



# The Crest Connection

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

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LOTTIE  
MOON  
CHRISTMAS  
OFFERING\*

During November and December, all of our undesignated mission offerings will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which supports the SBC's International missionaries.

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## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday:

9:00 am Bible Study  
10:15 am Worship  
3:00 pm Cancer Support Ministry—(November 11)

### Tuesday:

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

### Wednesday:

7:00 am Prayer Meeting  
6:30 pm CrestKIDS, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

### Thursday:

7:00 pm Light Company at SWCC (Rm 220)

Beloved,

As we approach this Thanksgiving season, I am grateful for so many things. Of course, a relationship with God through Christ Jesus is the greatest gift for which I am

thankful. Apart from that, all else would lose it's sense of purpose, just as the writer of Ecclesiastes puts it, "All is vanity!" However, knowing Christ gives purpose and meaning to life and a hope for eternity. How can one not be grateful for the gift of LIFE that God has given to us.

Secondly, family has and continues to play such a wonderful, supportive and caring role in my life. From my wife, Myra, daugh-

ters and their families to the extended family, I am a blessed man as a result of the rich, family relationships with which God has surrounded me my entire life.

And last but not least, this church family and every other one of which I have been a part have played such a major part in shaping me, challenging me, and allowing me to be a servant of God. I am forever thankful for you and others who have been on this spiritual journey with me, expressing love and care.

You may have noticed that homes, cars, and others "things" didn't make this list. That doesn't

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Crest Youth is continuing business as usual. Due to the greater numbers we have started shifting toward more of a hybrid

large/small group model. This has provided a great opportunity for some of our older students to take on some leadership in their small groups. We will also be helping out with the refreshments table for Trunk or Treat and we'll follow that up with a youth Trunk or Treat after party.

In our Light Co. ministry, we're halfway through our Spiritual Ur-

ban Legends message series. Connection groups are the backbone of our ministry strategy at Light Co., and so we're pleased to have several new students plug in to connection groups this semester.

On a personal note, Beth and I would like to say a big thank you to our Crest family. We've felt so loved this last month between the baby shower and pastor appreciation month. You have gone above and beyond in showing Christ's love to us, so thank you.

We love you all.

*Pastor Neal*



**& Student  
Ministry**

## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING (9:00 A.M.)

**How to Pray**—This 7-session study examines the pattern of prayer that Jesus gave us to follow, enabling us to move into deeper fellowship with our loving Father who works on our behalf. Young Adults (Mayflower Office), Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall)

**I Will**—This study looks at nine traits of outwardly focused Christians, serving God and the body of Christ. Adults (Room 104)

**Galatians; James**—Through these two books, the tension of grace and works are addressed head on. While some see these books as contradictory, the study will help you understand the complementary teaching of salvation from two view points. Adults (Room 109)

**Effective Parenting in a Defective World**—This Chip Ingram video series addresses the role of the parent and God in parenting, giving a biblical



understanding of discipline and simple keys for when the going gets tough. (Room 105)

*Preschool, Children and Youth Classes also meet on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.*

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., November 11.

### 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, 641-344-6249. (Room 105, 6:30 p.m.)

**Women's Bible Study: The**

**Gospel of John**—If you want to understand the true meaning of life, if you seek to have eternal life, if you long to know God more, you will find all of these desires fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ as He is revealed in the Gospel of John. (Room 107, 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY: **Adult Bible Study; the Book of Acts**—This book of the Bible is known as a history of the acts of the apostles. We will study the ministry of the Holy Spirit, how to be an effective witness for Christ and how to turn persecution into blessing. (Worship Center, 6:30 p.m.)

**Men's Bible Study:** Watch for a new study to begin after the first of the year.

*Preschool, Children CrestKIDS and Youth meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.*

THURSDAY: **Celebrate Recovery**—Currently our church's CR is on a break. However, if you are interested in attending a group, contact Amanda Davis at 641-344-2440.

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mean the absence of gratitude for the things in life, because I do thank God for them. However, what really counts in life are the relationships we have. Thank you for being such a special, caring church family to Myra and me!

In His love,

*Pastor Chuck*



### Women's Fellowship Meeting

Saturday, November 17  
2:30-4:30 p.m.

Speaker: Laurie Sorenson

### Special Congregational Meeting: Parking Lot

We will have a called, congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, November 4. The purpose will be to vote on a plan to pave the parking lot, including details for financing the project. Details will come before the vote.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sundays</b> 9:00 am Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 am Worship Service		<b>Tuesdays</b> 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 am Women's Bible Study; GriefShare	<b>Wednesdays</b> 7:00 am Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Preschool and Children's CrestKIDS; Youth and Adult Bible Study	<b>1</b> <b>Thursdays</b> 7:00 pm Light Company (SWCC Rm 220)  <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Joe Powers</i>	<b>2</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Elaine Krambeck</i>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Cody Frey</i> <i>Kristina Shields</i>  	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Monica King</i>  	<b>7</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Sherri Cramer</i>	<b>8</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Steven Henry</i>	<b>9</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Linda Landers;</i> <i>Dorine Peterson;</i>	<b>10</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Allison Danilovich;</i> <i>Tyanna Jackson;</i>  <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Isaac and Angelina Herrera</i>
<b>11</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Cancer Care Ministry  <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Isaac Herrera III</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Micha Stephens</i>	<b>14</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Frank Paullin</i>	<b>15</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Liz Marroquin</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>2:30-4:30 pm</b> Women's Connect Mtg  <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Sharon Paullin</i>
<b>18</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> Thanks/Praise Banquet	<b>19</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Tori Fienhage;</i> <i>Kylen Sawtelle</i>	<b>20</b> <b>4:00 p.m.</b> Finance Committee Meeting  <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>21</b> No Wednesday Evening Activities	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Ron Hampton</i> <i>Tim Redd</i>	<b>24</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Jerry Hynes</i>
<b>25</b> Congregational Meeting after Worship	<b>26</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Hank Looney</i>	<b>27</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Cheryl Blazek</i> <i>Cody Purdum</i>  <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Vince and Cindy Taylor</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Rosella Putman</i>	



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Our annual Thanksgiving dinner will be on **Sunday, November 18** at 5:30 p.m. The meat will be supplied, and you are asked to sign up to bring side dishes and desserts. Additionally, help with set up, decorating and clean-up are needed. If you can help, please sign up at the Welcome Center.



The church extends our sympathy to Wendy Pringle following the death of her husband, Bob, on October 20.

Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction...  
(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)



**DON'T  
FORGET  
TO VOTE**



## Veterans Day Program Friday, November 9th 8:30 - 9:00 AM

Mayflower Heritage Christian School  
604 E Townline Street . Creston, IA 50801

*Join us as our students pay tribute  
to the men and women  
who have served our country  
in the armed forces.*

*Refreshments following the program*



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