

The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

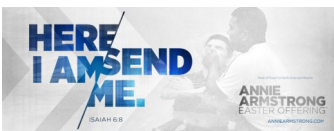
A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM CREST BAPTIST CHURCH, CRESTON, IOWA

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April's mission emphasis will be the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering to support North American Missions of the SBC.



Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

9:30 am Bible Study
10:45 am Worship
6:00 pm Cancer Care Team;
Financial Peace University

Monday:

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Tuesday:

6:30 pm GriefShare

Wednesday:

7:00 am Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm Preschool and Children's TeamKID;
Youth and Adult Bible Study

Thursday:

6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery
9:00 pm SALT at SWCC

Saturday:

8:00 am Prayer Meeting

Beloved,

Isn't it great to be reminded afresh through the Easter season just how incredible was the act of resurrection. Our faith rests on the resurrection. Paul says as much in 1 Corinthians 15:14—*if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain.* Yet, in a public document, Paul as much as invited people to investigate the truth of the resurrection by talking with the more than 500 who saw the resurrected Jesus.

The resurrection makes our faith personal because we have a Savior, who identified with mankind and took your and my sins upon Himself, paying our debt. The resurrection gives us hope, as well. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we know that He has the power to keep the promise that we, too will be resurrected! Praise the Lord that we have a living Savior, whose actions authenticate our faith.

I am excited about an upcoming event for women that we will be hosting at Crest. The Priscilla Shirer Simulcast will offer some excel-

lent teaching, prayer times, worship and fellowship for women from surrounding communities. Having gone to other churches for such events, several of our women sensed God calling us to host the event in which Shirer (known to some of you from her role in the *War Room* movie) will be sharing from God's Word. We will need some additional volunteers (including men) as we want to be good hosts. A brief meeting on April 3 after worship will be held to share some of the needs as we prepare and host the event. I would ask that you pray for God to use this event to draw women into a deeper relationship with Himself and that He expand our vision for ministry.

On that note, pray for our Church Council as we have an extended planning meeting on April 10. God has been doing some wonderful things in our Body, and we want to make sure we stay in tune with His direction. We want Christ glorified!

In Christ,

Pastor Chuck



Priscilla SHIRER

APRIL 23, 2016 **SIMULCAST**

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ♦ Cost: \$20 (includes lunch and materials)
Register online at www.crestbaptistchurch.com/shirer

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES: SUNDAYS AT 9:30 A.M.

More than Enough: How Jesus Meets Our Deepest Needs – In this world, we often feel frustrated because our basic emotional needs aren't being met. In this study, we will discover God's plan for your peace, security and fulfillment. Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall)

A new study begins on April 17, entitled ***Beauty from the Ashes: Redeeming Your Broken Moments***. This study will examine how even in our failures and mistakes, Jesus offers grace and forgiveness, offering to do something beautiful in us and through us for His glory.

1,000 Days: The Ministry of Christ – Jesus lived a relatively obscure life, but his three years of public ministry, roughly 1,000 days, were lived intentionally. In this study, we will look closely at these years and discover vital information from the Gospels for our lives today. Adults (Room 4)

This new study starts on May 1, entitled ***Tempted and Tried***. This 5-week study reminds us that temptation must be understood in terms of warfare, encouraging Christ followers to learn the battle plan, pray for grace and join the fight that Jesus has already won.

The Gospel of Matthew – Matthew provides a testimony of the words and deeds of Jesus. It declares that Jesus is the Messiah, the fulfillment of Israel's

history, and the establishment of the kingdom of heaven. Despite the Jewish focus, there is always an openness to Gentiles. Join us for a journey through this important Gospel. Adults (Room 9a)



Small Group Studies

More than Enough: How Jesus Meets Our Deepest Needs – Finding peace, security and fulfillment in this world is difficult, but is it impossible? The world tells us what will give us these very things, but following the crowd often leaves us feeling anxious, discontent, and frustrated. This study tells us there is another way to ultimate peace, joy and contentment. Young Adults (Room 5)

A new unit begins on April 17, entitled ***Beauty from the Ashes: Redeeming Your Broken Moments***. Jesus has come to give us "a crown of beauty instead of ashes." This study looks at the lives of six people from Scripture who experienced God's redemption in spite of their failures.

ADDITIONAL SMALL GROUPS

SUNDAY: Financial Peace University – FPU presents biblical,

practical steps to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! Cost for kit—\$95. (Worship Center, 6:00 p.m.)

TUESDAY: Women's Bible Study: 1 Kings – The study of the Book of 1 Kings and the life of Solomon. Contact Cindy Fisher, 782-9627. (Room 9b, 9:00-11:00 a.m.)

GriefShare – a Christ-centered 13-week series for those grieving the death of someone close. Cost is \$15 for materials. Sign up on the Tear-off, or contact Brian Cramer at 344-6249, or Crest at 782-2018. (Room 5, 6:30 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study: Revelation – The prophecies in the book of Revelation reveal the unfolding of future events as God has ordained them in the program of history. The study of these two books will also help us understand what is happening today, and know where to find our HOPE for the future. Contact Tim or Cindy Fisher, 641-782-9627. (Worship Center, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.)

THURSDAY: Celebrate Recovery – a Christ-centered 12-Step Ministry. The evening begins with worship and lesson/testimony, followed by open-share small groups. Contact Amanda Davis, 344-2440. (Youth Room, 6:30 p.m.)

Preschool, Children and Youth studies are also on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

April 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Sundays 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Cancer Support Ministry; Financial Peace University | Mondays 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study | Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Grief-Share | Wednesdays 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. TeamKID, Youth Group; Adult Bible Study | Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery 9:00 pm Creston Salt at SWCC | 1 Birthday: Brian Mullin | 2 Saturdays 8:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting Birthdays: Amber Landers; Cindy Taylor |
| 3 Anniversary: Fred and Donna Taylor | 4 Birthdays: Brandon Frey; Paul Johnston; Caleb Schwab Anniversary: Steve and Patty Marean | 5 6:30 p.m. MHCS Spring Musical Birthdays: Sherry Cooper; Robin Meyer | 6 Birthday: Nicolaus Stone | 7 Birthdays: Brant Looney; Lauren Purdum; Sarah Stone | 8 6:30 p.m. MHCS Dessert Theater and Silent Auction | 9 |
| 10 Noon Church Council Planning Meeting | 11 4:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting | 12 Anniversary: Dan and Tara Coder | 13 | 14 Birthday: Devin VerHelst | 15 Birthday: Alan Dobbs | 16 |
| 17 Noon Congregational Meeting Birthday: Duane Osmun | 18 Birthday: Alan Peterson | 19 6:30 p.m. MHCS Open House/Registration | 20 Birthday: Emma Hanson | 21 | 22 Birthday: Ruth Sanson | 23 9:00 a.m. Priscilla Shirer Simulcast (doors open at 8:00 a.m.) |
| 24 Birthday: Debbie Angelo | 25 | 26 | 27 Birthday: Vicki Brown | 28 | 29 Birthday: Jackie Luther | 30 |



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I want to thank the family of Crest, and your continued support of The Creston Salt Company, and allowing us to lead in Worship this past month. I speak on behalf of all the students when I say it was a true blessing and an honor for us.

I appreciate your prayers as we seek to end our 2nd year at SWCC with the same passion and intensity as when we started it! God Bless You All!

In Christ,

David

**HERE
I AM SEND
ME.**

ISAIAH 6:8

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Our thoughts and prayers go out for:

Cheryl Blazek following the death of her niece, Ariel Branam on March 8.

Dale and Karen Magee following the death of her sister-in-law, Roxie Fletcher on March 18.

Connie and Darrell Ellis after the death of a brother-in-law/uncle, Max Ellis on March 20.

Don and Lexie Starlin after the death of her niece, Theresa Moses on March 22.

Blessed *be* the God of all comfort,
who comforts us in all our affliction...
(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)