



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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In August all undesignated mission gifts will support Light Co, our campus ministry at SWCC.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

9:00 am Bible Study
10:15 am Worship

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

7:00 pm Night Light at
McKinley Park



Beloved,

It's been a busy July, but it's been good to see God at work.

Our VBS ministry had a presence in the 4th of July parade. Cali Purdum reports:

We had a great day for the 4th of July parade to reach out to the community. We passed out over 400 bottles of water, over 100 popsicles and around 400 mini Frisbees, pencils, stickers, necklaces, etc with Crest VBS info on it. We also passed out several hundred VBS registration cards. Thank you so much to all who volunteered by walking and passing out items, or donating water/coolers.

VBS ends on August 1, but the work of follow-up doesn't end there. We pray that God draws some children and their families into relationship with them, so pray that we have the follow through to help these families get plugged into a church family. Thanks to Cali and all the volunteers who make this week special in the lives of children.

We have been blessed to hear the testimonies of the youth and adults, who were involve in Resonate ministry camp and Appalachia

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Hi Church Family,

We've had a great time meeting weekly with Light Co students at the park to hang out and spend time with each other. Since summer is such an unstructured time for a lot of students, it is helpful to have a regular thing where they can get together with fellow Christians. You can be praying that students will use their time during the summer wisely, use the increased free time to get closer with God and be re-energized to get back to school in the fall. Our Kick-Off will be August 29.

We completed another year of camp at Resonate! The six students we brought got to have a ton of fun, many, many exhausting games, and dedicated time studying the Word with others and on their own. Also, there were numerous ministry opportunities where they got to share their testimonies and their faith with people from the Des Moines community. Pray that the changes we've seen in them through camp would continue and that this experience would both be one they look back on as being a fun experience, and also a meaningful one that helped them to know God more intimately.

Pastor Neal

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING (9:00 A.M.)

Living a Godly Life in an Ungodly World (July 21)—

Through this 6-week study of King Asa, you'll discover how to face life head on as you focus on God, live a lifestyle of worship and persist with courage and dependence on Him. Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall); Adults (Room 105); Young Adults (Mayflower Office)

Mark – For many today, Christianity is about morality, knowledge, or social connections. But for first century Christians it was first about identity with Jesus – following after Him, doing what He did, and obeying His commands. This may challenge you about what it actually means to be a follower of Jesus. Adults

(Room 109)

The Life of David – This 8-week study by Alexander MacLaren will examine the



circumstances of David's life and link them to the Psalms attributed to him. Adults (Room 104)

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. This month's meeting is on August 11 in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and training.

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.) Resumes 8/27

Daniel—This six-week, video driven study by Beth Moore will help women learn how to maintain integrity and stand firm in a culture that bows down to the things of the world. Sign up for this class at the Welcome Center.

THURSDAY

Celebrate Recovery—Contact Amanda Davis, 344-2440 for current details about opportunities through this ministry.

Preschool, Children and Youth classes are also offered on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and Youth on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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Service Project. Additionally, Aaron Young, Kristy Powers, David Livingston, Daniel Thatcher and Madalyn Green (all Light Co. alums) led worship and classes at Impact University Youth Camp. What a joy it is to see our young people leading and demonstrating the love of Jesus by ministering to the needs of others.

Fall activities will be starting up before you know it so savor these last weeks of summer and shine your light for Christ.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Chuck

“Grateful, Wonderful, and Content”—*Jessica Cramer*

These are the three words that truly sum up my quick trip back home in Iowa. I am so incredibly in awe of how God provided during my time back home in Iowa, and I just wanted to thank each and every one of you for the part you played in it!

God was so faithful with your financial giving, prayers, and presence that as of the conclusion of my trip, I'm 97% funded for this next year at Special Hope Network! WOW!!! How good is God?? THANK YOU for the part you

played to make this possible!

While I was home, I completely indulged in as many enchiladas, heart-warming lattes (Shout out - Adam's St. Espresso!), colossal hugs from family, drives through cornfields, and chill times with friends to make this girl's heart rested and feel at peace. I felt so re-energized upon my return to Lusaka, that I'm stoked for what God has next for this year at SHN!

Thank you to everyone who hosted me, fed me, and made my heart feel full.

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service</p>		<p>Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. GriefShare (resumes on Aug 27), Beth Moore Women's Bible Study (Daniel)</p>	<p>Wednesdays 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. Youth Fun Night</p> <p>Thursdays 7:00 p.m. Night Light at McKinley Park</p>	<p>1 Birthdays: Peg Eblen; John Stineback</p> <p>VBS 6:00—8:00 pm Music Program 8:00—8:30 pm</p>	<p>2 Birthday: Myra Spindler</p>	<p>3 Birthday: Nicholas King</p>
<p>4 Anniversary: John and Shannon Gravlín</p>	<p>5 Birthday: Allison Smith Anniversaries: Matt and Megan Emerson; David and Joyce Young</p>	<p>6 Birthday: Grace Zagor</p>	<p>7 Anniversary: Tom and Cindy Young</p>	<p>8 Birthday: Malachi Webber Anniversary: Tim and Kate Jennett</p>	<p>9 Anniversary: Frank and Sharon Paullin</p> <p>Church Cleaning Days Pick a task and complete at your convenience. See list at Welcome Center.</p>	<p>10 Birthday: Summer Prentice</p>
<p>11 Noon Cancer Support Ministry (Lunch & Learn)</p>	<p>12 Birthday: Theresa Carter</p>	<p>13 Birthday: Sarah King</p>	<p>14 Birthdays: Pam McCracken; Rick Quam Anniversary: Matt and Debbie Long</p>	<p>15 Birthday: Jeanine Killion</p>	<p>16 Birthday: John Carter Anniversary: Mike and Melanie Johnson</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 Birthday: Beverly Hargin</p>	<p>19 Birthdays: Joe Owens; Bob Ridnour</p>	<p>20 5:30 p.m. May-flower Parent Orientation</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Anniversary: Scot and WileenSeeley</p>	<p>23 Birthday: Gladys Drey</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Congregational Meeting after Worship</p>	<p>26 Anniversaries: Robert and Bonny Peinelt; Gary and Ruth Sanson</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 6:30 p.m. Youth Kick-Off Birthdays: Ellie Johnston; Don Starlin</p>	<p>29 7:00 p.m. Light Co Kick-Off Birthday: Lydia Hoffman Anniversaries: John and Theresa Carter; Rob and Pam Hoffman</p>	<p>30 Anniversary: Tom and Jane King</p>	<p>31 Anniversary: Matt and Misty Deemer</p>



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Don't Miss VBS!

Although VBS ends on August 1, don't miss the final music program on Thursday, at 8:00 p.m. Also, pray for families who don't have a church home to sense God's leadership to join us at Crest!

Women's Summer Bible Study

Women are invited to the Beth Moore "Daniel" video study on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Learn how Daniel maintained integrity and stood firm in a culture that bowed down to the things of the world. Find out how relevant that is to our walk with Christ in today's culture. Four sessions remain on August 6, 13, 20 and 27. See Jennifer Hoyt for information.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Mark and Verleta Chubick are in our prayers following the death of his father, Marion Chubick on July 4.

Frank and Sharon Paullin are in our prayers after the death of his sister, Ruby Beaver on July 8.

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)



We welcome Rick and Joann Quam and David Marroquin as new members of Crest!

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