



Church Family,

We concluded our sermon series this past weekend looking at the faithfulness of three brothers who stood firm even in the fire, depending on Yahweh to deliver them from death. They were not disappointed. Yahweh delivered them as promised, but they were prepared for death if that had been God's will. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew Yahweh, and they had the kind of faith that allowed them to stand firm in the fires of life.

There were three principles that allowed the three brothers to "Fire Proof" their faith. The first principle to Fire Proof your faith is to have **Courage**. They said to the king, "We do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter." In other words, we will not bow down before a golden idol, and what and who we chose to worship is not your business or concern. Maybe as the church, we need to have more courage to stand firm and call it the way God calls it instead of being wishy washy in our faith and beliefs. Too often we try to accommodate and placate the culture around us instead of being the salt and light that God calls us to be. It takes Courage to stand firm in faith even when you may be a lone voice in the wilderness, but God has to come before man. Remember, when you do put God first, know and expect trouble, because man in the opinion of the world should always come before God. Fire proof your faith by having courage to stand firm in the challenges of life.

The second principle that will Fire Proof your faith is to have **Confidence** in God's provision for your life. If you know that God has your back, there is nothing you cannot accomplish with God's help. The three brothers trusted God with such **Confidence** that there was nothing they believed was impossible for God to accomplish. Their confidence in God gave them the strength to say no to bowing before the golden idol. They trusted God with such confidence that they did not have to fear the king, even as they were being threatened with certain death. How much confidence do you have

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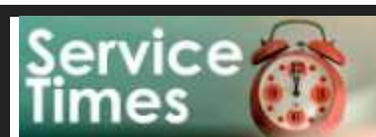
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9:00 A.M.

Traditional Service

in God? Do you have the confidence to Trust God with your life, even if you come face to face with death? Confidence in Yahweh gives you the ability to Trust and depend on God. You see, Faith believes in spite of what it sees because God is able to deliver. Have **Confidence** in God's strength and purpose to fire proof your faith for your life in spite of what you might see.

The third principle that will Fire Proof your faith and give you the ability to "Stand Firm in the Fire" is to know that God **Rewards** those who faithful. The reward is this: God has the future and we do not have to worry, for all things work together for good for those who love God. You see, faithful obedience is your responsibility. The outcome is God's. In other words, we can know that whatever the future might look like, God has already gone ahead of us and is leading the way. For the three brothers, they did not know whether God would save them or not - save them from the fire. What they did know is that God had their future covered, no matter what. There is a great reward or a sense of peace in having the courage and confidence to face each day trusting in God's provision. May we be responsible and obedient in our faith, knowing that God has the outcome for our future.

Practice these three principles and you will Fire Proof your faith so you might stand firm in the fires of life.

WEEKEND SERVICE

We will begin a new sermon series this weekend entitled "Life's Healing Choices." This will be a four-week series where we will discover God's pathway to wholeness, growth, and spiritual maturity as given to us through what we call the "Beatitudes." The Beatitudes are found in Matthew 5:3-11. When you and I trust in God's promises, we find hope for a better future. There are eight promises. We are going to look at the first four promises in this four-week series. Then later next year we will examine the final four promises. My hope is that we all can find the kind of happiness that Jesus wants for our lives, but that has to be a choice you have to make. No one else can make this choice for you. You are responsible for your spiritual growth, because God does not and will not impose Himself on you. His hope is that you will seek His Word and discover how you can be "Happy now" and in the life to come. So my goal in this series is to offer you "Choices" that can change your life if you so choose. I look forward to sharing these messages, and I am always blessed with your presence. I hope you will join me for this four week series this weekend.

DINNER CHURCH

We gathered on Wednesday night to discover what is a "Dinner Church" and to see what are the possibilities and benefits in starting a "Dinner Church." We have been invited by the Florida Conference to participate in a pilot program through training and coaching to launch a "Dinner Church." In the simplest terms, a "Dinner Church" is a church that forms around a dinner table each week with the elements of worship, prayer, discipleship and evangelism. This new kind of church is not new; it is actually going back to the first century principle that Jesus practiced, the breaking of bread in fellowship around a table. This is a kind of church, where we as the mother church can multiply ourselves into the community through this kind of ministry setting. So over the next two weeks I am asking you to pray about this, to read about this, and to discern what God is asking of you and of this church in order to have a greater impact in our community. In other words, How can we become more fruitful in forming ourselves and others into disciples for Jesus Christ? Is the "Dinner Church" a path to make that happen? We will gather again on Wednesday, September 19th at 6:30 pm to make a decision as to how we may or may not move forward. Pray and God will lead, because this decision will have an impact on all of us. Stay tuned and we will continue to offer further information so we all might be better informed in how to pray.

Have a great weekend. Thank you for being the church. Thank you

10:30 A.M. Contemporary Service

SEPTEMBER 2018						
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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 7, 2018

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

SATURDAY- September 8, 2018

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

SUNDAY - September 9, 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 10, 2018

6:00 p.m. Pumpkin Patch Meeting
(RM 13)
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (S)

TUESDAY - September 11, 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 12, 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 - September 13, 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. N. Citrus Civic Assoc. (T)
7:00 p.m. 4H (RM 20)

FRIDAY- September 14, 2018

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

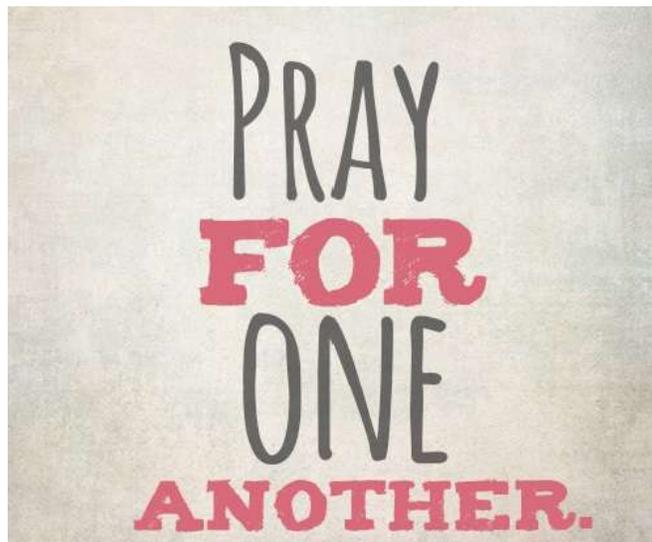
SATURDAY- September 15, 2018

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

for being faithful to Jesus. Thank you for serving Jesus and His Kingdom. Thank you for loving God and loving your neighbor. Thank you for being open to the Holy Spirit who helps you to live a life that makes a difference in people's lives.

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.

Harold Reeder
Fred Whetzel
Tracy & Brian Witty

2:30 Celebrate Leadership
(Room 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)



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SEPTEMBER 12TH
@ 6:30
church council
MEETING
IN THE CHOIR ROOM



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

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Saturday 9 - 2



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



September 9
Catherine Ebert

September 10
Cassie Taylor

September 11
Will Tripp

September 12
Jim Kelly

September 14
Cynthia Childs
Susan McCollough

If we have missed your Birthday, please contact the Care Team at
careteam@crumc.com



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 Schabbruch, 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.

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



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



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



Stephen MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is an ongoing ministry to meet the needs

LIFEgroups

Please Contact
The Church Office

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.



**for a Listing at
795-3148**



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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**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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OCTOBER 5th



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