



# The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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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:

9:00 am Bible Study  
10:15 am Worship

#### Tuesday:

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

#### Wednesday:

7:00 am Prayer Meeting  
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study  
6:30 pm TeamKID, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

#### Thursday:

9:00 pm Light Co. SWCC, Room 220

### Easter

7:00 a.m. Worship  
8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
10:15 a.m. Worship

Beloved,

We begin the month of April with the most important day of the Christian calendar—Easter. While there is a sense in which every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection, this holy-day centers our focus on that defining moment when all the world could see that Jesus Christ was victorious over our greatest foe—sin and death.

His victory is imparted to every believer, who as Romans 10:9 says, "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Praise God we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us and demonstrated that love.

Beyond our Easter celebration, we have a number of special events coming up this month. Crest will host a 2-day simulcast, Empowered to Connect, to help parents, professionals and churches effectively work with adoptive/foster care children who have experienced early trauma.

Our women will be hosting the Priscilla Shirer Simulcast that draws a number of women from Creston and surrounding towns.

Pray for these and other opportunities we have to demonstrate the victory of Christ's resurrection!

In His love,

*Pastor Chuck*

### Student Ministry

We recently began a series on apologetics. It's important for our students to be able to give a reasonable defense for their faith. We are working towards not just giving the students the tools they need to live their faith, but also to build a sense of community within themselves, as a group as well as with the church as a whole.

Join us for Bible study on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.



### Light Company

Light Co got to spend a day of our spring break up in Des Moines on a service project! We partnered with our sister Light Company from Grinnell and with Hope Ministries. Hope Ministries is a charity that ministers to the homeless in the metro area. We volunteered in their Encore thrift stores which provide supplies and income to their transitional housing facilities.

The students were encouraged to spend some hands-on time in a very practical aspect of serving others. It was cool to get to partner with such an effective and well-established ministry right here in our back yard.

*Pastor Neal*

## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING (9:00 A.M.):

**God Is...** —Throughout the Old Testament, God revealed different aspects of who He is and several names captured the essence of His character. These names give us a glimpse into the infinite character of our loving God, and we will discover who He is in our lives.

**Beginning April 22: Stand Up: How to Fight for Injustice**—“Where is God in the midst of the injustice we see?” “How can I make a difference?” The Book of Esther gives us insight into these questions, as we see how ordinary people can take on God’s extraordinary mission. Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall) and Young Adults (Room 105)

**1, 2 Corinthians**—How does Paul address a church with immoral practices, destructive and harmful worship, and confusion about spiritual gifts? Like a father, you sternly correct them. But first you remind them of who they are in Christ, and who Christ is. You call them back to the gospel and therein lies the answer to the moral, relational and theological problems any church faces. Adults (Room 109)

**The Power of God’s Names** – In Scripture, God reveals Himself to us through His names. We need to learn the names of God because when we know His character and His capacity, we will find rest and discover peace and power in His covenantal care of us. Adults (Room 104)

SUNDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING  
**Cancer Support Ministry**— We are reaching out to families who are living with cancer. Contact Joe or Gay Lynn Owens at 641-202-5004, 6:00 p.m., April 8.



## ADDITIONAL CLASSES

TUESDAY: **Women’s Bible Study**—The focus of this year’s study will be the 12 Minor Prophets, Hosea thru Malachi. Whether you are new to the Bible or have done many studies, God speaks to us today through His prophets in the Old Testament. We will learn together how to **stand firm in our faith in a world and culture that is often Godless**. Bring a friend and come join us from **6:30-8:00 pm** (Room 105).

**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. (Youth Room, 6:45 p.m.)

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**In the Beginning God**—The Book of Genesis is the “*book of beginnings*” in the Bible. The chapters in the Book of Genesis are to life what a foundation is to a house. If you want to build a life that succeeds, you start with the basics. “IN THE BEGINNING GOD.” (Worship Center, 6:30 p.m.)

**Game Plan for Life**—In this 6-session, video/discussion study, Joe Gibbs and a number of experts examine the areas that men find to be the most challenging, including understanding the Bible, finances and temptation. (Room 105 at 6:30 p.m.)



Worship with  
**ANTHONY EVANS**

**Priscilla SHIRER**  
SIMULCAST

Saturday, April 28, 2018

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

**Crest Baptist Church**

Located at 1211 N. Poplar Street, Creston, Iowa | 641-782-2018



**\$20**  
per person  
(includes lunch  
and materials)

Register at [www.crestbaptistchurch.com/shire](http://www.crestbaptistchurch.com/shire)

# April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b> Anniversary: <i>Jim and Becky Mason</i></p> <p>Birthdays: <i>Brian Mullin</i></p> <p><i>Easter</i></p>	<p><b>2</b> Birthdays: <i>Henry Jennett; Amber Landers; Cindy Taylor</i></p>	<p><b>3</b> Anniversary: <i>Fred and Donna Taylor</i></p>	<p><b>4</b> Birthdays: <i>Brandon Frey; Paul Johnston</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Steve and Patty Marean</i></p>	<p><b>5</b> Birthdays: <i>Sherry Cooper; Robin Meyer</i></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> Birthdays: <i>Brant Looney; Lauren Purdum</i></p>
<p><b>8</b> 6:00 p.m. Cancer Care Ministry</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 6:30 p.m. MHCS Musical</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> Birthdays: <i>Brenda Walker</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Dan and Tara Coder</i></p>	<p><b>13</b> 6:30 p.m. MHCS Dessert Theater and Silent Auction</p>	<p><b>14</b> Birthdays: <i>Devin VerHelst</i></p>
<p><b>15</b> Lunch: Mission Fund-Raiser (free-will offering)</p> <p>Birthdays: <i>Alan Dobbs</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 4:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Church Council</p> <p>Birthdays: <i>Duane Osmun</i></p>	<p><b>18</b> Birthdays: <i>Ryanne McIntosh; Alan Peterson</i></p>	<p><b>19</b> Birthdays: <i>Jodi Paup</i></p>	<p><b>20</b> Birthdays: <i>Emma Hanson</i></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b> Birthdays: <i>Ruth Sanson</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> Birthdays: <i>Debbie Angelo</i></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:00 a.m. Priscilla Shirer Simulcast (doors open at 8:00 a.m.)</p>
<p><b>29</b> Birthdays: <i>Jackie Luther</i></p>	<p><b>30</b> Anniversary: <i>Fred and Donna Taylor</i></p>	<p><i>Easter</i></p> <p>7:00 am Worship</p> <p>8:00 am Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>10:15 am Worship</p>	<p>Sundays 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p>Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>Wednesdays 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. TeamKID, Youth Ministries, Adult Bible Studies</p>	<p>Thursdays 9:00 p.m. Light Co. Celebration at SWCC (room 220)</p>





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IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**Wayne and Michelle Hanson**  
following the death of his  
mother, Myrene Hanson, on  
February 28.

**Joe and Gay Lynn Owens**  
following the death of his step-  
mother, Dee Owens, on March 8.

**Will and Becky Shields**  
following the death of his  
brother, Howard Shields, on  
March 21.

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies  
and God of all comfort, who comforts us  
in all our affliction...



**MISSION FUNDRAISER LUNCH**

Jessica Cramer is preparing to join Special Hope Network, a faith-based organization in Zambia that provides education and therapy to disadvantaged children. She will be providing speech-language services. Stay after worship on April 15 for a meal (free-will offering) and information about her mission.



David and Elizabeth Marroquin are celebrating the birth of their second son, Mattias Noe, born on March 8.

Ryan and Caitlyn Maitlen welcomed Rylee Grace into their family on March 10.

Congratulations to Jason and Erica Wolfe on the birth of their son, Jameson John, on March 20.

Children are a heritage from the  
LORD, offspring a reward from him.  
(Psalm 127:3)

***Crest Baptist Church is... Committed to Christ—Connecting with Each Other— Commissioned to Serve Our Community and World***