



Friends,

We began a new sermon series last weekend entitled, "Life's Healing Choices." We are looking at the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-11. There are 8 ways in which Jesus directs us on how we might be happy in life. We will examine 4 of the 8 in this first series. Then next year we will look at the final four as to how we can find happiness.

In all of the 8 statements, each one begins with the words... "Blessed are." Blessed means "Happy." Last weekend we looked at Matthew 5:3: "***Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***" This simply means that we can find happiness when we acknowledge that God is God and we are not God. There are three things you can do that can lead you to this conclusion that God is God, and you are not.

1) Humbly Admit that You Need Help. That is tough when you think you are in charge. All of us need help if we are honest about ourselves. So if you are struggling with life, maybe a good place to start is to admit that you are not God. When you do, that is the moment you become "Poor in Spirit." In other words, you submit your spirit to God's spirit and will. You allow God to take the lead in guiding your life. Admit you need help.

2) Humbly Ask God for Help. Once you admit you need help, then the logical next step is to ask God for help. Pride and fear get in the way of asking for help, whether it is from God or for others. We see ourselves as being self-sufficient, and this is arrogance at best when we will not ask for help. God stands ready to help. He will not step in unless you ask. He gave you the gift of "Free Will." So you have to ask. To be "Poor in Spirit" is to set your pride and fear aside and ask God for help.

3) Humbly Accept Help from Other People. Not only can you ask God for help, but you can ask God to send people who are his hands and feet to give you help. You are your brother's keeper. Again, our pride and fear get in the way, so set that aside and allow God to work in and through you so you can be made happy by submitting your spirit to God's spirit. Letting God be God in your life will bring you happiness. Give it a try. What do you have to lose?

WEEKEND WORSHIP

This weekend we will look at the second of the eight Beatitudes.

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9:00 A.M.
Traditional Service

10:30 A.M.
Contemporary Service

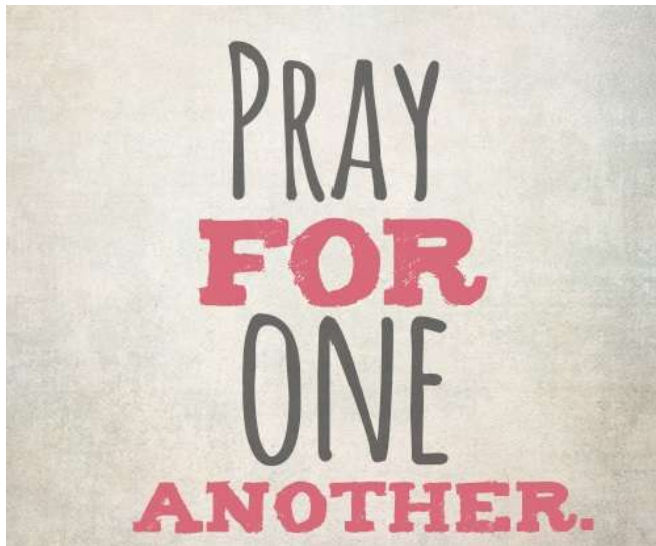
Matthew 5:4: *"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."* This is addressing the recognition that God is the one who forgives us of our sins and when we recognize that gift, there is freedom. In that freedom we come to see how far we were once from God and that allows us to mourn in a good way. It is a mourning of recognition in our freedom from sin. Come check it out this weekend and join me for worship.

ODDS AND ENDS

- 1) We need help setting up the tents for the Pumpkin Patch on Friday, September 14th. We will begin at 10:00 am. Come offer a hand.
- 2) Wednesday, September 19th, 6:30 pm, we will gather to continue our conversation around a new ministry called "Dinner Church." Come join the conversation.
- 3) We began a "Disciples Path" class this past Monday. You can still join us this coming Monday, September 17th at 6:30 pm.
- 4) We will hold a 'Mini-Charge Conference,' on Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:30. This is where we will approve core leaders and the compensation package for the pastor in 2019.
- 5) The Pumpkins will be delivered on Friday, October 5th at 4:00 pm. Come offer a hand in however God leads you. Please sign up during the month of September outside of the Sanctuary to staff the patch for the month of October.

Please continue to support the ministries of CRUMC. Your faithfulness and obedience to God are what allows us to stand strong as a faith community. Remember, the decisions you make today determine the story we, as a faith community, will or will not be able to tell tomorrow. I have faith that you will trust and respond to the needs of this faith community, so we will have a story to tell.

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

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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
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ALL MEETINGS ARE PUBLIC WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SPRC

FRIDAY- September 14, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- September 15, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
2:30 Celebrate Leadership
(Room 13)

SUNDAY - September 16, 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 - September 17, 2018
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

TUESDAY - September 18, 2018
9:30 a.m. Worship Design (C)
6:00 p.m. Joy Circle (RM13)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)
6:00 Trustees Meeting (L)
6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

WEDNESDAY- September 19, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
11:00 a.m. Bereavement Class (C)
12:00 p.m. Friendship Circle (S)
3:00 p.m. Blessings in a Backpack
(Offsite)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 13)

THURSDAY - September 20, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
9:00 a.m. Meals on Wheels (K)
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (C)
6:00 p.m. Mini Farms (T)

FRIDAY- September 21, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- September 22, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
2:30 Celebrate Leadership (RM 13)

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

table on Sundays. Thanks for serving and caring together as the CRUMC family of faith.

Gabe Rodriguez
Jane Kegan
Judy & Bill Surrick

calendars remain current.
Thank You!

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



The conclusion of our Bereavement Classes will be held this Wednesday, Sept. 19 beginning at ****11:00 A.M.**** in the ****Choir Room****



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

Healing Mass



You're Invited!

**The Nature Coast Chapter of the Order of St. Luke
Invites you to a Healing Mass
6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17
St. Anne's Episcopal Church
9870 W. Fort Island Trail
Crystal River, FL 34429**



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**

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,

Here we are in the middle of September, the month we think should begin to cool off and bring out more shoppers, but today is a day of record heat and we still are having phenomenal sale days. Go figure. I can't, but I rejoice anyway at all the new folks who come to us, who like the store, spend money and bring their friends. We, the folks who take such good care of the store, are proud of those things and especially happy to share "Well Dones" when we text the sales figures of an especially good day.

We have had 3 new folks to join this little family in the past few weeks and you will soon hear all about each of them. For this week, may I introduce you to Lynne Ann Penfold? Here is the very interesting story of another one of our very important volunteers.



After being adopted from an orphanage in Kansas City, I was raised in the Chicago area.



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



September 14

Cynthia Childs
Susan McCollough

September 15

Jan Rymar

September 16

Cristy Ingram
Phil Thompson

September 17

Jack Gobin

September 20

Donnie Brown
Amber Lawson

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

careteam@crumc.com

I moved to Jackson, Tennessee with my first husband and lived there for 14 years.

I worked at The Credit Bureau of Jackson as a credit reporter for over 5 years. I was also privileged to be the co-director of a Birthright chapter (a pro life International organization helping girls with unplanned pregnancies) I served as a phone volunteer organizer and a board member for that city's hotline for rape victims for over 6 years.

We were transferred to Richmond Virginia in 1982. I worked at Equifax for over 6 years investigating credit for home mortgages and small business loans. I also worked in sales for several department stores. It was in Richmond that I learned about the value of a church family and became very involved with church activities and volunteered at the Methodist retirement home helping residents with their particular needs.

I met my second husband, who was still active in the US Army, in Richmond. After serving in the military for over 25 years, we retired to Crystal River in 1999. We have 5 children between us and have been married for almost 30 years. We enjoy traveling, especially visiting our children and their families who are scattered across the country .

I love calling Crystal River United Methodist Church my church home and am blessed to have developed personal relationships with those that I serve with in mission. I have been an active member in UMW, I sing in our choir, and I volunteer in our church's office once a week. One of the activities that I am involved in is our church's thrift store. I work there 1 or 2 Saturdays a month

Our thrift store is such as asset to our community with a lot of amazing "finds". Even those that volunteer there shop! It is the perfect place to represent our church, share the word of the Lord, and hear about our valued customers life's stories. It makes me proud to hear all the compliments we receive from our shoppers about how our store in laid out and that they will be back and bring a friend.

The next big event at the store is another Steeple to Street Flea Market on October 27. As we did in March, we will have space available for professional vendors and just "us folks" to sell stuff. We will have free food from the church and hopefully other food vendors. 4 Corners Produce Market will join us again and we are preparing for another Silent Auction. This is just the beginning of the fun stuff on that day, so we hope you will find some time to join us on the grounds of Divinely Unique and for the bargains inside the store.

Blessings and our thanks to all,

Pattie and Your Thrift Store Board



September 1

John & Marj Morrison Jr.

September 3

Bill & Gail Easley

Roger & Betty Schooly

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

careteam@crumc.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.



CONGREGATIONAL
CARE



Join us Wednesday,
Sept. 19th
@ 6:30 P.M.

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

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

Music Ministry

Hello Church,

CHOIR IS BACK!!!! It was wonderful to see and hear them in the loft Sunday after summer vacation. This church is blessed by their talents and dedication. While the full choir was on break, we were treated to some "specials". (All music and efforts are special) I'd like to thank the following for bringing music to us over the summer:

- Jo Jefferson
- Katie Moynaghan
- Ron and Jenny Bass
- Conner Briggs
- Margaret Williams
- Ronnie and Paula Schmitt
- Norman Jason
- Joyce Caldwell
- Our Praise Team
- The Men of the Choir for Father's Day

Please thank these folks and encourage them to sing or play again soon. Their offerings of praise are important to the tone of the worship.

BELLS ARE BACK!!!! Handbells resumed rehearsals last week also and we welcomed back Emily Barker and Hailey Holmes-Ray who have not played with us for a while and Pat Schabrich, brand new to us. This choir has never been too full to welcome and teach anyone who would like to try it. We are blessed with two sets of bells for our use, plus chimes so we are seldom out of instruments to use in making music to praise God together.

We have positions still open for ringers and singers so come join this fellowship of musicians, friends, worshipers, encouragers, Christians



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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And mark your calendars! Music Sunday, October 28, one service 10:30. All the music entities of our church will be bringing their best and your favorites for this Sunday of all music and praise. Plan to be here and bring friends to sing and worship through music.

Thank you all for your continued support of those who bring their gifts to God at this place.

Pattie and Margaret

PUMPKINS
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OCTOBER 5th



Saturday - October 27th



***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!

CRUMC, BBP, & BBLA
fall festival
October 21st From 3-7