



# The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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May's mission emphasis will be Believe Guatemala as they work with impoverished families in the city dump slums of Guatemala City.

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### Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday:

9:00 am Bible Study  
10:15 am Worship  
1:00 pm Cancer Support Ministry—(after lunch on May 6)

#### Tuesday:

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study; GriefShare

#### Wednesday:

7:00 am Prayer Meeting  
9:00 am Women's Bible Study  
6:30 pm Youth; Adult and Men's Bible Study

#### Thursday:

9:00 Light Company at SWCC, Room 220

Beloved,

I appreciate your kind expressions of sympathy following the death of my former pastor, Herb Hodges. While many authors, preachers and professors have shaped my understanding of the Bible and ministry, no one compares to the personal investment and time Herb spent over the past 48 years of my life. Herb was there for a number of milestones in our family's life. He led Myra to Christ and baptized her; he officiated our wedding and 1½ years later our first child's dedication; he preached my ordination message; and officiated the funeral services



for both of my parents.

It was my joy to have had Herb in our church at least four times since 1994. Because he was provocative and challenging in his teaching, there were times people were rubbed the wrong way. However, Herb grew on people who took the time to carefully consider the biblical basis of his messages (Tom Young alluded to that in his recent Sunday message).

His provocative title of my ordination message raised a few eyebrows, but made a memorable challenge. The title was "Be an Ass for Christ." using the KJV's word

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Hi Crest family!

One of my goals for the youth over the last six months has been to help them develop strong relationships with each other. Over the last few weeks I've noticed kids hanging around in the youth room after Wednesday night and Sunday school to talk and spend time with one another. That's exciting for me.

We're looking forward to having our youth lead church worship on Sunday the 20th of May. We



will be celebrating our graduates as they move on to the next step in their lives. Please join with us in showing them the love and support that we have for them.

As the end of the school year approaches, we'll be doing some more low-key Wednesday night activities. We look forward to welcoming 7th Graders to student ministry as soon as TeamKID is completed.

*Pastor Neal*

## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

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

**Stand Up: How to Fight for Injustice**—“Where is God in the midst of the injustice we see?” “How can I make a difference?” The Book of Esther gives us insight into these questions, as we see how ordinary people can take on God’s extraordinary mission. Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall) and Young Adults (Room 105)

**The Power of God’s Names** – In Scripture, God reveals Himself to us through His names. We need to learn the names of God because when we know His character and His capacity, we will find rest and discover peace and power in His covenantal care of us. Adults (Room 104)

**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. (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, Noon, May 5.



### ADDITIONAL CLASSES

**TUESDAY: Women’s Bible Study**—We are continuing in the study of Israel and the Minor Prophets. Join us as we study how to remain faithful in a divided and pagan kingdom. We will study the lives and words of Elijah and Elisha, and the warning and promises of the prophets, and the unchanging and powerful character of our God. Come, bring a friend, your Bible and a notebook. (Room 5, 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. Ends 5/15)

**GriefShare**—This is a Christ-centered 13-week series for those grieving the death of

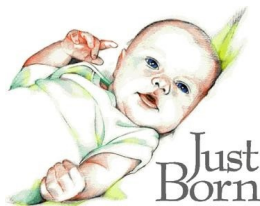
someone close. Cost is \$15 for materials. Contact Brian Cramer, 344-6249. (Youth Room, 6:30 p.m.)

**WEDNESDAY: Women’s Bible Study**—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*. (Fellowship Hall, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Ends 5/16)

**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. Ends 5/9)

**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. (Room 105 at 6:30 p.m. Ends 5/2)

**The Armor of God**—Priscilla Shirer’s Bible study will help you to suit up, stand firm, and secure victory in your life. (Rm. 104, 6:30 p.m. Ends 5/2)



**Isabelle Grace Gravlin** was born to David and Linsey. Wayne and Michelle Hanson are the grandparents and David and Joyce Young are the great-grandparents.

**Jayda Beth Pearson** was born to Cody and Meghin. The grandparents are Mark and Peg Eblen and Dick and Elaine Krambeck are the great-grandparents.



To the families of  
**Bill Ticknor**  
**Skip Deacon**  
**Sherry Ticknor**

# MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SUNDAYS</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service		<b>1</b> <b>TUESDAYS</b> 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study; GriefShare	<b>2</b> <b>WEDNESDAYS</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. TeamKID; Youth Ministry; Adult Bible Studies <b>Birthday:</b> Leisa Frey	<b>3</b> <b>THURSDAYS</b> 9:00 p.m. Light Co. (SWCC) <b>Birthdays:</b> Samuel Marroquin; Jim Mason	<b>4</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> Cain and Katie Goodenberger	<b>5</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Ross King
<b>6</b>  <b>Cancer Support Ministry</b> Free-will Offering Lunch after Worship	<b>7</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Alicia Olsen	<b>8</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Gary Sanson	<b>9</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> Phil McIntosh; Beth McIntosh; Cindy Young	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> Brian and Mindy Gutmann	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>  <b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting <b>Birthday:</b> Samantha Hays	<b>16</b> 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Service at Creston High	<b>17</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> Ed and Anna Thompson <b>Birthday:</b> Hailey Gutmann	<b>18</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> Lucas Gross; Judy Prentice	<b>19</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Matthew Borha
<b>20</b> 9:45 a.m. Graduate Reception 10:15 a.m. Youth-Led Worship and Graduate Recognition	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> Joshua Gross; Laura Johnson; Elijah Johnson	<b>23</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Derek Paup	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Wyatt Goodenberger; Michelle Powers; Vince Taylor
<b>27</b> Congregational Meeting <b>Birthdays:</b> Clair Lane; Dale Magee	<b>28</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> Laura Hartman; Angelina Herrera	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Birthday:</b> Keith Olsen	<b>31</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> Matt and Misty Deemer		



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for donkey. Taking the Palm Sunday narrative, Herb spiritualized the passage to examine the beast of burden's role in that special day. The ultimate challenge was that we are "carry" Jesus Christ, taking Prince of Peace's message of rec-

conciliation to our world.

I pray that I have and continue to heed that challenge and have suitably passed it on to you!

In His love,

*Pastor Chuck*



***Creston High School***

Olivia Cramer  
Jonathan Seals

***Central College***

Monica Powers

***Buena Vista University***

Dawn Daily

***University of Northern Iowa***

Hannah Johnston

Join us at  
9:45 a.m., on  
Sunday, May 20  
for a reception in  
honor of our  
Graduates and a  
recognition of  
them in our  
Worship  
Service.



Creston High School  
May 16 at 7:00 p.m.  
Speaker: Jessica Cramer

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