who are jealous of Daniel. They manipulate the king, and Daniel is thrown into the lion's den. We will see how the power of prayer brings him through this challenge. He walks in faith, not by sight. Hope we can see a lesson for our lives this weekend. Hope to see you in worship. School is back in, so let us get back into the routine of worshipping together as a family each weekend.

Blessings,

Pastor David



Remember to stop by and sign the prayer cards on

AUGUST 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	31				

ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC

FRIDAY- August 17 2018

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

SATURDAY- August 18, 2018

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

SUNDAY - August 19, 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 - August 20, 2018

TUESDAY - August 21, 2018

9:30 a.m. Worship Design (C)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)
6:30 p.m. Pumpkin Patch/Fall Festival Meeting (Room 13)

WEDNESDAY- August 22, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
10:00 a.m. Bereavement Class (S)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 13)

THURSDAY - August 23, 2018

Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)
10:00 a.m. S.M. Supervision (RM 13)

FRIDAY- August 24 2018

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

SATURDAY- August 25, 2018

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

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.

Catherine McDonald
Jim Boyle
Monica & David Maver
Connie
Stephanie



Bereavement Classes on how to deal with grief will be held on Wednesdays from 10 - 11:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary Sponsored by Hospice

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,

I am happy to share this report with you concerning the "back to

Sanctuary- (S)
Bethel Chapel- (BC)
Choir Room- (C)
Tabernacle- (T)
Kitchen- (K)



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



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

Now enrolling for VPK 2018/2019 School Year

VPK Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
with wrap care available

Call 352-795-1240
Lic# C05C10049

school" drive which you so generously supported. Our thrift store shared in helping 3 children from Mission in Citrus Homeless Shelter step out in new clothes on their first days of school. The store supplied 2 outfits each, a pair of shoes and you supplied 2 packages of underwear and 2 packages of socks to each of these children. They were delivered Saturday afternoon, in time for the first day of school Monday. We did not meet the children but know that they were blessed by what we, together, did to brighten their experience. Thank you.

Then crates were filled with all sizes of underwear and socks for both Crystal River Primary and Citrus Springs Elementary and are being delivered this week along with the boxes for teachers. What a difference you have made for many children in circumstances of need.

The totals? 136 pr boy's briefs, 117 pr boy's socks, 128 pr girls underpants, 267 pr girls socks. And all boxes and crates had a label wishing them God's blessings for the new school year from Crystal River United Methodist Church. May God be praised for what we have been led to do together.

And for other store news, we are still greeting new customers, still covering the store through well-deserved vacations for our regular dedicated workers, still receiving huge amounts of donations, still selling at 30% above last year, still thanking God for all the above. Upcoming events? A 50% off furniture sale next week, a summer bag sale the last week of August preparing for fall clothing and decorations to come out, a store work day to get clothing changed out, another Steeple to Street flea market event October 27, and before you know it, Christmas and more Christmas stuff magically appears. The thrift store is another opportunity to work and fellowship together with like-minded servant leaders. Just ask anyone who dedicates a shift a week or more how much they enjoy being part of Divinely Unique.

Blessings to all,

Pattie and the store board



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



August 17

Robert Briggs

August 18

Ruth Levins

August 19

Donald Stevens

August 20

Robert McCoy

August 21

Ethan Kennedy

August 22

Margaret Copeland

Norman Provencal

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

careteam@crumc.com

August 27 Discovery Group



On August 27th @ 11 AM we will meet in the CRUMC Sanctuary for a special presentation of Southern France by Judy Fowler. Come and enjoy a taste of France with a French breakfast.

Bring Your Lunch and something to share if you wish. Drinks will be provided.

Please sign up @ the Connection Point



August 17

Carla & Rich Eschen

August 26

Lois & Dick Bump

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

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Music Ministry

Hello, Church Family,

I know it doesn't feel like summer is winding down yet, but school has started and August is half over so it's time to be thinking about the seasonal activities of our church ministries, specifically the music ministry. Chancel Bells begin fall rehearsals on Monday, August 27 at 7:00 in the choir room. Every summer I plan to do a beginning bell class for those who may be intimidated by our ringers who have been ringing together for years and every summer has slipped away without doing it. SOOOO, here is your special invitation to come at the very first of the season to get very special tutelage from those experienced ringers, all of whom will welcome you with open arms and love to share hints with you as you learn and blend right in with the choir. We always let new ringers double an experienced ringer for a while before throwing you in to sink or swim. It is a group of people who love music, love bells, love serving God and love one another. Some music experience is helpful but not



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

LIFEgroups

required so if you have Monday evenings and one Sunday a month free we'd love for you to come give it a try.

And, if you sing instead of ring, there's a place for you to serve God there also. Sanctuary Choir resumes Thursday evening at 6:00, August 30. This is another great "small group" dedicated to leading worship on Sundays at the 9:00 service with their joyful offerings of praise and sharing their gifts together on Thursday evenings as we all learn together. We sing almost every Sunday and rehearse almost every Thursday evening to be able to do that service for God and our congregation. There's absolutely a seat there with your name on it.

So, all current, former and potential ringers and singers, please join those who love making music to God and find out how much joy we find in serving together. We hope to see you there.

In God's service,
Pattie and Margaret and our ringers and singers

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



***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!***



**THE NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT
LAY SERVANT MINISTRY
NEEDS YOUR REGISTRATION FOR:
Basic and Advanced Classes
*Saturday, September 8, 2018***

Forest UMC,
17635 E SR 40

Silver Spring, FL 34488

Deadline for Registration:

August 28th, 2018

For full information on classes, schedule,
directions and related items, [click here.](#)

For further information:

**Walter L. Dry, District Director
(352) 686-1140**

drvrs@tampabay.rr.com



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 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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