



# The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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June's mission emphasis will be the Believe Guatemala Ministry as they work with the children in poverty.

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### Weekly Schedule

**Sunday:**  
 9:00 am Bible Study  
 10:15 am Worship  
 6:00 pm Cancer Support Ministry—(June 3)

**Tuesday:**  
 6:30 pm GriefShare,

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

**Thursday:**  
 7:00 pm Night Light at McKinley Park

## PASTOR'S POSTS

Beloved,

I remember attending a very popular church when I first went to seminary. The preaching was excellent and young families and seminary students flocked to it. The church was recommended by friends who had preceded us to Fort Worth. There were many things that appealed to us, but one thing caused us to continue our pursuit of a church family elsewhere. We arrived one Sunday morning with our 10-month old little girl and there was no one in the nursery to receive her. We waited and finally, an apologetic woman appeared, and we went on to our Sunday School class...late.

That same morning as we sat in the pew during the service, we heard an announcement that volunteers were needed immediately to care for the children in the nursery. I know the church was probably having growing pains, but we did not return. A standard that we held against any church was the level of care they gave children. That meant having clean facilities and workers who were ready and eager to receive and teach the children entrusted to their care for an hour. We thought it so important that I ultimately

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It's summer time! Summer time brings a couple of changes for both youth and Light Co. activities.

### Youth:

We're excited for summer camp this year! We're going to be attending Resonate which is a Baptist Convention of Iowa youth conference for students who have completed 6-12th grade. It will be held on the campus of Grandview University in Des Moines July 23-27th. Students can be signed up either at [resonateiowa.org](http://resonateiowa.org) or by talking to me.

Youth will continue to meet at Crest on Wednesday nights throughout the summer. It will be a more relaxed, relational dynamic (less of Pastor Neal talking).

Students who have completed sixth grade will be welcome to join us during the summer. We are planning to have incoming sixth graders join youth group when school begins in the fall.

### Light Co.

During the summer, we transition to what we call Night Light, which is just an informal hang out time at McKinley Park. We usually have some food, Frisbee, music and a brief devotion. Anyone college or career age is welcome to come!

*Pastor Neal*

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became a preschool Sunday School teacher and coordinator of the preschool ministry of the church we eventually joined.

I say this because we are at a critical point of needing additional workers for Vacation Bible School and our Sunday morning and Wednesday night children's teaching ministries next fall. If we are to maintain growth among young adults, we **must** demonstrate a love for their children! Please consider how God would have you respond to this need in these strategic ministries of our church.

In His love,

*Pastor Chuck*

### Fellowship of Christian Athletes Report

It has been another great year for FCA at Creston High School. We have had weekly meetings with the students for a time of fellowship, prayer, and scripture study. We also had approximately 30 students for our large group FCA dodgeball event, our guest speaker was Pastor Neal McRae.

Thank you again for all of your support for this ministry, and providing some much needed resources!

—Taylor Phipps

*(We are sad that Taylor and Lindsay, and children Aria, Trindon and Mira are returning to the Des Moines area. They will be missed by our church and community! God bless you in your transition. We pray that God will raise up another faculty member to sponsor FCA.)*

## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

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

***Why Are We Here?*** – God gave us an innate desire to learn, and kids are quick to ask questions. As we get older, the “why” questions change. We contemplate the world around us and our place in it. Thankfully, the Bible answers the basic questions of life. We don't have to struggle to find purpose and meaning in our lives, the answers are just ahead. Young Adults (Rm 105) Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall)

***The Radical Disciple*** – Not satisfied with merely being a disciple of Jesus, author John R. W. Stott calls on us to become radical disciples – those who pursue not only the popular calls of Scripture but also the unpopular. 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)

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., June 3

### 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.)

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.*



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

Pastor Chuck will be leading *Discovering Church Membership* class on Sunday, June 10, from 2-5 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin tear-off.

**It's time to  
Gear up!  
Get ready!  
Game On!**



Join us for Vacation Bible School Lunch and Learn on June 3 after Worship. This is a time to be introduced to this summer's VBS theme and our annual training meeting for all volunteers who work with preschool—youth at Crest.

# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Sundays</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Cancer Support Ministry (June 3)</p> <p>June 24: Congregational Meeting after Worship</p>		<p><b>Tuesdays</b> 6:30 p.m. GriefShare</p>	<p><b>Wednesdays</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. Youth Fun Night</p>	<p><b>Thursdays</b> 7:00 p.m. Night Light at McKinley Park</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Birthdays:</b> Dorothy Brown; Reegan Waldeier</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Dick and Elaine Krambeck</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>11:30 a.m. VBS Lunch and Learn</p> <p><b>Birthdays:</b> Wendy Pringle; Alec Smith</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Darrell and Katherine Ellis; Chad and Jodi Paup</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Birthdays:</b> Katie Powers; Kristy Powers</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Marion and Beverly Hargin; Tony and Nicole Henry</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Birthdays:</b> Dawn Daily; Ayden Purdum; Chuck Spindler</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Ben and Brenda Walker</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Dale and Dee VerHelst</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>2:00 p.m. Discovering Church Membership Class</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Birthday:</b> Boyd Griffith</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Birthday:</b> Jennifer Redd</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Ron and Teresa Pendegraft</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Birthday:</b> Katie Goodenberger</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Birthday:</b> Clarissa Hoffman</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Mark and Peg Eblen</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Birthday:</b> Don Duskin</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Travis and Nicole Webber</p> 	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Birthdays:</b> Lesa Downing; Patty Marean</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting</p> <p><b>Birthdays:</b> Todd Downing; Kayci Emerson</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Todd and Lesa Downing</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Birthday:</b> Jonathan Seals</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Birthdays:</b> Tara Coder; Jane King</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Bridal Shower/ Tool Party for Shannon Eads and John Gravlin at Hanson's 1799 170th St</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Birthdays:</b> Brianna Frey; Bentley Kinkade</p> <p><b>Anniversaries:</b> Duane and Wilma Osmun; Don and Lexie Starlin</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Birthday:</b> Melissa Gravlin</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Birthday:</b> Luke Eblen</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Birthdays:</b> Owen Davis; Jennifer Hoyt; McKinley King; Derek VerHelst</p> <p><b>Anniversary:</b> Joe and Karla Powers</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Birthday:</b> Logan Angelo</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>



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Congratulations to these Crest members who are getting married this summer:

**Levi Eblen  
and Michelle Powers**  
June 9, Des Moines

**John Gravlin  
and Shannon Eads**  
August 4, Creston

*What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.  
Mark 10:9 (NASB)*



A Bridal Shower/Tool Party is planned in honor of Shannon Eads and John Gravlin on June 23 at 10:00 a.m. All members are invited to celebrate their upcoming marriage at the Hanson's home, 1799 170th St (left on Iris one mile east of Osage and 1/2 mile to 170th)



Just because SWCC is out of session doesn't mean Light Company is! We'll be meeting at the shelter by McKinley Lake at 7:00 p.m., on Thursdays during the summer. Don't miss this time of fellowship, worship and sharing.

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