



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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During August, all of our un-designated mission offerings will go to the Hyde State Mission Offering of the Iowa Baptist Convention, supporting the work of reaching Iowans for Christ.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

9:30 am Bible Study
 10:45 am Worship
 6:00 pm Cancer Support Ministry

Tuesday:

6:30 pm GriefShare

Wednesday:

7:00 am Prayer Meeting
 6:30 pm Youth

Thursday:

6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery

Saturday:

8:00 am Prayer Meeting

Beloved,

July was a busy month for the Saints at Crest. From Creston to Guatemala City, we've been serving and sharing the love of Christ in some fun and challenging ways. And along the way, there are so many ways in which we are blessed and changed in the service of the Lord.

God was moving among our Guatemala mission team as Shannon Eads, a regular attendee of Crest, reached that point of wanting to publicly profess her faith through baptism. The team arranged for a wading pool to conduct the baptism then and there. That decision spurred two others, Megan Masters and Zack Peppmeier, to take that step of obedience to the Lord. What a joy it was for our congregation to hear their "live" personal testimonies in the report service and view the videos of the baptism, allowing the larger Body to celebrate with them!

Likewise, our youth had a life-changing experience at camp and we are still hearing from them as to the commitments that they have made as a result of that special time of retreat.

On that note, I believe God uses the retreats, mission trips and times away from the "daily grind" to speak in some ways we don't hear from Him otherwise. Why is that? There are a number of reasons why we don't regularly hear

God speak. There are the rare occasions when God is silent! But for me, it is usually when I am too busy or distracted that I don't hear from God.

So, to all who have experienced that special time with God and feel you are in danger of losing it, make sure you are guarding your time with God on a daily basis. Spend time in His Word, so He can speak to you. Talk to Him in prayer, so He can respond. Be engaged with other believers, so you can have support and be a support to fellow spiritual pilgrims. We need each other! Share your faith with those who have no faith. You may be the only Bible they have encountered! "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!" (Romans 10:15). And if you seem to lose that closeness, remember to just trust and worship Him. "But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him." (Habakkuk 2:20).

Vacation Bible School begins on the last day of July and extends through August 4. Please pray for the children and workers as we seek to share the Good News in an understandable way, sowing seeds, helping some to make their first faith steps, and solidifying the growth of others.

In His love,

Pastor Chuck

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

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

Re-finance: Ancient Wisdom for Modern Money Management—What if the richest and wisest man offered a free financial seminar...would you attend? Through the writings of King Solomon, God has provided practical life principles for managing money. Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall) and Young Adults (Room 5)

Kingdom Come—While the return of Christ may be soon, His kingdom is now and present with us. This study will encourage you by the promise and the presence of the kingdom. Adults (Room 4)

A Beautiful Design—God created us to function according to His perfect design, and for all of human history, our world has been male and female. But our ever-changing culture faces challenges due to sin. More

than ever the church needs to be a safe refuge for the gender confused, the sexually broken, the single, the married, and the divorced. In this 9-session



study, pastor Matt Chandler gives evidence that God's plan for man and woman is the ultimate design. Adults (Room 9a)

ADDITIONAL GROUPS

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

TUESDAY: 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, 344-6249, or Crest, 782-2018. (Room 5, 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.)

COMING SOON: Adults Bible Studies—We will be offering both men's and coed Bible studies on Wednesday evenings this Fall. Additionally, weekday women's Bible studies will resume soon. Be sure to check announcements on Sunday mornings or on the Crest website for updates.

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

Vacation Bible School Is HERE!

Vacation Bible School, "**Submerged**," begins Sunday, July 31 - Thursday, August 4, from 6 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Children (age 3 to completed 6th grade) are invited to this year's ocean themed VBS. It will be an adventure like no other, deep within the mysterious sea. As kids submerge themselves in God's Word, they will discover that Jesus didn't just see what's on the outside of people. Register at the door or online at crestbaptistchurch.com/vbs.



This Thank You note is in response to Crest's RAGBRAI ministry to Law Enforcement.

Please let everyone know the guys really appreciated all the food and drinks they were provided. It was a long two days and it was great to be able to feast on all the goodies you brought us. The guys won't forget your hospitality.

Sincerely,

SGT Pat Henry and the Law Enforcement family

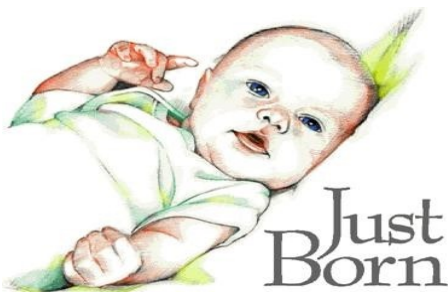
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAYS 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Cancer Care Ministry	1 Birthdays: Peg Eblen; Vicki Mullin; John Stineback	2 TUESDAYS 6:30 p.m. GriefShare Birthday: Myra Spindler	3 WEDNESDAYS 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry	4	5 Birthdays: Glenda Brownlee; Ron Long; Allison Smith Anniversary: Matt and Megan Emerson	6 Birthday: Grace Zagor
Vacation Bible School: July 31—August 4, 6:00—8:30 p.m.						
7 Worship: Jackson & Sheryl Landham speaking Anniversaries: Max and Kae Johnston; Tom and Cindy Young	8 Birthday: Malachi Webber	9 Anniversary: Frank and Sharon Paullin	10 Birthdays: Levi Eblen; Summer Prentice; Dylan VerHelst	11	12 Birthday: Theresa Carter	13
14 2:00 p.m. Discovering Church Membership Class Birthday: Pam McCracken Anniversary: Matt and Debbie Long	15 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting Birthday: Jeanine Killion	16 Birthday: John Carter	17	18 Birthday: Beverly Hargin	19 Birthdays: Joe Owens; Bob Ridnour	20
21 Congregational Meeting/Lunch 1:30 p.m. Worship Team Special Rehearsal	22	23 5:30 p.m. Mayflower Parent/Teacher Orientation	24	25	26 Birthday: Carolyn Derrick Anniversary: Gary and Ruth Sanson	27
28 Birthdays: Ellie Johnston; Don Starlin	29 Birthday: Lydia Hoffman Anniversaries: John and Theresa Carter; Rob and Pam Hoffman	30	31  Adult Bible Studies resume at 6:30 p.m. Anniversary: Matt and Misty Deemer	THURSDAYS 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery; 7:30 p.m. Night Light at McKinley Park	SATURDAYS 8:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting	

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We celebrate with our members on their new arrival of:
 McClain Jonathan Schroeder, born to Duane and Wilma Osmun's daughter and son-in-law, Melinda and Tobin.



We extend our hearts and prayers to those who
Our Hearts lost a loved one go out to... last month:

John and Theresa Carter in the death of his mother, Jennie Carter on July 18.

The Light Company Matthew 5:14

Dear Church,

Where to start? Your continued support has been so appreciated! The past few months, our summer ministry "NightLight" has been meeting at McKinley park on Thursday nights to connect and share in devotion. We are very excited for the SWCC Fall semester to begin and see new smiling faces at The Light Company. Be in prayer for our beginning momentum in this coming semester and that we may continue engaging our local campus and glorifying the Father in that.

In His service,
Aaron Young

WELCOME New Members

Cain and Katie Goodenberger

Our next Baptismal Service will be on August 7. If you want to participate in this public profession of your faith, please call the office or comment on the bulletin tear-off.



Become Part of Our Church Family

Pastor Chuck will be leading *Discovering Church Membership* class on Sunday, August 14, from 2-5 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin tear-off.