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Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

- 8:45 am Master Work SS Class (Zoom)
- 9:00 am Bible Study for Life (Zoom)
- 10:00 am In-person and Facebook Worship Service
- 11:00 am Bible Study (Zoom)

Tuesday:

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study; GriefShare

Wednesday:

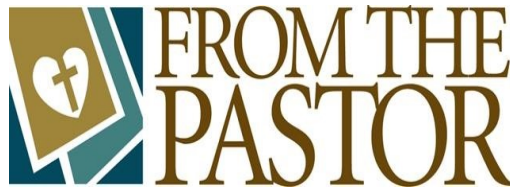
- 7:00 am Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 pm Youth Hang-out

Thursday:

- 6:30 pm In-person Worship
- 7:00 pm Youth Adult Gathering

Beloved,

As we approach Easter on April 4, let me encourage you to spend some time in the Gospel accounts of the arrest, trial, crucifixion and resurrection and ascension. You will find each account in the following passages:



Matthew 26:47—28:30; Mark 14:43—16:20; Luke 22:47 — 24:53; John 18:1—20:31. Pay special attention to the way in which Jesus willingly gave up His life, even when He was deemed innocent and had the power to thwart His enemies. Consider the depths of His physical suffering on your behalf. Look at His compassion still prominent throughout the entire process: as He healed a servant whose ear was cut off; His look at Peter after the denial and later restoration; the concern for his mother, Mary, from the cross; the words of affirmation to the dying thief at His side; and His prayer of forgiveness for His persecutors.

If you take up this challenge, ask God to give you fresh eyes and the ability to comprehend at a deeper level God's great love for you and others as seen through the

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Hi Church Family,

Jesus says that the greatest commandment is to love God. He adds that the second is like it, to love your neighbor as yourself. In teaching Sunday School, Bible studies and preaching, I find myself talking a lot about God's love for us



and encouraging us to love God and one another. This is something that I personally find easy to grasp in the abstract, but bridging the gap to actually choosing actions that show love is not something that comes as intuitively as we think.

As an exercise for myself and something to share with you, I'd like to make some application of love. You may have heard of "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman. He identifies some specific ways that we show love to one another: spending time together, words of encouragement, helping one another and others.

We're all familiar with grand romantic gestures from movies. But I'd like to encourage us, as a church family to find some small, meaningful ways to love those God puts in our lives this month.

Let's focus on loving others by

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ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

NOTE: With only one of our three adult classes meeting in-person, to receive a Zoom class link, email

info@crestbaptistchurch.com .

SUNDAY (8:45 A.M.)

More Than a Carpenter — Based on Josh McDowell's classic book, this seven session study is based on his pursuit of truth. In the end he discovered that the Old and New Testament documents were some of the most reliable writings in all of antiquity. And if they were reliable, he had to admit that Jesus Christ was more than a carpenter.

The Blessing of Humility (beginning April 25)—Based on Jerry Bridges book, humility, the second most frequently taught character trait taught in the New Testament after love, will be the focus of this study. The Beattitudes will be the springboard for this study. (MasterWork- Zoom online/Steve Marean)

SUNDAY (9:00 A.M.)

Essentials of Christianity— Within the pages of Scripture, God has revealed truth, the core things that define Christianity. Knowing these truths is more than an academic exercise; as we trust what God has revealed to us, our faith impacts how we live both now and for eternity. We'll be studying things like God's nature, humanity's purpose, what sin is, Jesus' death, resurrection

and return and the work of the Holy Spirit.

How to Share Christ (beginning April 25) — The gospel of Jesus Christ is truly life-changing. Every follower of Christ knows that and has experienced it. But we are surrounded by countless others who have yet to hear or experience that same gospel. Christians are called to point others to the gospel. It is a privilege to share with others the message of Christ, the way out of death and into eternal life. (Bible Studies for Life [BSL] - Jamie Travis) Fellowship Hall.

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Cancer Support Ministry: We are reaching out to families

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

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

TUESDAYS

Women's Revelation Bible Study — Peter said in 2 Peter 1:19, "*we do well to pay attention to the prophetic word of The Almighty God because it is like a lamp shining in a dark place.*" Come study with us the book of Revelation. In-person and virtual options for both the 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. studies. (Worship Center) **NOTE: The Bible study is on break and will resume on April 13.**

GriefShare—This is a Christ-centered 13-week series for those grieving the death of someone close. Cost is \$15 for materials. Meeting at 6:30 p.m., contact Brian Cramer for info at (641) 344-6249.

Celebrate Recovery: This ministry provides a healing, healthy environment for adults affected by hurts, hang-ups, and habits. For more information, contact Amanda Davis (641-344-2440) or Pat Prentice (858-500-6751).

Preschool—Youth Sunday Bible classes are now meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

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

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<p>4 Birthday: Paul Johnston Anniversary: Steve and Patty Marean <i>Easter</i></p>	<p>5 Birthday: Sherry Cooper</p>	<p>6 No Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>7 Birthday: Lauren Purdum</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Anniversary: Alan and Doreen Peterson</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 Birthday: Brenda Walker Anniversary: Dan and Tara Coder</p>	<p>13 Women's Bible Study Resumes Birthday: Lori Harvey</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Birthday: Alan Dobbs</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Birthday: Duane Osmun</p>
<p>18 Birthdays: Ryanne McIntosh; Alan Peterson Anniversary: David and Kristy Livingston</p>	<p>19 Birthday: Jodi Paup 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>20 7:00 p.m. Mayflower Heritage Christian School Musical Birthday: Emma Hanson</p>	<p>21 Birthday: Valerie White</p>	<p>22 Birthday: Ruth Sanson</p>	<p>23 7:00 p.m. Mayflower Heritage Christian School Dessert Theater Birthday: Chad Aldrich</p>	<p>24 Birthday: Debbie Angelo</p>
<p>25 Birthday: Gavin Gillam Congregational Meeting (at the end of Worship)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Birthday: Jackie Luther</p>	<p>30 Birthday: Ellowin Fienhage Anniversary: Tim and Jennifer Redd</p>	<p>Easter Sunday Schedule 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. In-person Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Worship</p>



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Easter Service RSVP

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giving of His only begotten Son that you, through your belief in Him, might have eternal life. That is GOOD NEWS and it is worth sharing.

I hope that you will RSVP for one of our three in-person services. They will be Thursday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m., and on Sunday, April 4 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The RSVP link will be emailed and on our Facebook page. OR you can link by the QR code above.

May God richly bless you this Easter season!

In Christ's love,

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taking some time out of our schedule to spend with them. By noticing something that someone is doing well and making sure to tell them that we notice and appreciate their efforts. Let's go out of our way to help someone with their yard, their homework or a project they're working on.

These are not the things that get put into movies, but they are the very real ways that we can take the love that God has shown us and direct some of that onto the people around us.

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Celebrate Recovery:

Greetings from the Celebrate Recovery (CR) team. We have finished the first book in our four book Step Study Series which results in having to close this Step Study to new participants. This is truly a blessing, because many of us are making great strides in tackling hurts, hang-ups, and habits.

However, if you are wondering if you might have missed an opportunity, fear not! CR will be offering additional opportunities in the months to come.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Amanda Davis (641-344-2440) or Pat Prentice (858-500-6751).

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