



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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During August, all of our un-designated mission offerings will go to the Hyde State Mission Offering of the Baptist Convention of Iowa, supporting the work of reaching Iowans for Christ.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

9:00 am Bible Study for all ages
10:00 am In-person and Facebook Worship Service

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

6:30 pm In-person Worship
7:00 pm Young Adult

Beloved,

Just as quick as it started, it seems summer is ending. But we are finishing on a high note with our Vacation Bible School which begins on August 1. I appreciate the work Cali Purdum has put into this year's ministry. After the COVID hiatus last summer, it's been a challenge in jump-starting this

year's. Additionally, it's a little later this year and some of our regular volunteers are getting in their much needed vacations. Thus, we are grateful for all of those who are stepping up to help this year. If you have not volunteered to help, there is always the need for additional hands, so don't hesitate to show up between 6 and 8:30 p.m.

Additionally, VBS **prayer support** is one of the most critical things you can do wherever you are. If you would like to be a part of a prayer team, please let us know at info@crestbaptistchurch.com, and we will send you specific prayer requests and praises to celebrate God's work during the week.

Due to the number of decisions for Christ that are typically made during the week, the Enemy loves to hinder the work in so many ways. Pray that God's Spirit would permeate the teaching spaces and that ears would be opened to hear

the truth of the Gospel message.

We are grateful for your continued stewardship. On a house-keeping note, we will be sending out a mid-year giving statement to those giving by check/online/or cash when your name is associated

with it. If you see any discrepancies in your Jan-June contributions, please call Patrick Prentice in the

office at (641) 782-2018. We have completed our pledge season for the parking lot fund. While the lot has been paved, we still have plans to add a drop-off canopy and any money that is still being given will be set aside for that project.

Many of you know 13% of our general offerings are designated as missions outside of our church (10% goes to our Iowa State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention, 3% goes to Baptist churches in our Association). The Associational fund has been accruing funds for a while and the leadership just gave \$5,000 each to Country Roads Baptist (Lenox) and Sojourn Baptist Church (Council Bluffs-Omaha). Crest was helped in the same way in our early days, and it is a blessing to support these churches, too! We continue to seek to be wise stewards of all of God's gifts.

In Christ's love,

Chuck

**FROM THE PASTOR:
CHUCK SPINDLER**

**ADULT BIBLE CLASSES
ON SUNDAYS**

SUNDAY (9:00 A.M.)

Elijah: Living Outside the Comfort Zone—We don't go looking for difficulties, but there are moments when we need to willingly step into something challenging. The Old Testament prophet Elijah modeled for us both how to rely on God regardless of the challenges and mistakes we can avoid. (Bible Studies for Life— Room 109/Joe Powers and Fellowship Hall/Jamie Travis)

When We Say Father—Based on the Lord's Prayer, this seven-session study by Adrian Rogers takes the model prayer and breaks it down to its most basic components. Learners easily learn how to pray from the ultimate source, Jesus himself. (MasterWork—Room 104/Steve Marean)

SUPPORT MINISTRIES

Cancer Support Ministry: We are reaching out to families

who are living with cancer. Contact Joe or Gay Lynn Owens at 641-202-5004. The next meeting will be on Sunday, August 22, at 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery: This ministry provides a healing, healthy environment for adults affected by hurts, hang-ups, and habits. For more info, 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.

Additionally, Vacation Bible School is planned for August 1-5. This annual, children's Bible teaching event is significant in introducing children to Christ and helping them grow! If you can be a part of the ministry, please contact the church office at 641 782-2018

Our Hearts Go Out to...

Joyce Young and Michelle Hanson and family, following the death of their husband, father, and grandfather, David Young on July 2.

Teresa Pendegraft in the death of her brother-in-law, Bill Winterstien, on July 12.

Sandy Seals, following the death of her uncle, Charlie Williamson, on July 13.

Dawn Daily, after the death of her nephew, Allen Herme, on July 18.

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)



Welcome to the world
Elliot Marroquin
Born to David and Liz Marroquin
July 30, 2021



United in Marriage

Jessica Cramer was married to Grandson Mwanza in Lusaka, Zambia on July 24. She is the daughter of Brian and Sherri Cramer. May God richly bless Mr. and Mrs. Mwanza.

DISCOVERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to explore the beliefs and values of Crest Baptist Church, we invite you to join Pastor Neal and Pastor Chuck on August 15 from 2:00—5:00 p.m. Upon completing the class you will be able to consider your next steps toward joining and serving Christ through Crest.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS (JAN.-JULY)

- Statement of Faith**
Conner Travis—February
Patrick Prentice—February
Emma Hanson—March
Tristan Travis—March
Allivea Skarda—March
- Baptism**
Declan Blaisure—June
Faith Gutmann—July
- Promise of Letter**
Marilyn Lee—July

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Birthdays: <i>Peg Eblen; Vicki Mullin; John Stineback</i>	2 Birthday: <i>Myra Spindler</i>	3 Birthday: <i>Nicolas King</i> Anniversary: <i>Kyle and Lori Harvey</i>	4	5 NO In-person Worship Birthday: <i>Allison Smith</i> Anniversary: <i>Matt and Megan Emerson</i>	6 Birthdays: <i>Parker Aldrich; Katherine Ellis; Grace Zagor</i>	7 Anniversary: <i>Tom and Cindy Young</i>
Vacation Bible School—August 1st—5th 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.						
8 Birthday: <i>Malachi Webber</i> Anniversary: <i>Tim and Kate Jennett</i>	9 Anniversary: <i>Frank and Sharon Paullin</i>	10 Birthdays: <i>Summer Prentice; Dylan VerHelst</i>	11	12 Birthday: <i>Theresa Carter</i>	13 Birthday: <i>Sarah King</i>	14 Birthdays: <i>Pam McCracken; Rick Quam</i> Anniversary: <i>Matt and Debbie Long</i>
15 Birthday: <i>Jeanine Killion</i>	16 Birthday: <i>John Carter</i>	17 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee 6:00 p.m. Church Council Birthdays: <i>Tyler Hanson; Bryce Richardson</i>	18 Birthday: <i>Beverly Hargin</i>	19 Birthdays: <i>Joe Owens; Bob Ridnour</i>	20	21 Birthday: <i>Zaina Harvey</i>
22 Congregational Meeting (after Worship) 5:30 p.m. Cancer Support Ministry Anniversary: <i>Scot and Wileen Seeley</i>	23 Birthday: <i>Gladys Drey</i> 5:30 p.m. Mayflower Parent/Student Orientation	24 Mayflower 1st Day of School	25	26 Anniversary: <i>Robert and Bonny Peinelt; Gary and Ruth Sanson</i>	27	28 Birthdays: <i>Ellie Sanderman; Don Starlin</i>
29 Birthday: <i>Lydia Hoffman</i> Anniversaries: <i>John and Theresa Carter; Rob and Pam Hoffman</i>	30 Anniversary: <i>Tom and Jane King</i>	31 Anniversary: <i>Matt and Misty Deemer</i>	Sundays 9:00 am Bible Study (In-person) 10:00 am Worship Service (In-person and Facebook)	Wednesdays 7:00 am Prayer Group at church 6:30 pm Youth Hang out	Thursdays 6:30 pm In-person Worship Service 7:00 pm Young Adult Gathering	



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Excavate the Truth

Theme

VBS 2021 is headed to present-day Israel where discovery awaits at Destination Dig. Kids will unearth more than dirt as they dig up exciting evidence that proves biblical events were not just stories.

As junior archaeologists, kids will explore real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus.

Along the way, they'll discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13, that God reveals Himself to us when we



seek and search for Him with all our hearts.

We invite completed pre-school 3 up to completed

5th graders to join us on August 1—5 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We encourage you to register online at crestbaptistchurch.com/vbs or use a registration form at the Welcome Center.

Prayer Warriors Needed

There are always some significant decisions for Christ made during V.B.S. You may not be able to assist in person but would you please pray for this week. If you would agree to do that, let us know at info@crestbaptistchurch.com.

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