

# The Crest Connection

*Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!*

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**BELIEVE**

*May's mission emphasis will be the Believe Guatemala Mission*

*Team as they make plans to go on a mission trip in July*

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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 TeamKID/Youth and Adult Bible Studies

##### Thursday:

6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery

##### Saturday:

8:00 am Prayer Meeting

...and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.  
Hebrews 10:24-25 (NASB)

Beloved,

In April, our Church Council met to discuss a number of items that impact the short-term and long-term ministry of Crest. Many of you know that David Livingston, our collegiate director, will be leaving at the end of May to continue his education and help in the collegiate ministry at Simpson College. We are sad to see him go but grateful that God has laid a good foundation on David's ministry among the students at SWCC.

As David leaves, we are prayerfully considering the next steps for what will be called "The Light Company." The name change signifies a collaboration of collegiate ministries, including Simpson and Grinnell and potentially other smaller college and community college ministries. We look forward to this connection to help us engage students in conferences, retreats and mission trips with students from other colleges.

Additionally, our Church Council will be considering expanding our leadership base, instituting security measures for our children's ministry and developing a timeline and the priorities for adding vocational ministers. While I have no plans for an imminent retirement, we would do well to consider what a transition might look like and add staff with that in mind so that there is an uninterrupted ministry at Crest when that time

comes for the Spindlers to transition out of vocational ministry. So, don't be surprised or worry if you receive a call or survey from our Church Council in the next year as we seek God's discernment in these matters.

I want to thank the wonderful team of volunteers that helped Crest host the Priscilla Shirer Simulcast in April. We had a number of churches from the region represented, and the attenders all gave a great review of the event and our hospitality. Thanks to Teresa Pendegraft, Jennifer Hoyt, Patty Marean, Dorine Peterson and so many others who planned, promoted and served so many guests to our church. We hope that this will just be the beginning of additional women's events!

Let me encourage you to support two upcoming fund-raising meals. The Cancer Support Ministry will be hosting a fried chicken and fixn's lunch after church on May 1. The proceeds from this free-will offering meal will help this ministry support cancer patients through the challenges they face. Then, on May 25, we will host a benefit supper for Bobby Hiatt, a kindergarten-age Team-KID participant, facing surgery for Chiari Malformation. Thank you for being such a caring church!

In His love,

*Pastor Chuck*

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

**SUNDAY MORNING (9:30 A.M.):**  
***Redeeming Your Broken Moments***. This study will examine how even in our failures and mistakes, Jesus offers grace and forgiveness, offering to do something beautiful in us and through us for His glory. Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall)

***Tempted and Tried*** This 5-week study reminds us that temptation must be understood in terms of warfare, encouraging Christ followers to learn the battle plan, pray for grace and join the fight that Jesus has already won. Adults (Room 4)

***The Gospel of Matthew*** – Matthew provides a testimony of the words and deeds of Jesus. It declares that Jesus is the Messiah, the fulfillment of Israel's history, and the establishment of the kingdom of heaven. Despite the Jewish focus, there is always an openness to Gentiles. Join us for a journey through this important Gospel. Adults (Room 9a)

***Beauty from the Ashes: Redeeming Your Broken Mo-***

***ments***. Jesus has come to give us "a crown of beauty instead of ashes." This study looks at the lives of six people from Scripture who experienced God's redemption in spite of their failures. Young Adults (Room 5)



## Small Group Studies

### ADDITIONAL SMALL GROUPS

#### TUESDAY:

***GriefShare***—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 at 344-6249, or Crest at 782-2018. (Rm. 5, 6:30 pm)

#### WEDNESDAY:

***Adult Bible Study: Daniel & Revelation***—The prophecies in the book of Daniel & Revelation

reveal the unfolding of future events as God has ordained them. Contact Tim or Cindy Fisher, 782-9627. (Ends on May 11, Worship Center, 6:30—8:00 p.m.)

**THURSDAY: *Celebrate Recovery***—a Christ-centered 12-Step Ministry. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with worship and lesson/testimony, followed by open-share small groups. Contact Amanda Davis, 344-2440. (Youth Room)

### UPCOMING SMALL GROUPS

***The Armor of God***—The Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory. This 7-session study by Priscilla Shirer will be offered over various days and venues this summer.

***A Beautiful Design***—This 9-session study by Pastor Matt Chandler gives evidence that God's plan for man and woman is the ultimate design. And, life lived within the beautiful and unchanging design is part of His greater purpose for humanity. (Beginning in July)

## WELCOME New Members

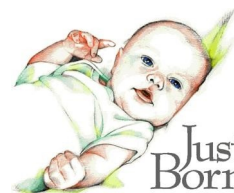
**We welcome those who have joined Crest since January:**

Palmer Scott; Matt and Misty Deemer; Taylor and Lindsay Phipps; and Malachi Webber.



Phil and Beth McIntosh following the death of her brother-in-law, Richard Kost;

Shannon Bierle after the death of her grandfather Duane Bierle.



We rejoice with Tim and Kate Jennett following the birth of their son, Henry David. He was born on April 2 and weighed 6 lbs, 14 oz, and was 19.5 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well!

# May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Sun. Schedule</b> 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:45 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Cancer Support Ministry  <b>Cancer Support Ministry Lunch</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Leisa Frey	<b>3</b> <b>Tuesdays</b> 6:30 p.m. Grief-Share	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>7:30 a.m.</b> National Day of Prayer Breakfast at YMCA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Alicia Olsen
<b>8</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Gary Sanson  	<b>9</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> Beth McIntosh; Phil McIntosh; Cindy Young	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Youth-Led Worship</b> <b>Noon VBS Lunch &amp; Learn</b> <b>2:00 pm</b> Church Membership Class <b>Birthday:</b> Samantha Hays	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> Ed and Anna Thompson	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> UCMA Baccalaureate Service at CHS  <b>Birthdays:</b> Lucas Gross; Judy Prentice	<b>19</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> Matthew Borha; Kirsten Sawtelle; Boston Kendrick	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Graduation Recognition</b>  <b>Birthday:</b> Joshua Gross	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Benefit Supper for Bobby Hiatt</b> (free-will offering)  <b>Anniversary:</b> Mick and Linda Landers	<b>26</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> Michelle Powers; Vince Taylor	<b>27</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> Dale Magee; Clair Lane	<b>28</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> Laura Hartman; Angelina Herrera
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Keith Olson	<b>31</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. TeamKID, Youth Ministry and Adult Bible Study	<b>Thurs.days</b> 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery		<b>Saturdays</b> 8:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting

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## VBS Lunch and Learn/Childcare Worker Training

On Sunday, May 15, a brief childcare worker training will be held after worship for everyone who works with children at Crest, including Extended Teaching Care, Sunday school, TeamKID and youth volunteers.

Afterward, there will be a



special training for everyone who plans to teach, help, or be involved in this year's VBS. Materials will be distributed and an overview of this year's theme, *Submerged*, will be presented. Make plans to stay after worship for this important training! Contact Cali Purdum or sign up at the Welcome Center.



### ***Creston High School***

Catherine Daily  
Anthony Fienhage  
Emily Gravlin  
Josh Gross  
Laura Johnson  
Rebecca Watson

### ***High Lakes Academy***

Shannon Bierle

### ***Southwestern Community College***

Caleb Cramer (AAS)  
Hannah Johnston (AA)

### ***Indiana University of Pennsylvania***

Kirsten Sawtelle (BS)

*(If we have missed any of the graduates, please let us know, so that we can include them at our recognition)*

Join us at  
10:15 a.m. on  
Sunday, May 22  
for a reception in  
honor of our  
Graduates and a  
recognition of  
them in our  
Worship  
Service.