



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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July's mission emphasis will be Jessica Cramer and Special

Hope Network as they seek to make a difference in the lives of children in Zambia.

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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 Gathering

Beloved,

Much like Neal in his article, Myra and I rejoice over the addition of our eighth grandchild. Laura and Cesar Llamas welcomed Alice McKay into their lives on 6.13.21. Coincidentally she was 6lbs, 13 oz, and 21 inches long. We are grateful for the opportunity to pop down to Dallas/Fort Worth for a week to

FROM THE PASTOR: CHUCK SPINDLER

meet the newest addition to the family.

Her name is Alice McKay, named after my grandmother and Myra's middle name. Although Laura never met her great grandmother, she has been impacted by her life. How you might ask? A bread recipe was passed down from Alice, to my mother, Grace, and then to Myra, who taught Laura how to make these special rolls that we call "Mom's buns." Laura's love for baking and mastery of the process resulted in her launching a bakery and now she sells those rolls in grocery stores throughout Texas and a coffee shop in Dallas.

That, in a sense, is what discipleship looks like. One passes their knowledge about Christ to someone who shares it with another,

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Hi Church Family,

In May, Beth and I got to welcome our second son into our family. On his birthday, Nick became a part of not just our immediate family, but our church family as well. I want to say a special thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate by giving gifts, cards and bringing meals.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR: NEAL McRAE

Your love and support of our family was a perfect example to me of why our church community is so important. Of course, it is a joy to worship with you on Sundays, but church is about so much more than that. It's the love and support that we share as we live our lives alongside one another. Let's not forget that. Let's lean on one another in the good times and the bad. Let's love one another in spite of differences of opinion or taste. Let's celebrate and enjoy the community we have in Christ!

Neal



ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY (9:00 A.M.)

The Church God Desires — No church is perfect, but the church can be ever striving to become more like Jesus, the head of the church. It's important, then, for the church to evaluate its ministry, mission and witness. Jesus delivered messages to seven different churches in the Book of Revelation, and His messages provide an ideal way for us to evaluate how the church is doing—and how we, as individual members of His church are doing.

Elijah: Living Outside the Comfort Zone (Beginning July 25) 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)

Chasing God—Based on Angie Smith's book, this seven-week study considers how many Christians' lives are stacked up with a "required" pile of false obligations and bloated assumptions. So many requirements, so many rules and so much guilt where there is supposed to be freedom is why many feel they never measure up and that they are failures as a Christian. Instead of chasing God, it's a matter of following...the difference of looking *for* Him and looking *at* Him.

When We Say Father— (Beginning July 18) 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. Meetings are resuming soon. Watch for details.

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...

Jason and Erica Wolfe, following the death of his grandmother, Sue Tipton, on June 29.

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)

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 July 11 from 2:00—5:00 p.m. Upon completing the class you will be able to consider your next steps toward joining Crest and serving Christ through His church.

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who entrusts the treasure of the gospel to another (2 Timothy 2:2). From whom did you receive the Good News of salvation and the instructions of how to walk with Christ and to whom are you entrusting that life changing information, so they can tell others? Who will be your spiritual prodigy?

In Christ's love,
Chuck

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays 9:00 am Bible Studies 10:00 am In-person and Facebook Worship Service</p>			<p>Wednesdays 7:00 am Prayer Group at church 6:30 pm Youth Hang-out</p>	<p><i>1</i> Thursdays 6:30 pm In-person Worship Service 7:00 pm Young Adult Gathering at the McRae's</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i> Birthday: Zaylee Sandeman</p>
<p><i>4</i> Birthday: Michelle Hanson</p>	<p><i>5</i> Anniversary: Randy and Anne Vicker</p>	<p><i>6</i> Birthdays: Asher Aldrich; Tasia Scott</p>	<p><i>7</i></p>	<p><i>8</i></p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i> Birthdays: Kerri Anderson; Olivia Hartman</p>
<p><i>11.</i> Anniversary: Ross and Monica King</p>	<p><i>12</i> Birthdays: Rick Hanson; Jacob Webber</p>	<p><i>13</i> Birthdays: Carolyn Duskin; Elmer Young</p>	<p><i>14</i> Anniversary: Bige and Diane Fienhage</p>	<p><i>15</i></p>	<p><i>16</i> Birthdays: Tadd Carr; Tara Hanson Anniversary: Joe and Gay Lynn Owens</p>	<p><i>17</i></p>
<p><i>18</i></p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i> 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting</p>	<p><i>21</i> Birthdays: Mindy Gutmann; Jamie Travis Anniversary: Rick and Joann Quam</p>	<p><i>22</i> Birthday: Becky Shields Anniversary: Phil and Beth McIntosh</p>	<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p>
<p><i>25</i> Congregational Meeting at the end of Worship Anniversary: Cort and Ellie Sandeman</p>	<p><i>26</i> Birthdays: Mary Cochran; Pam Hoffman</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i> Birthdays: Paisley Goodenberger; Chuck Hoyt; Della Kramer</p>	<p><i>29</i> Birthday: Neal McRae Anniversary: Wayne and Michelle Hanson</p>	<p><i>30</i></p>	<p><i>31</i></p>



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Excavate the Truth

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 un-

cover 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 preschool 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 crestbaptist-church.com/vbs or use a registration form at the Welcome Center.

Volunteers Needed

If you are crafty or would be willing to serve in some other area, Cali Purdum is still looking for a volunteers. Please contact her or the office.

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