



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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February's mission offerings will go to support

The World Hunger Fund of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

9:00 am Bible Study
10:15 am Worship
6:00 pm Financial Peace University

Tuesday:

6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
6:45 p.m. GriefShare

Wednesday:

7:00 am Prayer Meeting
9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm TeamKID, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

Thursday:

9:00 pm Light Co. SWCC, Room 220

Beloved,

These are exciting times for our church! Over the last year we have been seeing an increase in Bible study and worship attendance. Many families from outside our church are being impacted by the various ministries of our church, from TeamKID to Cancer Support Ministry. Our overall goal is to see people come to a personal knowledge and relationship with Christ and then get plugged into a Bible-teaching fellowship of believers. It is always a joy when they come our way, but we leave that up to the leadership of God!

We have two couples in our church who are planning summer weddings and a few married couples who are expecting additions to their families. As couples and families face these life-changing events, there is a level of preparedness that is necessary. Can you imagine what would it be like for a couple to marry without spending a suitable amount of time getting to know each other—likes, dislikes, strengths, weaknesses, etc?

Would you possibly think about bringing a baby home from the hospital without having first made sure to have diapers, bottles, and appropriate clothing on hand?

In much the same way, while the birth of spiritual babes is such a joyous occasion, as we see individuals make eternal life-changing decisions for Jesus Christ, we

need to be ready for the arrival of those new babes in Christ. There must be preparations on our part to ensure that their arrivals are welcomed and ready for as much as the physical arrivals of babies.

Crest's leadership team is considering priorities in ministries and facilities to help us to be ready as we see God bring the increase. Pray for our leaders! If you have suggestions of ministries you would like to see or in which you would like to participate, speak to me or email me.

I am continually blessed to have the privilege of serving with you sharing our lives together!

In His love,

Pastor Chuck

Student Ministry

We're starting a new teaching series on servant leadership which I think will be a good fit as we start to see student leaders taking shape. It's my hope that we'll have students

who are leaders not just among their peers, but can also lead out in our church family. Please pray for God to be involved in the process of raising leaders in our church.

Pastor Neal



ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING (9:00 A.M.):

Made for Something More —

The world will tell us that our identity is determined by ... how we see ourselves, how we feel, what others expect us to be. But who are we, really? We are who **God** says we are. And when we come to Christ, our identity is shaped – reshaped – into the image of Christ. In these 6 sessions, we will see who we are in Christ, why we are here, and what our purpose is. Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall) and Young Adults (Room 105)

Psalms—This study in the Book of Psalms holds good news for you. A psalmist has likely written about whatever feelings you might experience in any situation in which you find yourself. Whether you are soaring on the heights of spiritual growth or in the depths of spiritual weakness, these lessons will speak to you. Adults (Room 109)

I AM Changes Who I Am

Adults — Living the Christian life is difficult, especially in today's culture. God still wants to do the miraculous today, and He wants to do it in you and me! Therefore, we must realize that the power to fulfill the call of God in our lives comes from depending on who Christ is and what He does. In this 7-session study of the Gospel of John, we'll discover who Jesus is and what He does, showing us the power to live

out the Christian life. Adults (Room 104)

SUNDAY EVENING



Cancer Support Ministry: We are reaching out to families who are living with cancer. Contact Joe or Gay Lynn Owens at 641-202-5004, 12:00 p.m., February 4.

Financial Peace University – FPU is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace. Join others in this video/small group discussion format and gain the tools to become good stewards of God's resources. New class will begin on Sunday, February 11—April 15 at 6:00 p.m. Cost for the kit will be \$95.

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

TUESDAY: **Women's Bible**

Study—The focus of this year's study will be the 12 Minor Prophets, Hosea thru Malachi. Whether you are new to the Bible or have done many studies, God speaks to us today through His prophets in the Old Testament. We will learn together how to ***stand firm in our faith in a world***

and culture that is often Godless. Bring a friend and come join us from **6:30-8:00 pm** (Room 105).

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, 344-6249. (Youth Room, 6:45 p.m.)

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In the Beginning God—The Book of Genesis is the “*book of beginnings*” in the Bible. The chapters in the Book of Genesis are to life what a foundation is to a house. If you want to build a life that succeeds, you start with the basics. “IN THE BEGINNING GOD.” (Worship Center, 6:30 p.m.)

Game Plan for Life—In this 6-session, video/discussion study, Joe Gibbs and a number of experts examine the areas that men find to be the most challenging, including understanding the Bible, finances and temptation. (Room 105 at 6:30 p.m.)

Preschool, Children and Youth studies also meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service		Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:45 p.m. Grief-Share	Wednesdays 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. TeamKID, Youth and Adult Bible Studies	1 Thursdays 9:00 p.m. Salt Celebration at SWCC (room 220)	2	3 10:00 am Baby Shower for Liz Marroquin
4 Noon Cancer Support Ministry Meeting	5 Birthday: Karen Magee	6	7 6:30 p.m. TeamKID Valentine's Day Dinner Birthday: Wade Starlin	8	9 Birthday: Faith Gutmann	10 Birthday: Kayla Angelo
11	12 Birthdays: Jerry Hartman, Donna Taylor	13 Birthdays: Jill Marean, Jerry Nurnberg	14 Birthday: Megan Emerson	15 Birthday: Rosalie Hampton	16 Birthday: Katheryn Prentice, Aaron Young	17 Birthday: Pat Henry
18 Noon Worship Team Lunch/Rehearsal	19	20 4:00 pm Finance Committee 6:00 pm Church Council Birthdays: Lisa Sawtelle, Jane Wilson	21 Birthdays: Jaleyn Dobbs, Emily Gravlin	22 Birthdays: Nicole Henry, Sandy Seals	23	24 Vacation Bible School Training (Des Moines) Birthdays: Anthony Fienhage, Mike Johnson, Ted Ide
25 Congregational Meeting Birthdays: Chad Paup, Brittany Seals Anniversary: Clair and Marcy Lane	26	27 Birthdays: David Daily, Cady Purdum	28			



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The Cancer Support Ministry provides care for patients and families going through cancer treatment. On February 11, they will be putting together plates for Valentine cookies and delivering them to cancer patients. We would be glad to receive cookies from the congregation for this out-reach/care ministry.



You are invited to a baby shower in honor of Liz Marroquin on February 3 from 10—Noon. She is registered at Walmart.

Worship Team Rehearsal

Worship team members are invited to a lunch/rehearsal on Sunday, February 18. We will be rehearsing some new music, looking toward Easter services and scheduling special music.



Chad and Jodi Paup and family after the death of her mother, Jeanette Walker, on January 12.

Wileen Seeley and family following the death of her brother, Ed Lang, on January 18

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School Training

Saturday, February 24

Location in Des Moines, TBA
See Cali Purdum if you are interested.

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