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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 TeamKID, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

Thursday:

7:00 pm Light Co. SWCC, Room 155 (first meeting)

Beloved,

Happy New Year! As we move into 2020 there is so much to anticipate. As Iowans, we are again the center of Presidential politics and all of the robocalls and commercials (I don't think the rest of the country appreciates the service we do for them in weeding out the candidates!).

But in the coming months I

hope to share with you a "20/20 Vision" and consider what directions Crest Baptist Church will go in this next decade. Things and people are always in a state of constant change—we don't know what tomorrow will bring—so we are warned not to make plans according to our own understanding but in alignment with the will of God. Therefore, we will be looking at the means by which we do Bible teaching, evangelism, missions, and discipleship; all of which are timeless desires of God for His people. I would encourage you to be in prayer for this process and be open to any changes God may lay before us.

Speaking of changes, we will be saying, "see you later" to Aaron Young as he pursues collegiate life and ministry in Kansas City. Aaron has been an important part of our ministry since he was a youth. His skills in worship have been honed over the years and for the last four

years, he has served as the youth and collegiate worship leader, guiding other youth in developing their musical skills for use in ministry. He has been a vital part of our Sunday morning worship, as well. His overall "what can I do to help?" attitude has been a real asset to

our church, and we will miss his on-going presence in our midst.

However, we look forward to seeing how God continues to develop and challenge Aaron as he makes this life change. January 5 will be his last service with us before he moves to attend Spurgeon College at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, so be sure to wish him "Godspeed"!

Just to hearken back to 2019, you were encouraged to consider "Who's Your One" - a strategic prayer plan to see God work in the life of a family member or friend who is not in church. I encourage you to continue praying for your one and another as we begin the New Year. Pastor Neal and I will start a preaching series in the coming weeks on "Invite Your One." So, continue to ask God to give you an opportunity to share God's Good News and invite them to join you in church.

In His love,

Pastor Chuck



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING (9:00 A.M.)

Answers to Tough Questions

Many Christians defending the faith a discipline reserved for those in academic circles. However, every follower of Christ should consider carefully why they believe what they believe. Examining six questions moves us beyond the cultural norm of “this is what I think” to truth that compels us to believe. **When Life Gets Hard: Big Questions About Pain and Suffering.** (Beginning Jan. 12) 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)

It Happens after Prayer — Life’s inevitable difficulties and disappointments can discourage us from praying, but our response should be to pray anyway



and keep praying. But are you convinced that prayer works? Even when you don’t get the answers you want? In this six-session series, Pastor H.B. Charles, Jr. motivates and encourages us to respond to the challenges of life with prayer, to pray without ceasing, and to pray with great expectations.

(Beginning Jan 12) **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)

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, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., on Saturday, January 11.

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.

Sending Our SYMPATHY

Alan and Dorine Peterson, following the deaths of his sister, Lynn Peterson, and her brother-in-law, Raymond Cooper on October 26.

Tim and Jennifer Redd after the death of his brother, Wayne Redd, on November 15.

Brett and Lindsay Street following the death of his brother, Travis Street, on December 21

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...

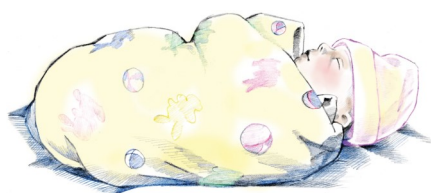
(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)



If you are considering joining Crest, Pastor Chuck will be leading the *Discovering Church Membership Class* on January 19 at 2:00 p.m. Sign up on the tear-off.



The Cancer Support Ministry will have a "Meet and Greet" at Adam's Street Espresso on January 11 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Join them for live music, good food and fellowship



Newborns

These two littles were added to the church family during the last two months of 2019:

- Tim and Kate Jennett, and big brother, Henry, greeted **Clara Jane**, into the world on November 12.
- Seth and Christie Hanson welcomed **Finley Grace** into the world on December 9. Grandparents are Wayne and Michelle Hanson and great-grandparents are David and Joyce Young.

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



We congratulate our member who graduated from college in December 2019:

- Kristy Powers —B.S. (Business Management/Marketing) from the Northwest Missouri State University. She is the daughter of Joe and Karla Powers.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering


Surely there can be
NO GREATER JOY
than that of
saving souls.

Lottie Moon

Give to the LMCO through January 31



January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service		Tuesdays GriefShare	1 	2 Anniversary: Jerry and Laura Hartman	3 Birthdays: Karla Hynes, Dan Coder Anniversary: Elmer and Nancy Young	4 Birthdays: Hailey Deemer, Karla Powers, Brenna Shimer
5	6	7 Birthday: Dick Krambeck	8 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. TeamKID and Adult Bible Studies resume	9	10	11 12:30 Cancer Support "Meet and Greet at Adam's Street Espresso" Birthdays: Merry Nurnberg,
12 Birthday: Diane Fienhage	13	14 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study resumes 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study resumes Birthdays: Matt Deemer, Josh Simmons	15 6:30 p.m. Crest Youth resumes	16 7:00 p.m. The Light Company resumes (SWCC, Room 155) Birthday: Larry Owings	17 Birthdays: Doryn Paup, Joyce Young	18 Birthday: Weston Goodenberger
19 Noon A.S.P. Lunch (free will offering) Birthdays: Theo Hartman, Anna Thompson, Anne Vicker	20	21 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	22 Birthday: Megan Travis	23	24 Birthday: Darrell Ellis, Gay Lynn Owens, Jason Wolfe	25
26	27	28 Birthdays: Martha Heatherington, Kate Jennett	29	30	31 Birthdays: Gert Müller, Kristen (Young) Leef	

Men's Conference at Cornerstone, Chariton Begins Friday at 5:30 p.m. ends Sat. at 3:00 p.m.



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The 2020 ASP Team will be providing lunch at Crest immediately after worship on January 19. 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.



We invite you to join us for the 2020 Iowa Men's Conference as we consider how to engage the enemy for the sake of ourselves and for the sake of those we've been given responsibility. We will not be ones to throw in the towel, to lose heart, but we will be renewed by the knowledge of Him whom we serve and the faithfulness of those who have gone before us. Early bird (thru 12/31) and special rates available for father/sons and those bringing guests can be found at crestbaptistchurch.com/men.

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