



The Crest Connection

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ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING®

April's mission offerings will go to support Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

9:30 am Bible Study
10:45 am Worship
6:00 pm Cancer Support Ministry (April 9, 23)

Tuesday:

9:00 am Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm GriefShare, DivorceCare

Wednesday:

7:00 am Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm TeamKID, Youth and Adult Bible Studies
8:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday:

6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery
9:30 pm Light Co. (SWCC)

Beloved,

As we approach Easter, I want to make you aware of some special services that are upcoming.

On April 2nd, we are blessed to have Eli Birnbaum lead a service called "Christ in the Passover." Eli is a Jewish believer, serving as a missionary with Jews for Jesus in Israel. His presentation shows the link between the ancient Festival of Redemption and Christ as the Lamb of God. This sermonic demonstration is visual, so you will actually see a table set with traditional Passover items. The missionary uses Scripture as well as the visual items to walk through a Jewish Passover Seder, weaving the story of the Exodus together with the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The words He spoke in the upper room come alive as each Hebraic item is carefully explained. We will finish this powerful presentation by celebrating communion.

The Priscilla Shirer Simulcast will be that following Saturday, and I encourage women of all ages to be a part of this worship, prayer and sound Biblical teaching event from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is the second

year we have hosted this simulcast and women from surrounding communities (Lenox, Osceola and Winterset) are driving those distances just to participate with us. Don't miss it! You can still sign up online.

On Palm Sunday, our choir will be sharing a message of Jesus' love demonstrated through the Cross. These songs will be a familiar blend of hymns and worship songs with which you'll want to sing along.

Our service times will change a bit for Easter with an early service at 7:30 a.m., followed by breakfast (sign up to bring breakfast food at the Welcome Center). Sunday School will be at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m.

While every Sunday is a great time to invite friends and family to church, the Easter season is a time during which more people are inclined to go to church. So, be bold and ask someone to join you for these special services as we celebrate the risen Christ.

In His love,

Pastor Chuck



ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING (9:30 A.M.):

Victory—Sometimes life can feel like we've won a battle or two, but we're still losing the war. We progress a step forward, but then we're forced back a step—or two. Christians, however can know victory. Victory has been gained for us by Jesus, and when we choose to follow Him, His victory impacts every aspect of life. Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall) and Young Adults (Room 5)

A new study begins on April 23, entitled **Identity: My Life of Faith**—Who are you? Are you identified by your family role, interests or passions? For followers of Jesus, identity is wrapped up in who Jesus is—and His lordship over our lives. While we never lose our uniqueness in our various roles, those roles are transformed by our life of faith—our true, defining identity.

What a Savior—The seven sessions of this study come from sermons preached by the late W.A. Criswell of First Baptist, Dallas, where he served for over 50 years. They are burning messages from the heart of a pastor to the hearts of the people who were hungry to hear about the good news of our salvation in Christ Jesus. Adults (Room 4)

A new study begins on April 23, entitled **Traveling Light**—

Based on Max Lucado's book, this study explores the baggage and burdens that God never intended us to bear. Through this detailed study of Psalm 23, you'll gain help in releasing all these burdensome bags.



Acts 13-28 —First there were 12. Then 120. Suddenly there came an explosion of spiritual fire, and 3,000 were added. By digging deep into Acts, today's Christ-followers can reconnect with our dramatic early story, renew our passion to obey the Lord, and refocus our vision as Christ's global witnesses. Adults (Room 9)

SUNDAY EVENING

Cancer Care Ministry: We are reaching out to families who are living with cancer. Contact Joe or Gay Lynn Owens at 641-202-5004. (Fellowship Hall, 6:00 p.m., March 5 and March 19)

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

TUESDAY: Women's Bible Study—We are continuing in the study of Israel and the Minor Prophets. Join us as we study how to remain faithful in a divided and pagan kingdom. We will study the lives and

words of Elijah and Elisha, and the warning and promises of the prophets, and the unchanging and powerful character of our God. Come, bring a friend, your Bible and a notebook. (Room 9, 9:00—10:30 a.m.)

GriefShare—This is a Christ-centered 13-week series for those grieving the death of someone close. Cost is \$15 for materials. Contact Brian Cramer, 344-6249, or Crest, 782-2018. (Room 5, 6:30 p.m.)

DivorceCare—This a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. Contact Sandy Seals at 782-2018. (Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible Study—Joshua, Judges, and Ruth are the first three books from what are called the historical books of the Bible and are a special illustration of the perils, pressures and problems which come upon the believer and life of faith, as well as the means of victory over them. If you want to know what history can teach you, join us on Wednesdays. (Worship Center, 6:30 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.)

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Cancer Support Ministry (2nd and 4th Sundays)</p>		<p>Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Grief-Share; Divorce-Care</p>	<p>Wednesdays 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. TeamKID, Youth Ministries, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery 9:00 p.m. Light Co. Celebration at SWCC (room 120)</p>		<p>1 Birthday: Brian Mullin</p>
<p>2 Christ in the Passover Presentation Birthdays: Amber Landers; Cindy Taylor</p>	<p>3 Anniversary: Fred and Donna Taylor</p>	<p>4 6:30 p.m. MHCS Musical Birthdays: Brandon Frey; Paul Johnston Anniversary: Steve and Patty Marean</p>	<p>5 Birthdays: Sherry Cooper; Robin Meyer</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 6:30 p.m. MHCS Dessert Theater and Silent Auction Birthdays: Brant Looney; Lauren Purdum</p>	<p>8 9:00 a.m. Priscilla Shirer Simulcast (doors open at 8:00 a.m.)</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Anniversary: Dan and Tara Coder</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Birthday: Devin VerHelst</p>	<p>15 Birthday: Alan Dobbs</p>
<p>16  7:30 a.m. Early Service 8:30 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:45 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>17 4:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council Birthday: Duane Osmun</p>	<p>18 6:30 p.m. Mayflower Heritage Christian School Open House/ Early Registration Birthday: Alan Peterson</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Birthday: Emma Hanson</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Birthday: Ruth Sanson</p>
<p>23 Congregational Meeting (at the end of Worship)</p>	<p>24 Birthday: Debbie Angelo</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Birthday: Jackie Luther</p>
<p>30 Noon Cancer Care Ministry Lunch (free will offering)</p>						

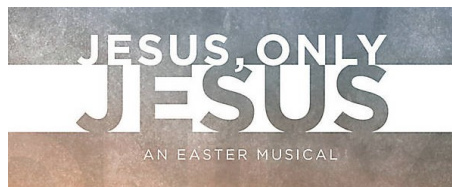
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JESUS.

Eli Birnbaum will be with us on April 2, leading a "Christ in the Passover" service.

Taking the elements from the traditional Jewish feast of redemption, he will draw the parallels with the atoning work of Christ on the cross. (A free-will offering will be received.)



Join us on Palm Sunday, April 9, for this musical. Filled with treasured hymns and favorite worship songs, you will find yourselves singing along as the Easter story unfolds.

Easter

Easter Season

April 2: Christ in the Passover
April 9: Easter Musical
April 16: Easter: 7:30 a.m. Early Worship Service; 8:30 a.m. Breakfast; 9:30 a.m. Bible Study; 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.



Priscilla SHIRER
SIMULCAST

with ANTHONY EVANS



SATURDAY, APRIL 8

9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Doors open at 8:00 am

CREST BAPTIST CHURCH

1211 N. Poplar, Creston, Iowa

\$20 per person
(includes lunch and materials)

Register at <http://www.crestbaptistchurch.com/shire>

Volunteers are needed for:

Set Up
Decorating
Greeters
Registration
Food Preparation and Serving
Clean Up
If you would like to help, see
Teresa Pendegrift,