



# The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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August's mission emphasis will be the Believe Guatemala Ministry as they

work with children in poverty.

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## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday:

- 8:45 a.m. Adult S.S. Class via Zoom
- 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Class (In-person/Zoom)
- 10:00 a.m. In-person Worship at Crest; Live-Streamed Worship on Facebook
- 11:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Class via Zoom

### Tuesday:

- 11:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group via Zoom

### Wednesday:

- 7:00 am Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 pm Preschool/ Children/Youth via Zoom

### Thursday:

- 6:30 pm In-person Worship at Crest

Beloved,

We are in changing times and as much as most of us want to get back to "normal," I'm not sure we will ever do things as we did! Our Baptist Convention of Iowa Executive Director/Treasurer, Tim Lubinus, observes the following:



*This week I heard that both North Point Community Church with Andy Stanley and The Summit Church with J. D. Greear have decided not to have in-person services for the rest of this year because of the coronavirus pandemic. These two announcements ended any lingering hope I had for a "V-shaped" recovery for the church and a return to normalcy by the time schools start this fall. Seeing mega-churches like North Point and The Summit acknowledge they will forego in-person gatherings for the remainder of the year is a tipping point in the church's response to COVID. Whether you accept it or not, the church truly is entering into a "new normal."*

*As believers in Jesus Christ we are taught to see God's providence in the currents of history, even when the days are difficult. The coronavirus pandemic is especially*

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Hi Church,

Over the course of the pandemic, we've been having youth group on Zoom. While that's been great, the consensus is that people are ready to get back together. We're going to do what we can to make this as safe as possible,



mainly gathering outside and maintaining some distance, but this should still enable us to have some fun while there's still summer to enjoy it.

I'm still working out exactly what, when and where we're going to do this, so stay tuned for more information. To keep up to date with what we're doing, follow @crest\_youth on Instagram. Additionally, parents or students can join our Crest Youth Facebook page!

Our college/young adult group is also still meeting. Our group is small enough that we've been meeting at Neal & Beth's house. It's been great just spending time together. If you're a college student or 20-something and you'd like to join us, come on over! You can shoot me an email (neal@crestbaptistchurch.com) if you'd like more information.

Neal

## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

NOTE: Classes are currently meeting by Zoom. You do not need a Zoom account to participate, but you do need an internet connected computer or smart phone to participate. To get a class link, email [info@crestbaptistchurch.com](mailto:info@crestbaptistchurch.com).

SUNDAY (8:45 A.M.)

**The Power of Purpose** — What's your purpose in life? God has gifted you, called you, and empowered you to live a purposeful life. Don't miss it. If you don't live on purpose, you'll miss a great adventure. (MasterWork/Steve Marean)

SUNDAY (9:00 A.M.)

**Why Do I Need the Church** — Spirituality is not declining in America, but affiliation with "organized religion" is. While some may question the value of the church, the Book of Ephesians gives us great insight into the purpose of the church, showing us the benefits and opportunities that

come from connecting with other believers. We do need the church—and the church needs us. (Bible Studies for Life/Jamie Travis) Fellowship Hall and Zoom.

SUNDAY (11:00 A.M.)



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**Cancer Support Ministry:** We are reaching out to families who are living with can-

cer. Contact Joe or Gay Lynn Owens at 641-202-5004. Meetings are suspended until in-person small groups resume.

### ADDITIONAL CLASSES

TUESDAY AT 11:30 A.M.

**Women's Prayer Meeting/Sermon Review** — This group is gathering on Zoom to discuss the previous Sunday's sermon and spend time in prayer together. Email [info@crestbaptistchurch.com](mailto:info@crestbaptistchurch.com) for group login link

**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 for info about online classes at (641) 344-6249.

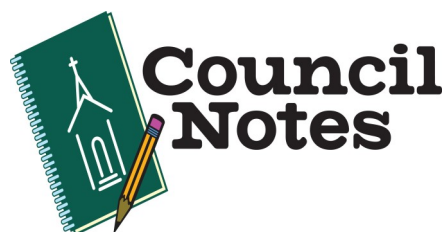
THURSDAY

**Celebrate Recovery**—Contact Amanda Davis, 344-2440 for current details about opportunities through this ministry.

Since online Zoom classes are continuing, Summer quarterly curriculum is available for pick up in the foyer. Call 782-2018 if you would like it delivered to your home.

The Church Council met in July to consider our next steps in opening our in-person ministries at Crest. At this point it has been the consensus to continue online gathering at least through August and see how things are when school resumes. That also gives us a little more time to get the disinfectant equipment/supplies that have been ordered.

However, Jamie Travis' class will begin meeting for a



hybrid class (in-person/Zoom) on August 9 at 9:00 a.m., leading into the in-

person worship at 10:00 a.m. However, there will be no childcare, but children and youth are welcome to stay with their parents. That class will meet in the Fellowship Hall, following appropriate social distancing guidelines.

We agreed to plan some fellowship activities with children and youth in the coming month.

# August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays 8:45 am Bible Study (Zoom) 9:00 am Bible Study (In-person &amp; Zoom) 10:00 am In-person and Facebook Worship Service 11:00 am Bible Study (Zoom)</p>		<p>Tuesdays 11:30 am Women's Prayer Group (Zoom)</p>	<p>Wednesdays 7:00 am Prayer Group at church 6:30 pm Pre-school, Children and Youth Zoom meetings</p>	<p>Thursdays 6:30 pm In-person Worship Service 7:00 pm Light Co.</p>		<p><b>1</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Peg Eblen; Vicki Mullin; John Stineback</i></p>
<p><b>2</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Myra Spindler</i></p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Nicolas King</i> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Kyle and Lori Harvey</i></p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>John and Shannon Gravlin</i></p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Allison Smith</i> <b>Anniversaries:</b> <i>Matt and Megan Emerson; David and Joyce Young</i></p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Parker Aldrich; Katherine Ellis; Grace Zagor</i></p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Tom and Cindy Young</i></p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Malachi Webber</i> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Tim and Kate Jennett</i></p>
<p><b>9</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Frank and Sharon Paullin</i></p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Summer Prentice; Dylan VerHelst</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Theresa Carter</i></p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Sarah King</i></p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Pam McCracken; Rick Quam</i> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Matt and Debbie Long</i></p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Jeanine Killion</i></p>
<p><b>16</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>John Carter</i></p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Tyler Hanson; Bryce Richardson</i></p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>4:00 p.m.</b> Finance Committee Meeting <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Church Council Meeting <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Beverly Hargin</i></p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Joe Owens; Bob Ridnour</i></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Zaina Harvey</i></p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Scot and Wileen Seeley</i></p>
<p><b>23</b> <b>Congregational Meeting</b> (after Worship) <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Gladys Drey</i></p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Mayflower Parent Orientation (K-6) <b>6:15 p.m.</b> Mayflower Parent Orientation (7-8)</p>	<p><b>25</b> Mayflower 1st Day of School</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Robert and Bonny Peinelt; Gary and Ruth Sanson</i></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Ellie Sanderman; Don Starlin</i></p>	<p><b>29</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Lydia Hoffman</i> <b>Anniversaries:</b> <i>John and Theresa Carter; Rob and Pam Hoffman</i></p>
<p><b>30</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Tom and Jane King</i></p>	<p><b>31</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Matt and Misty Deemer</i></p>					



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*relevant to a people who call themselves the church, “the gathered ones”, when we can’t gather together like we used to just a few months ago.*

*It is easy to offer an opinion on what the future will be like while in the midst of a crisis, but it is extremely difficult to accurately predict the future! The first way to get a handle on the future is to analyze similar events from the past. There have been pandemics throughout history where the church emerged stronger. Sociologist Rodney Stark taught us that famines and epidemics of the earlier times lead to greater*

*church impact as she cared for the abandoned and took the opportunity to proclaim the message of Jesus to a watching world.*

I would concur that we will be “doing church” differently, but we still have great opportunities to impact the world for Christ! Let’s seek the Creator on ways in which we creatively continue to do ministry. Let’s plan as we apply what James said, “If the Lord wills we will live and also do this or that” as the Body of Christ known as Crest Baptist Church.

In His love,

*Chuck*



**David and Elizabeth Marroquin** and family following the death of his father, Pastor Eduardo Marroquin of Guatemala on July 13.

**Sandy Seals** and family following the death of her aunt, Arlis Kincheloe on July 21.



**Wedding**

Congratulations to Cort and Ellie (Johnston) Sandeman as they were married on July 25.

***Crest Baptist Church is... Committed to Christ—Connecting with Each Other— Commissioned to Serve Our Community and World***