



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

9:00 am Bible Study
10:15 am Worship
6:00 pm Cancer Support Ministry—(August 12)

Tuesday:

6:30 pm GriefShare,
Women's Bible Study

Wednesday:

7:00 am Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm Youth Meeting

Thursday:

7:00 pm Night Light at
McKinley Park

PASTOR'S P O S T S

Beloved,

Wow...it's been a busy month with some great ministry happening. We began with a wonderful church fellowship that drew about 100 folks on a pleasant Sunday afternoon. Thanks to Travis Webber's adult Bible study class for organizing that time to connect.

Also in July, the church family served the community through Open Table, Freedom Quest, and the sponsorship of Fun in the Sun Music Festival at McKinley Park in which a number of our musically gifted members shared. During camp our youth ministered to the inner-city needs in Des Moines while nine youth/adults were helping through Appalachia Service Project in Kentucky, making homes "warmer, safer and drier." Additionally, the Cancer Support Ministry had their annual "Hope Floats" boat excursion/picnic at Lake Icaria—a fun bonding time for survivors and those still dealing with cancer.

Last Sunday, we prayed for Jessica Cramer as she embarks on a mission to Zambia through Special Hope Network, working as a speech/language pathologist.

Finally, we are ending the month with Vacation Bible School

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Student Ministry

Crest Student Ministry just returned from Resonate Youth Conference which was hosted by the BCI (Baptist Convention of Iowa) at Grandview University in Des Moines. This summer camp was especially exciting because not only did the students get a chance to hear some great teaching and dig deep into their relationship with God, but they got a chance to live out what they had been learning in the form of local service projects. Resonate partnered with local non-profits in Des Moines (Freedom for Youth, The Friendship Center & Hope Ministries) to give the students a chance to serve the community by taking care of some of the small tasks that there is sometimes just not enough time for. This included weeding community gardens, picking up trash, sorting clothes and cleaning.

While youth camp is usually focused on a student's individual walk with God (which is wonderful!) Resonate allowed our students to take the results of that focus on their faith and turn it outward, where God intends for it to end up.

Pastor Neal

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING (9:00 A.M.)

Nehemiah: Building a Life of Service—What does ministry and service look like? How do I practically carry out service? Nehemiah gave us a great example of what serving looks like. He started a task, prayed and depended upon God, and saw it through to completion, giving us a pattern for our own service. Young Adults (Rm 105)

Crucible: The Choices that Change Your Life Forever—The crucible is the place where substances are refined and defined and changed. Through the seven-week study of the life of David, we will see how the circumstances of life put intense pressure on him, revealing what was in his heart and developing him into the man God wanted him to be. Adults (Room 104)

Joshua, Judges, Ruth – Any thoughts that God is a disconnected deity floating aimlessly somewhere in the heavens is



simply not what the Bible teaches. Instead these books of the Bible tell us that God is active, involved in the lives of His people and fulfills His plans and promises. Learn how He uses the most unexpected of persons to do extraordinary feats of power and grace. Adults (Room 109)

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SUNDAY 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., August 12

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

TUESDAY: **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, 6:30 p.m.)

Breaking Free—Beth Moore's in-depth Bible study leads you through Isaiah 61:1-4 to discover the transforming power of Christian freedom. (Room 105, 6:30 p.m.)

THURSDAY: **Celebrate Recovery**—a Christ-centered 12-Step Ministry. Currently our church's CR is on a break. However, if you are interested, contact Amanda Davis at 344-2440.

Preschool, Children and Youth studies also meet on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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and so far we are running ahead of last year's attendance. Many have put in lots of time in prayer and preparation. Thanks to Cali Purdum and all the volunteers in leading this ministry!

As I was watching things happen all around me on the second night of VBS, one of our long-term members said, "It

must make you feel good to see so many people doing this and you don't have to be running it all." Yes! I thank God for each of you and your service to the Kingdom...faithfully "representing" the goodness and glory of Christ.

In His love,
Pastor Chuck



Congratulations

Ross and Monica King on the birth of Zachary Bruce on June 19. Tom and Jayne King are the grandparents.

Ellie Johnston on the birth of Zaylee Quinn, on July 3. Steve and Suzanne Johnston are the grandparents and Max Johnston the great grandfather.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAYS 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service		TUESDAYS 6:30 p.m. GriefShare; Women's Bible Study	1 WEDNESDAYS 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting Birthdays: Peg Eblen; Vicki Mullin; John Stineback	2 THURSDAYS 7:30 p.m. Night Light at McKinley Park Birthday: Myra Spindler	3 Birthday: Nicolas King	4
5 Birthdays: Glenda Brownlee; Allison Smith Anniversaries: Matt and Megan Emerson; David and Joyce Young	6 Birthday: Grace Zagor	7 Anniversary: Tom and Cindy Young	8 WEDNESDAYS 6:30 p.m. Youth Group resumes Birthday: Malachi Webber Anniversary: Tim and Kate Jennett	9 Anniversary: Frank and Sharon Paullin	10 Birthdays: Levi Eblen; Dylan VerHelst	11
12 6:00 p.m. Cancer Care Ministry Birthday: Theresa Carter	13 Birthday: Sarah King	14 Birthday: Pam McCracken Anniversary: Matt and Debbie Long	15 Birthday: Jeanine Killion	16 Birthday: John Carter Anniversary: Mike and Melanie Johnson	17	18 Birthday: Beverly Hargin
19 Birthdays: Joe Owens; Bob Ridnour	20	21 6:00 p.m. Mayflower Parent Orientation 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	22 Anniversary: Scot and Wileen Seeley	23 Birthday: Gladys Drey	24	25
26 Birthday: Carolyn Derrick Anniversary: Robert and Bonny Peinelt; 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 Anniversary: Tom and Jane King	31 Birthday: Taylor Phipps Anniversary: Matt and Misty Deemer	Congregational Meeting Following worship on August 26



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Amid school and work responsibilities, God brought college students together in amazing discipleship and leadership positions. I witnessed this in Guatemala. Seeing the ministry firsthand in action was revealing in what God is doing through His church and the hearts of many all over the world. I also saw what He's doing in the hearts of the team of seven with whom I traveled (including my own). I also was a part of a multi-campus Light Company band, leading music, teaching a Music Ministry Class and serving as small group leaders for Jr. and High School students at Impact U. camp. Both of these weeks were challenging yet, when we put our trust in Christ to work all things together,

so uplifting. I got to see God work and move through the people I've connected with through the Light Company campuses.

These trips were pretty great highlights, but I also saw God working here. We had youth get their "Game On" in the many areas of VBS this year, and our college students helped at the park with Freedom Quest.

Thank you, Lord! You are doing amazing things. And thank you, Church, for your continued support and prayers in July. I'm very thankful to walk alongside you all and to see your example in the community. I'm looking forward to seeing what God does in Creston when we step out in faith and trust God.

Your servant,

Aaron



- ♦ Matt and Misty Deemer in the death of his grandmother, Dorothy Neal, on July 11.
- ♦ Frank and Sharon Paullin in the death of her grandson, Billy Garcia, on July 27.
- ♦ Vince and Cindy Taylor in the death of her aunt, Virginia Holm, on July 29.

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... (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

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