



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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May's mission emphasis will be the Believe Guatemala Mission

Team as they make plans for summer mission trips.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

9:30 am Bible Study
10:45 am Worship

Tuesday:

9:00 am Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm GriefShare, DivorceCare, Women's Bible Study

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

6:00 pm Cancer Support Ministry—(May 18 at the Owens' home, 902 Cottonwood)
6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery

Beloved,

After prayerful consideration and phone/personal interviews, the Staff Relations Committee (with the addition of Travis Webber, Aaron Young and Kristy Powers) is recommending Neal McRae as Associate Pastor with collegiate/student ministry responsibilities.

Neal will be a May Master of Divinity (MDiv) graduate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft Worth, TX. The son of a campus minister/missionary/pastor, Neal has had a broad exposure to ministry throughout his life and sensed a call to ministry while in high school as his family served on the mission field. He has had opportunities to serve in a youth ministry internship and in a Baptist Student Union while in college. During his seminary training, he has been an active volunteer in his church in Ft. Worth. Through these experiences, Neal developed a heart for discipleship and has placed himself under disciple-makers and been a disciple-maker of others, following the Biblical model of multiplication.

Neal has been married six years to Bethany, who is a native of New Mexico. She has a degree in education from New Mexico State University. They share an enjoyment of hiking, primitive camping and their two dogs (a Blue Heeler

and Red Heeler). Personally, Neal enjoys leather-working and making items with a 3D printer. Bethany enjoys sewing and cooking.

The couple has accepted the committee's invitation to come back to Iowa on Mother's Day weekend to be presented to the church and to give them an opportunity to continue to sense God's direction. Plans are to have a cook-out with youth/parents and college young adults at the home of Tom and Cindy Young on Friday evening. On Saturday, we will likely have a dessert social at the church from 7-8:30 p.m. (come and go) that is open to the church at large. Neal will speak on Sunday morning, and we will have a vote after church to extend a call.

It is exciting to have the possibility of working alongside Neal in the coming years. I think he will be a great asset to the life and ministry of Crest. As we are experiencing growth, spiritually and numerically, it is exciting to be at a point of adding vocational staff to aid in the process of equipping the saints for the work of ministry...helping us to grow up into the full maturity God wants for His body (Ephesians 4:11-13).

Please pray for the McRaes and Crest as we continue this process.

In His love,

Pastor Chuck

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING (9:30 A.M.):

Identity: My Life of Faith—Who are you? Are you identified by your family role, interests or passions? For followers of Jesus, identity is wrapped up in who Jesus is—and His lordship over our lives. While we never lose our uniqueness in our various roles, those roles are transformed by our life of faith—our true, defining identity. Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall) and Young Adults (Rm 5)

Traveling Light—Based on Max Lucado's book, this study explores the baggage and burdens that God never intended us to bear. Through this detailed study of Psalm 23, you'll gain help in releasing all these burdensome bags. Adults (Room 4)

Acts 13-28 —First there were 12. Then 120. Suddenly there came an explosion of spiritual fire, and 3,000 were added. By digging deep into Acts, today's Christ-followers can reconnect with our dramatic early story, renew our passion to obey the Lord, and refocus our vision as Christ's global witnesses. Adults (Room 9)

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. (902 Cottonwood, 6:00 p.m., May 18)

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

TUESDAY: Women's Bible Study—We are in a mini-series entitled, *The Prophet Elisha*, with options of meeting on Tuesday morning or evening. Come, bring a friend, your Bible and a notebook. (Room 9, 9:00 a.m. and Room 5, 6:30 p.m.)

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.)

DivorceCare—This a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. Contact Sandy Seals at 641 344-9651. (Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.)

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

Preschool, Children and Youth studies also meet Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



BACCALAUREATE Creston Churches

will be honoring
**Creston High School
Graduating Seniors**
**on Wednesday, May
17 at 7:00 p.m.**

at the Creston High
Auditorium

Speaker: Taylor Phipps—*Mr. Phipps is Head Coach of Panther Boys Basketball, Success Teacher at CHS and Fellowship of Christian Athletes faculty sponsor*

High School students will be providing music. Dress is casual and refreshments will follow.



Congratulations to our Graduates

Creston High School

*Livi Hartman
Ellie Johnston
Katie Powers
Kristy Powers
Chase Shiltz
Hailey Walker*

Iowa State University
Theo Hartman—(B.S.)

**University of Northern
Iowa**
Jessica Cramer—(M.A.)

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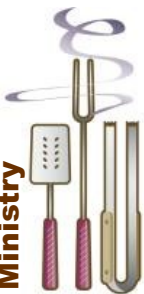
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:45 a.m. Worship Service</p>	1	<p>Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Grief-Share; Divorce-Care; Women's Bible Study</p> <p>Birthdays: Leisa Frey</p>	<p>Wednesdays 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. TeamKID, Youth Ministries</p> <p>Birthdays: Samuel Marroquin; Jim Mason</p>	<p>4 7:30 a.m. National Day of Prayer Breakfast at YMCA</p> <p>Anniversary: Cain and Katie Goodenberger</p>	<p>5 Birthdays: Alicia Olsen</p>	6
<p>7 Noon VBS Lunch & Learn</p>	<p>8 Birthdays: Gary Sanson</p>	<p>9 Birthdays: Beth McIntosh; Phil McIntosh; Cindy Young</p>	10	<p>11 Anniversary: Brian and Mindy Gutmann</p>	<p>12 6:00 p.m. F.I.S.H. at the Youngs' home (1411 165th St), Youth/Parents & collegians are invited to cookout with Neal and Bethany McRae</p>	<p>13 7:00—8:30 p.m. Dessert Fellowship/Open House at church to meet with Neal and Bethany McRae</p>
<p>14  Special Business Meeting at the end of Worship: Call to Ministry Vote for Neal McRae</p>	<p>15 Birthdays: Samantha Hays</p>	16	<p>17 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate at CHS Auditorium</p> <p>Birthdays: Hailey Gutmann</p> <p>Anniversary: Ed and Anna Thompson</p>	<p>18 6:00 p.m. Cancer Care Ministry BBQ at the Owens' home (902 Cottonwood)</p> <p>Birthdays: Lucas Gross; Judy Prentice</p>	<p>19 Birthdays: Matthew Borha;</p>	20
<p>21 10:15 a.m. Graduate Reception</p> <p>Worship Graduate Reconigtion</p>	<p>22 Birthdays: Joshua Gross</p>	23	24	25	<p>26 Birthdays: Wyatt Goodenberger; Michelle Powers; Vince Taylor</p>	<p>27 Birthdays: Dale Magee; Clair Lane</p>
<p>28 Birthdays: Laura Hartman; Angelina Herrera</p>	29	<p>30 Birthdays: Keith Olson</p>	31	<p>Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery</p>		

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Cancer Support
Ministry



BBQ

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The next group meeting will be on May 18 at 6:00 p.m., at the home of Joe and Gay Lynn Owens (902 Cottonwood).



Fellowship in
Someone's Home

(1411 165th St), for a cookout and an opportunity to meet our Associate Pastor candidate, Neal McRae and wife, Bethany, on Friday, May 12 at 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Meet the McRaes!

Youth, parents and collegians are invited to the Young's



Dessert
SOCIAL

Dessert Fellowship

The church is invited to come and meet Neal and Bethany McRae in an informal gathering time from 7:00—8:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 13 while enjoying some desserts together.



Prayer Breakfast
May 4 7:30am
Southern Prairie YMCA Gym