



Friends of Crystal River UMC,

Last weekend we examined the second Beatitude in Matthew 5:4, **"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."** To "mourn" is to acknowledge that I am not God and that God does exist. When I acknowledge that I have fallen short of God's standard, and that only God can repair my life through His forgiveness, only then will I come to find comfort. In realizing my sin, which is hurtful to God, I mourn, I acknowledge not meeting God's standard. When I mourn my sin, or confess my sin, then I will find freedom, which leads to finding comfort. Blessings, or happiness, come when you and I unburden ourselves by confessing our sins and allowing Jesus to forgive us. We then live in the freedom of knowing Christ and following His will where true happiness can be experienced.

It begins with believing in God, knowing that God loves you and you matter to Him, and that God has the power to help change your life. God is a not a God who came to judge, but a God who came to love and encourage you. Believe in God, know that you are loved and forgiven, and then allow God to change your life. Remember, the choices we make in life determine the story we tell tomorrow, so choose to believe and know that God is a God who loves you, and will comfort you when you mourn.

WEEKEND WORSHIP

This weekend we will look at the third Beatitude in Matthew 5:5, **"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."** The first word that jumps out at us is the word "meek." Meek does not mean

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9:00 A.M.
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mousy or without strength. It means to have a strength that is committed to allowing God to guide your daily life. It is a life that is not out of control, but committed to Jesus who then cares and guides your life. This only happens if you are willing to make that conscious commitment to following Jesus. Jesus brings order and control to our chaotic lives, and He is the only one who can help us make sense of life in general. I pray that you will come and hear how God can bring you happiness when you give Him the chance to bring order to your life.

DINNER CHURCH

We have eight people who will be taking the training being offered by the Florida Annual Conference on how to start a "Dinner Church." There are two dates this training will be offered and the team will be traveling to participate: Saturday, September 29th and Saturday, December 1st. I am asking that you first pray for this team as they receive the training for starting a Dinner Church. Second, I want you to pray how you will participate in the Dinner Church ministry to reach people for Christ, who have refused or rejected the Good News of Jesus. Third, be willing to be trained and to serve people who can have their eternal destiny changed because you were willing to invest in your neighbor. Stay tuned and in prayer as we begin this journey of exploration.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sign up to staff the patch. The signup table is outside the sanctuary on Sunday morning. Remember a little time from everyone makes the ministry happen without it becoming a burden for one person.

Friday, October 5th, 4:00 pm. Unloading the pumpkins.

Sunday, October 21st, 3:00 until 7:00 pm. Fall Festival.

Saturday, October 27th, 8:00 until 2:00 pm. Steeple to Street fall outreach to the community at the Thrift Store.

Sunday, October 28th. Music Sunday, one service at 10:30 am.

Thank you for your commitment to Jesus and to His church called Crystal River UMC. Be blessed and be a blessing to your neighbor.

Pastor David



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

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
29	30					

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

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)

SUNDAY - September 23, 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 24, 2018
6:30 Discipleship Class (RM 13)
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

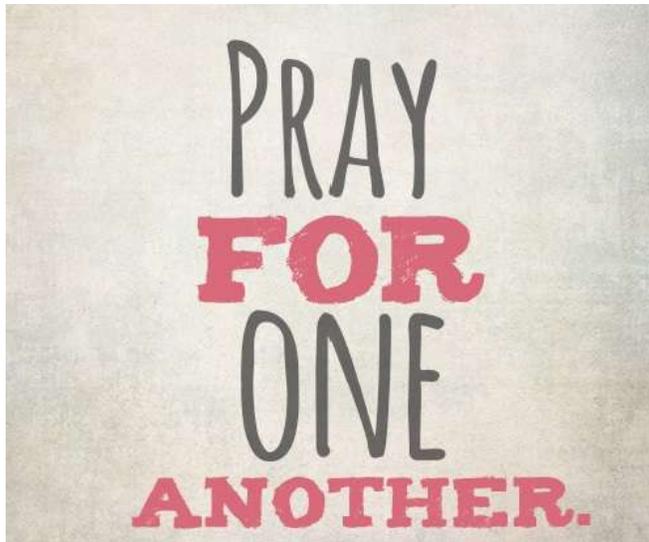
TUESDAY - September 25, 2018
9:30 a.m. Worship Design (C)
6:00 p.m. Praise Team (S)
6:30 p.m. Cubs Pack 415 (T)

WEDNESDAY- September 26, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
2:30 p.m. UMW Board (T)
6:00 p.m. Youth Group (RM 13)

THURSDAY - September 27, 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)
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (C)
7:00 p.m. 4-H (RM 22)

FRIDAY- September 28, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery (S)

SATURDAY- September 29, 2018
Divinely Unique Thrift & Gift Store



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.

Barb Thomas
Roger Stillman

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 calendars remain current.
Thank You!

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

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

Dear Church Family,

I just have to tell you what a great group of folks I have sharing the leadership and work at the store. Our regular customers are so appreciative of the way the store is run, love the faces at the register that they have come to know, and know they can always count on quality merchandise and reasonable prices. I appreciate the leadership's support



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.

and input into decisions, making it all happen. Seems like that's scriptural about each having and using their various gifts to make it all work. Great folks!

We are planning great things for (Steeple to Street), October 27th, so make sure it's on your calendar. Then the 28th is Music Sunday. (Oh, guess that doesn't have anything to do with Steeple to Street except for the folks working both!) October 29th is another work day for the store as we put away Halloween, consolidate fall, and transform into our Christmas Wonderland. Actually, if you come to S2S, you can get a preview and first pickins' of Christmas, as we are planning another wildly anticipated "Back Room Sale." Take advantage of this Christmas merchandise as it comes in from storage!

Seriously though, if you love to decorate, (i.e. check and untangle lights, untangle and hang garland, find all the pieces to trees and Nativity sets), come on out to join in the fun and get into practice before you do your own in a few weeks. That's Monday, Oct 29th, for the day or for a few hours. Everything helps with such a huge undertaking.

Now if we can just get through a few more weeks of heat, please pray the road construction will soon be long gone, and not have negative effects on our Pumpkin Patch and thrift store sales.

Blessings to all and hope to see you in the store or at church,

Pattie and your Thrift Store board

available

Call 352-795-1240
Lic# C05C10049



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



September 22

Eddie Fagala

September 23

Bill Bartle
Eric Palhof

September 24

Barbara Vest

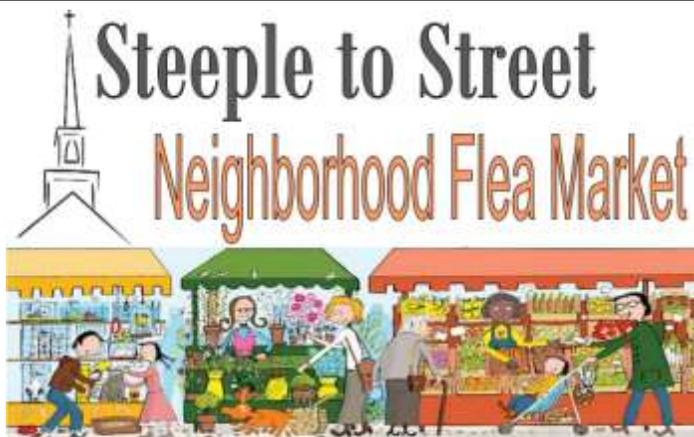
September 26

Discovery Group
will be meeting at
Pecks for lunch
September 24th @ 11:30





Pumpkins arrive
October 5th



Saturday - October 27th

Curtis McKeown
Marybert McKinney Smith
Richard D. Yant

September 27

Evelyn Giles

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

careteam@crumc.com



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

CRUMC, BBP, & BBLA

FALL FESTIVAL

October 21st From 3-7



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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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

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



***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)



LIFEgroups

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

*We can't wait to see you
there!*

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

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