



# The Crest Connection

*Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!*

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During February, all of our undesignated mission offerings will go to the Global Hunger Relief Fund where 100% given goes to meet hunger needs.

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## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday:

9:00 am Bible Study  
10:15 am Worship

### 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 TeamKID, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

### Thursday:

7:00 pm Light Co. SWCC, Room 155

Beloved,

This is our first winter to deal with snow and ice on our paved parking lot. We've still had some icy days, but it has been much better than our gravel. Thanks to Jerry and Eli Hartman for their snow removal service and for Tim Jennett's



help on one of our icy days with some ice melt!

It was a challenging month of January. From the weekly snows to sicknesses, it's been difficult for some to make it to church this month. I'm glad that we do have a presence on Facebook where we can live stream the preaching portion of the service (we hope to get the whole service in the near future). Therefore, if you are homebound or traveling, you are able to "fellowship" with us via social media. By the way, be sure to make a comment to let us know you are joining us!

I hope that you are making application of our sermon series on "Spiritual Disciplines." Hang in there "for those who have been trained by it [discipline], afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness" (Hebrews 12:11).

In Christ's love,

*Chuck*

Hi Church Family,

January has been a month of travel for me. It seems like everything that I wanted to be a part of got scheduled for this month. While it has been tiring for this homebody, it has also been incredibly encouraging.



I was able to attend the Midwest Leadership Summit in Illinois which is a conference for Southern Baptist Churches and pastors throughout the Midwest. Hearing from many wise people, topics ranged from rural church strategies to conflict management and personal development.

Even better, I've been able to participate in a peer learning group sponsored by the Baptist Convention of Iowa. The group is made up of Associate Pastors from all over the state for the purpose of ministry and personal development and coaching. It has been awesome for me to get to know men in similar positions as mine and learn from them and our facilitator.

I'm excited to see how God is going to use these experiences in my life and in our church!

*Neal*

## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING (9:00 A.M.)

**When Life Gets Hard: Big Questions About Pain and Suffering** — No one is immune to pain and suffering; it's universal. What is not universal is how we respond to it. The Bible does not answer all our questions about why we suffer; but tells us enough to know that we can fully trust God – even when we hurt. Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall), Adults (Room 105), Young Adults (Room 102)

**Genesis (25-40)** — Explore the roots of the gospel as the story of Abraham's descendants unfolds. Sin and brokenness were present in abundance, making the necessity for transformation clear. Jacob's story provides an opportunity to consider your own. Christ makes transformation and redemption available to all who repent and believe. (Room 109)

**Jesus Continued** — J.D. Greear shares this Bible study to help you relate to the Holy Spirit in new ways. Over the course of this study, you'll see how you can have a satisfying, powerful relationship with

God through the Holy Spirit.  
(Room 104)



Small-Group  
Studies

**Cancer Support Ministry:** We are reaching out to families who are living with cancer. Contact Joe or Gay Lynn Owens at 641-202-5004. This month's meeting will be after worship on February 9 as we assemble Valentine cookie plates to take to cancer patients and survivors.

### ADDITIONAL CLASSES

TUESDAY

**Women's Bible Study: Revelation** — The fall Women's Study of Daniel continues into the Book of Revelation. These books of Biblical prophecy provide Christians with hope and an outline of God's plans for the future. (9:00-11:00 a.m. **OR** 6:30-8:00 p.m., Room 107)

**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. (Room 105, 6:30 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY

**Adult Bible Study: The Book of Isaiah** — In this study, we will meet not only this outstanding prophet, but also some mighty kings and rulers, see the rise and fall of magnificent kingdoms, see God's people chastened and then restored. But above all else, we'll see the Lord Jesus, God's "Suffering Servant" as He does the will of God and suffers and dies for the sins of the world. (Worship Center, 6:30 p.m.)

**Radical**—This Men's Study invites you to encounter what Jesus actually said about being his disciple, and then obey what you have heard. He challenges you to consider with an open heart how we have manipulated a God-centered gospel to fit our human-centered preferences.

THURSDAY

**Celebrate Recovery**—Contact Amanda Davis, 344-2440 for current details about opportunities through this ministry.

*Preschool, Children and Youth studies also meet*

*Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Additionally, TeamKID for 3 year olds -5th graders and youth meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.*



**Ray and Jane Wilson** after the death of his sister, Margaret Ruby, on January 4.

**Tim and Cindy Fisher** following the death of his uncle, John Fisher, on January 4

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)

# February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service		9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study; 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study; Grief-Share	7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. TeamKIDS, Youth and Adult Bible Studies	7:00 p.m. The Light Company (SWCC, Room 155)		1
2 <b>All-Church Potluck Lunch</b> Meat supplied by Women's Connect	3	4	5 <b>Birthday:</b> Karen Magee	6	7 <b>Birthday:</b> Wade Starlin	8
9 <b>Birthday:</b> Faith Gutmann	10	11	12 <b>Birthdays:</b> Jerry Hartman; Donna Taylor	13 <b>Birthdays:</b> Caitlyn Maitlen; Jill Marean; Jerry Nurnberg	14 <b>Birthday:</b> Megan Emerson	15 <b>Birthday:</b> Rosalie Hampton
16 <b>Birthdays:</b> Katheryn Prentice; Aaron Young	17 <b>Birthdays:</b> Pat Henry; David Smith	18 4:00 pm Finance Committee 6:00 pm Church Council	19	20 <b>Birthday:</b> Jane Wilson	21 <b>Birthdays:</b> Jaleyn Dobbs, Emily Gravin	22 10:00 am Bridal Shower for Kristy Powers <b>Birthday:</b> Sandy Seals
23 <b>Congregational Meeting</b>	24 <b>Birthdays:</b> Anthony Fienhage, Mike Johnson, Ted Ide; Kelsie Royster	25 <b>Birthdays:</b> Chad Paup; Brittany Seals  <b>Anniversary:</b> Clair and Marcy Lane	26 <b>Anniversary:</b> Steve and Melissa Wilson	27 <b>Birthdays:</b> David Daily; Cady Purdum	28	29 

Men's Conference at  
Cornerstone, Chariton  
Friday at 5:30 pm - Sat. at 3 pm.



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## WELCOME New Members

**David Koets**—Statement of Faith

**Terri Koets**—Baptism

**Hailey Gutmann**—Baptism



Our next meeting will be February 9, right after church, to assemble valentine cookie plates to deliver. We are encouraging the congregation to help make cookies for the event. A sign-up sheet is on the welcome center.



The 2020 Iowa Men's Conference at Cornerstone Church in Chariton is on February 21-22. Special rates available for father/sons and those bringing guests can be found at [crestbaptistchurch.com/men](http://crestbaptistchurch.com/men).



You're invited to a bridal shower honoring Kristy Powers (the future Mrs. David Livingston) on February 22 at 10:00 a.m. The couple is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Amazon.



Women's Connect Ministry is sponsoring a church-wide potluck on February 2 after worship. Meat and drinks will be supplied and you are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to share.

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