



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING®

March'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
6:00 pm Financial Peace University

Tuesday:

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
6:45 pm GriefShare

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

9:00 pm Light Co. SWCC, Room 220

Beloved,

This month is the beginning of our focus on the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) the annual mission offering for our Southern Baptist missionaries in North America. It is estimated that 269 million people across North America do not know Christ. While hundreds of churches are closing their doors each year, Southern Baptists are finding ways to meet needs and engage people in their communities. Every dollar given goes to train and resource more than 5,000 missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries, who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States, Canada and their territories.

Most of you do not know that without the support of the AAEO, Crest likely would have closed its doors in the mid-80's. We are here today because others gave. Let's do our part in helping the Good News spread across North America through our prayer and generous financial support.

If you are not connected in one of our small groups/Sunday Bible studies, you are missing wonderful teaching and fellowship. New studies are beginning on Sunday mornings in March, so it is a great time to join. Hope to see you there.

In His love,

Pastor Chuck

Student Ministry

Youth have started off strong this semester. One thing that has been fun to see is the awesome stuff Aaron Young is doing with our youth praise band. He's been pulling new students in and training them as musicians and worship leaders. This is the kind of involvement that I believe is crucial not just for our youth ministry but for the health of our church, having church members invest their time and energy in our students. Please pray that God would point me toward the right people to serve in this way.



Light Company

With Light Co, we're coming off our Winter Conference mid-February. This was a great experience both for me and for the students. We got to spend a full weekend with students from the other Light Company ministries at Simpson and Grinnell. Pastor Ken Livingston (David's dad) was our speaker and the band Remedy Drive led our worship. The focus was on coming to know God's majesty in awe and wonder.

This semester we're also transitioning from using the videos recorded in Indianola for teaching to

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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. 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 Final Days of Jesus—This five-week study, leading up to Easter, covers Jesus' final days. Through eyewitness accounts, the four gospels reveal what the most important person who ever lived said and did during the most important week of His life. Adults (Room 104)

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

Priscilla SHIRER
SIMULCAST
worship with ANTHONY EVANS

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, 12:00 p.m., March 4.

Financial Peace University - FPU is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals



and experience true financial peace. Join others in this video/small group discussion format and gain the tools to become good stewards of God's resources. The kit cost is \$95. Worship Center, 6:00 p.m.

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.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 am—4:30 pm

Register at www.crestbaptistchurch.com/shirer

EASTER Schedule



7:00 a.m.
Early Worship Service

8:00 a.m.
Breakfast

9:00 a.m.
Bible Study

10:15 a.m.
Worship Service

Bridal Shower

You're invited to a bridal shower honoring Michelle Powers (the future Mrs. Levi Eblen) on March 10 at 10:00 a.m. The couple is registered at Target, Bed Bath & Beyond and Amazon.

Mayflower Heritage Christian School

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 6, 2018
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Accepting Registrations in
Kindergarten through 8th Grade

a school...
a family...

a place of excellence...

equipping children to become what
God envisions them to be - a gift
filled with mystery and wonder,
a masterpiece in progress.

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PRISCILLA SHIRER

The Armor of God



All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. Megan Travis facilitates this class on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning March 7 with an organizational meeting in the Mayflower office (106).

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Financial Peace University</p>		<p>Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:45 p.m. Grief-Share</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>1 Thursdays 9:00 p.m. Light Co. Celebration at SWCC (room 220)</p>	<p>2 Birthdays: Connie Ellis, Tim Jennett Anniversary: Jim and Pam McCracken</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4 Noon Cancer Support Ministry Birthdays: Brian Cramer, Marcy Lane, Becky Mason</p>	<p>5 Birthday: Jessica Landers</p>	<p>6 Birthdays: Catherine Daily, Tristan Travis 6:30 p.m. MHCS Open House</p>	<p>7 Anniversary: Jason and Erica Wolfe</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Birthday: Brian Gutmann</p>
<p>11 </p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Birthday: Teresa Peterson Anniversary: Alan and Jaleyn Dobbs</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Birthday: Scot Seeley</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Birthdays: Marion Hargin, Gloria Müller, Zack Peppmeier</p>
<p>18 Birthdays: Trevor Downing, Pat Prentice, Fred Taylor</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Birthdays: Bill Heatherington, Jenna Shimer, Dale VerHelst</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 Congregational Meeting (at the end of Worship) Birthday: Jordan Shimer</p>	<p>26 Birthday: Jim McCracken</p>	<p>27 5:00 p.m. Open Table at UCC Church Birthdays: John Gravlin, Tony Henry</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Anniversary: Jerry and Merry Nurnberg</p>	<p>30 Anniversary: Brian and Sherri Cramer</p>	<p>31 Birthday: Loren Edsall, Cain Goodenberger, Lexi Gutknecht</p>



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having me teaching in person. I'm excited for this switch as I think it lends to a more interactive and personal dynamic to our Thursday night worship time. Continue to pray for our ministry with youth and collegians.

Pastor Neal



**Discovering
Church
Membership
Class**

Sunday, March 25, 2-5 p.m.
Sign up on the
bulletin tear-off.



OPEN TABLE

Crest will be serving at Open Table on March 27 at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to supply food and serve at the UCC Church at 501 W. Montgomery St. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center or you can use the tear-off on the bulletin to volunteer.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

Isaac and Angelina Herrera
following the death of his
mother, Shirley Wilmeth
on February 15.

Wayne and Michelle Hanson
Following the death of his
mother, Myrene Hanson on
February 28

Blessed *be* the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father
of mercies and God of all com-
fort, 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***