

The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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During January, all of our undesignated mission offerings will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which supports the SBC's International missionaries.

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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 CrestKIDS, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

Thursday:

7:00 pm Light Co. SWCC, Room 220 (first meeting of semester Jan. 17)

Beloved,

As I think over our last month, I am so grateful for the many expressions of love seen through the service of the church. We had children and youth minister through music and drama in our worship



services. The largest group of carolers we have ever had went out into the community, taking songs and scripture to three retirement facilities and a number of homes. And, a number of volunteers stepped up to help host our largest Christmas Eve Candlelight service with over 260 in attendance. What a blessing to see God's people sharing the good news of Christ's incarnation.

As we move into the New Year, I look forward to seeing God continue to manifest His love through His church. We have some challenges with the growth we are experiencing, and we need "all hands on deck" to help us meet those challenges. Many of you are already serving but God has something for each of us to be doing to build His Kingdom. How does God want you to serve in 2019? Remain open to His leading and power!

In His love,

Pastor Chuck

Light Company

Finals week is the best! Well, maybe not, but Light Company made it a little bit better. We handed out finals week care packages to 150 students on Monday of finals week. While these may not remove all the



stress that tests bring, hopefully it made everyone's day a little bit brighter. Light Company will be kicking off for the spring semester on January 17th.

Youth Ministry

Winter retreat will be in Boone Feb. 1-3 (leaving Friday after school). We'll be skiing, tubing, learning about and loving God and each other. The cost for the weekend is \$75 which covers rentals and park admission.

I love events like these because not only do the students get a chance to spend some quality time with God, but they develop relationships with our leaders and other students that support them in all areas of their lives. Additionally, if you don't have a child in the youth ministry, but you'd like to sponsor a student or two for this trip, just get in touch with me!

Hope you all had a great Christmas break!

Pastor Neal

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING (9:00 A.M.)

The Full Picture of Christmas — This 6-session study will move alongside six individuals and groups to look at Christmas from their perspective. Even those who may feel quite familiar with the biblical account will discover details of this miraculous picture they may not have seen before.

Engaging Culture in an Ever Changing World (Beginning January 13) — From music to fashions... “the times they are a changin’...” However, some things should not change, like truth, ethics and morality. This study helps us to stand in the face of culture and engage it with God’s unchanging truth. Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall), Adults (Room 105) and Young Adults (Room 106)

Exodus-Leviticus — The Books of Exodus and Leviticus are about life. Exodus describes the new life the Israelites received when the Lord rescued them from Egypt. Leviticus explains how God further taught them to live. (Room 109)

The Knowledge of the Holy — It is impossible to keep our moral practices sound and our inward attitudes right if our idea of God is erroneous. If we are to bring back spiritual power to our lives, we must begin to think of God more nearly as He is. This study,

based on A.W. Tozier’s classic book, draws the readers back to a rediscovery of the majesty of God. 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. This month’s meeting will be a “meet and greet” at Adam’s Street Espresso from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., on Saturday, January 19.

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

TUESDAY

Women’s Bible Study: John —If you want to understand the true meaning of life, if you seek to have eternal life, if you long to know God more, you will find all these desires fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ as He is revealed in the Gospel of John. (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. It will resume after the New Year. Cost is \$15 for materials. Contact Brian Cramer, 344-6249. (Youth Room, 6:30 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY

Adult Bible Study: The Book of Acts — This book of the Bible is known as a history of the acts of the apostles. We will study the ministry of the Holy Spirit, how to be an effective witness for Christ and how to turn persecution into blessing. **6:30 p.m.** (Worship Center)

Men’s Study: Leading a Family - This eight-week study will help men accept their calling and experience God’s blessing as the spiritual leaders to their wives and children. More than ever, families are desperate for spiritual leadership. And that starts with the husband and father. Topics include:

- Deciding: Taking ownership of their own spiritual journey
- Demonstrating: Modeling a relationship with God
- Displaying God’s love in their relationships with their wives
- Displaying God’s love in their interactions with their children
- Daily spiritual leadership through fostering spiritual connections in the home
- Daily spiritual leadership through serving

THURSDAY

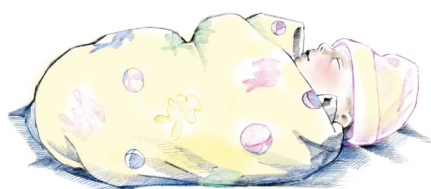
Celebrate Recovery—Contact Amanda Davis, 344-2440 for current details about opportunities through this ministry.

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



Vacation Bible School Training

It may seem a bit early to be thinking about VBS, but Crest will have the opportunity to host a Baptist Convention of Iowa regional training event on Saturday, February 16. Cali Purdum will be on this team, bringing back from national training a preview of this year's theme. Teaching, decorating and enlistment ideas will all be a part of this training, so you'll have a head start on preparing for this fun Bible teaching event for our children and outreach opportunity to our community. More details will be available in the next *Connection*, but put this training event on your calendar!



Newborns

These three littles were added to the church family during the last two months of 2018:

- Tadd and Shawna Carr welcomed their second son, **Arthur Gregory**, into their lives on November 2.
- Neal and Bethany McRae are the first-time parents of **Anthony Neal**, who was born on November 12.
- Former members, Casey and Anna (Clark) Frey, welcomed into their family their first daughter, **Noelle Jayne**, on December 6. Proud grandparents are Tom and Leisa Frey and Ken and Julie Clark.

Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. (Psalm 127:3)



We congratulate our members who graduated from college in December 2018:

- Michelle Powers Eblen— B.A. (Education) from the University of Northern Iowa. She is the daughter of Joe and Karla Powers.
- Logan Angelo— B.S. (Event Management with Sports Emphasis) from Iowa State University. He is the son of Debbie Angelo.



**Coming in April
Women's
Simulcast**

JOIN US!

Going BEYOND
SIMULCAST
with PRISCILLA SHIRER

APRIL 6, 2019
WORSHIP WITH ANTHONY EVANS



Anthony and Sheona (Barnett) Fienhage were married on December 1, 2018. Anthony is the son of Bige and Diane Fienhage. The couple resides at 101 S. Spruce, Creston, Iowa 50801

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®
— for international missions —

Our Goal: \$4,958.00*

Received: \$3,664.16**

* the monthly expense of a missionary family
**amount received through 12/31/18

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service		1	2 Anniversary: <i>Jerry and Laura Hartman</i>	3 Birthdays: <i>Karla Hynes, Dan Coder</i> Anniversary: <i>Elmer and Nancy Young</i>	4 Birthdays: <i>Hailey Deemer, Karla Powers, Brenna Shimer</i>	5
6	7 Birthday: <i>Dick Krambeck</i>	8 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study; GriefShare	9 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. CrestKIDS, Youth and Adult Bible Studies Resume	10	11 Birthdays: <i>Merry Nurnberg, Wilma Osmun</i>	12 Birthday: <i>Diane Fienhage</i>
13	14 Birthdays: <i>Matt Deemer, Josh Simmons</i>	15 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	16 Birthdays: <i>Larry Owings, Jean Swanson</i>	17 7:00 p.m. Light Company (SWCC, Room 220) Resumes Birthdays: <i>Doryn Paup, Joyce Young</i>	18 Birthday: <i>Weston Goodenberger</i>	19 Birthdays: <i>Theo Hartman, Anna Thompson, Anne Vicker</i> 1:00-3:00 p.m. Cancer Support Ministry Meet and Greet at Adam's Street
20 Noon Appalachia Service Project Lunch (free will offering) 2:00 p.m. Discovering Church Membership Class	21 Birthday: <i>Coltyr Frey</i>	22 Birthday: <i>Megan Travis</i>	23	24 Birthdays: <i>Darrell Ellis, Gay Lynn Owens, Jason Wolfe</i>	25 Men's Conference at Cornerstone, Chariton Begins Friday at 5:30 p.m. Ends Sat. at 3:00 p.m.	26
27 5:00 p.m. Realities of Life Workshop	28 Birthdays: <i>Martha Heatherington, Kate Jennett</i>	29	30	31 Birthdays: <i>Gert Müller, Kirsten (Young) Leef</i>		



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The 2019 ASP Team will be providing lunch at Crest immediately after worship on January 20. This team will be traveling to the Appalachia region this summer to make homes "safer, warmer and drier." The meal is provided for a free will offering.



If you are considering joining Crest, Pastor Chuck will be leading the *Discovering Church Membership Class* on January 20 at 2:00 p.m. Sign up on the tear-off.

Realities of Life Workshop

While we may not want to think of end-of-life decisions, it is better to prepare for the inevitable realities of life before you find yourself in the middle of a crisis that require decisions you may not have considered. This workshop on January 27 at 5:00 p.m. will help you work out some of the legal and medical decisions to lovingly prepare for such events.



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