

The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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June's mission emphasis will be the Believe Guatemala Mission

Team as they make plans for summer mission trips.

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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,

It has been good to get back to some normality on Sunday mornings, and we are adding two more adult classes to our in-person Bible studies on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Attendance continues to be growing in worship on Sunday, but we will

FROM THE PASTOR: CHUCK SPINDLER

continue the Thursday services for the time being. We are still working to provide a good quality live-stream of our Sunday morning service. Until then we will continue to offer Thursday as an option. This might work well for those who are vacationing or camping on weekends, so consider joining us for Thursday prior to taking off for time away from home.

Congratulations to Pastor Neal and Bethany on the addition of Nicholas Lanham to their family. We look forward to watching him grow and add joy to our church just as his brother, Tony, and all the other new little ones in our midst do.

Although Joyce Young and her irreplaceable skill set will be missed in our church office, we are happy that Pat Prentice will be stepping into a role as Business Ad-

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Hi Church Family,

Even though it seems like the year just barely started, summer is here, and summer means youth camp! We're excited to be headed out of state this year down to Centrifuge youth camp in southern Missouri.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR: NEAL McRAE

As I'm sure many of you know from experience, church camp can be an amazing time for students to deepen and personalize their relationship with God. Please join me in praying for our students June 14-18 as they get to engage with God and each other during this uninterrupted week.

Neal

NEW STAFF MEMBER

We are pleased to announce that Pat Prentice has joined our church staff as the Business Administrator. You've come to know Pat over the past year as our ministry intern. With Joyce Young's retirement as our membership and financial secretary, Pat will be stepping into many of the roles that she carried out and some expanded roles as he becomes more proficient in the basics. Please welcome him as you have the opportunity.

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. (Bible Studies for Life—Room 109/Joe Powers)

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. (MasterWork—Room 104/Steve Marean)

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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 suspended until in-person small groups resume.

GriefShare—This ministry will suspend meetings until September. Call 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 info, contact Amanda Davis (641-344-2440) or Pat Prentice (858-500-6751).

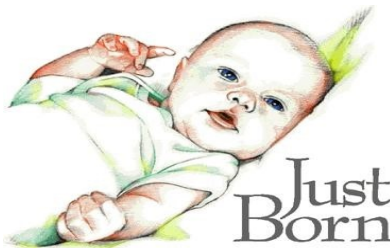
Preschool—Youth Sunday Bible classes are now meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

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...

Kyle and Lori Harvey, following the death of her father, Doyle Hembry on May 2.

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)



Ethan Andersen was born to Shawna and Tadd Carr on April 2.

Nicholas Lanham was born to Bethany and Neal McRae on May 20.

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administrator. He will fulfill many of the tasks carried out by Joyce but with plans to add some other tasks in the future. Pat is also a team leader in Celebrate Recovery and has found a home at Crest since moving here last year. I know you will welcome him and pray for him as he begins this new role.

In Christ's love,
Chuck

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>*1st Sunday: Lord's Supper</p>		<p>1 Anniversary: <i>Dick and Elaine Krambeck</i></p>	<p>2 Wednesdays 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. Youth Gathering</p>	<p>3 Birthday: <i>Alec Smith</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Darrell and Katherine Ellis; Chad and Jodi Paup</i></p>	<p>4 Birthdays: <i>Katie Powers; Kristy Livingston</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Marion and Beverly Hargin</i></p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 Birthdays: <i>Dawn Daily; Ayden Purdum; Chuck Spindler</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Ben and Brenda Walker</i></p> <p>11:45 a.m Food Pantry</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Anniversary: <i>Dale and Dee VerHelst</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 Birthday: <i>Jennifer Redd</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Ron and Teresa Pendegraff</i></p>	<p>14 Birthday: <i>Katie Goodenberger</i></p>	<p>15 Birthday: <i>Clarissa Hoffman</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Mark and Peg Eblen</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Birthdays: <i>Don Duskin; Morgan Van Gelder</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Travis and Nicole Webber</i></p>	<p>18 Birthdays: <i>Lesa Downing; Patty Marean; Langley Scott</i></p>	<p>19 Birthdays: <i>Todd Downing; Zachary King</i></p>
<p>Pray for our youth at Centrifuge Camp at Southwest Baptist University—Bolivar, Missouri</p>						
<p>20 Anniversaries: <i>Todd and Lesa Downing; Taylor and Kelsie Royster</i></p> <p></p>	<p>21 Birthday: <i>Jonathan Seals</i></p>	<p>22 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>23 Birthday: <i>Jane King</i></p>	<p>24 Birthday: <i>Rici Hampton</i></p> <p>Anniversaries: <i>Duane and Wilma Osmun; Don and Lexie Starlin</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Anniversary: <i>Chad and Debbie Aldrich</i></p>
<p>27 Birthdays: <i>Owen Davis; Jennifer Hoyt; McKinley King</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Joe and Karla Powers</i></p>	<p>28 Birthdays: <i>Logan Angelo; Ryan Maitlen</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Thursdays 6:30 p.m. In-person Worship 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering at the McRae's</p>		



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My brothers and sisters in Christ, I want to thank you all. I have completed my internship at Crest—that brief part of my degree work has been completed and I have graduated from seminary.

Some may believe that it was Pastor Chuck and Pastor Neal whose role it was to teach me how to lead in a church, and to a degree, this is true. I cannot express how grateful I am for their wisdom and eagerness in showing me how to love the Church. I am equally thankful for their great patience in doing so.

But perhaps more important is this truth: it was

you, the Church, who also taught me. When I preached,

A NOTE FROM OUR INTERN: PAT PRENTICE

you would give me feedback and biblical ideas, voice thoughts about my theology, and then encourage me. When I greeted you as you entered the church, you would greet me equally in return, making me feel welcome and a part of the body.

Perhaps more formative during my internship was that we shared life and Christ

together. We talked about who we are as believers, about our families, and of many other things that were on our hearts, and we did this, all this with Jesus first and foremost in our thoughts. This is how you taught me—to share Jesus—during my internship,

I will continue to learn with you all, share life, and preach occasionally. I am very blessed that God placed it on my heart to call Crest home, and I will endeavor to serve wherever you need me.

Note: Pat completed his MDiv at Bethel Theological Seminary and plans to begin the DMin program next January.

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