



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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LMCO 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:

- 8:45 a.m. Adult S.S. Class via Zoom
- 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Class (In-person)
- 10:00 a.m. In-person Worship at Crest; Worship on Facebook
- 11:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Class via Zoom

Tuesday:

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Study
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Study, GriefShare

Wednesday:

- 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Youth In-person

Thursday:

- 6:30 p.m. In-person Worship at Crest
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study at the McRae's

Beloved,

Welcome 2021! After this past year, we might be entering THIS New Year with a bit more sense of trepidation or with a sense that this year has to be better than the last. The fact is we don't know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future and Who holds our hand.



With that said, what should be our attitude as we enter the new year...fear or optimism?

God's Word has a lot to say about our attitude in the midst of the uncertainties of our life and future.

The half-brother of Jesus, James, said that planning is not bad, but we do so with openness to the Lord's will (James 4:13-15). Jesus spoke of the certainty of His daily provisions while telling his followers to not worry about tomorrow (Matthew 6:25-34).

Even the night of His betrayal Jesus told His disciples to not let their hearts be troubled but to believe in Him (John 14:1). Why? Because despite the seeming defeat about to occur in His arrest and crucifixion, Jesus knew that it was all to pave the way for the victory that was to come in the resurrec-

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Hi Crest Family,

At the start of this new year I'd just like to take a moment to say thank you to all of you. Thank you for your attitudes of service. Thank you for your willingness and passion to pray for one another. Thank you for your dedication to unity and love.

These are all things that make it



a pleasure and a joy to minister alongside you. You always make your love for me and my family very well-known from notes of encouragement to pastor appreciation. You will never know the full extent of how those small gestures support and encourage us, but trust me, it is a lot!

Regardless of what is going on in our community and world lets head into 2021 continuing to love God and others. That is the one thing that will do the most good for us and for our world.

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ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

NOTE: With only one of our three adult classes meeting in-person, to receive a Zoom class link, email

info@crestbaptistchurch.com .

SUNDAY (8:45 A.M.)

Truth and Lies — Temptations will come to us, but we need not yield to them. However, even Christians' religious culture can become a tool for Satan to tempt us. Satan tempts us to attempt to meet valid goals in ways that magnify self and leave God out, but God desires to renovate your life by the presence of His Spirit within you. With His power, believers must be aggressive, intentional, and consistent in their war against personal sin. (MasterWork- Zoom online/Steve Marean)

SUNDAY (9:00 A.M.)

When Emotions Rise—We'll look at key psalms to learn how to convey your emotions in a healthy, Christ-honoring way, and *Spiritual Disciplines*, which examines several prac-

tices that can help us become more like Jesus. A special focus session, *Created for a Purpose*, is also included to help us see that every person has value and purpose. (Bible Studies for Life [BSL] - Jamie Travis) Fellowship Hall.

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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.

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

TUESDAYS

Women's Revelation Bible Study — Peter said in 2 Peter

1:19, "we do well to pay attention to the prophetic word of The Almighty God because it is like a lamp shining in a dark place." Come study with us the book of Revelation. In-person and virtual options for both the 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. studies. (Worship Center)

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 for info about online classes at (641) 344-6249.

THURSDAY

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

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

Since online Zoom classes are continuing, Winter quarterly curriculum is available for pick up in the foyer. Call 782-2018 if you would like it delivered to your home.

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tion and ascension to the Throne. Indeed, Isaiah said that God declared the end from the beginning and "My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose" (Isaiah 46:10).

Someone once wrote:

*Though I know not what awaits
me,*

What the future has in store,

*Yet I know the Lord is faithful,
For I've proved Him oft before.*

(Anonymous)

So, we can face today AND tomorrow with the knowledge that God is faithful and will see His purposes to their fruition. If we are a part of His purposes, we can rest in His goodness (Romans 8:28).

In His love,

Pastor Chuck


Sending Our
SYMPATHY

Jason and Erica Wolfe following the death of his grandmother, Patricia (Pat) Wolfe on December 24.

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)

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:00 a.m. Worship Services (in-person and online)</p>		<p>Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study resumes 1/12 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study resumes 1/12; GriefShare resumes 1/19</p>	<p>Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Step Studies begin 1/13 6:30 p.m. Youth Group</p>	<p>Thursdays 6:30 p.m. In-person Worship 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Meeting at the McRae's</p>	1	<p>2 Anniversary: Jerry and Laura Hartman</p>
<p>3 Birthdays: Karla Hynes, Dan Coder Anniversary: Elmer and Nancy Young</p>	<p>4 Birthdays: Hailey Deemer, Karla Powers</p>	5	<p>6 6:30 p.m. Crest Youth resumes</p>	<p>7 Birthday: Dick Krambeck</p>	8	9
10	<p>11 Birthdays: Merry Nurnberg, Wilma Osmun</p>	<p>12 Birthdays: Diane Fienhage, Ron Pendegraft</p>	<p>13 6:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Step Studies begin</p>	<p>14 Birthdays: Matt Deemer, Josh Simmons</p>	15	<p>16 Birthday: Larry Owings</p>
<p>17 Birthdays: Doryn Paup, Joyce Young</p>	<p>18 Birthday: Weston Goodenberger</p>	<p>19 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting Birthdays: Theo Hartman, Anna Thompson, Anne Vicker</p>	20	<p>21 Birthday: Coltyr Frey</p>	<p>22 Birthday: Megan Travis</p>	23
<p>24 Birthday: Darrell Ellis, Gay Lynn Owens, Jason Wolfe</p>	25	<p>26 Birthday: Candy Cain</p>	<p>27 Birthday: Dillon Hightshoe</p>	<p>28 Birthdays: Martha Heatherington, Kate Jennett</p>	29	30
<p>31 Birthdays: Gert Müller, Kristen (Young) Leef</p>						



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It has been three years since the church was blessed with a Celebrate Recovery (CR) program but plans to breathe life back into this important ministry at Crest are in the works.

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12 step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. It is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life through developing a relationship with Jesus Christ and like-minded people

However, in launching our Celebrate Recovery program,

we need Christians who hear the Lord's call to come alongside and help the many people who suffer from life's hurts,

Celebrate Recovery®

A CHRIST-CENTERED 12 Step program

habits and hang-ups.

Beginning on January 13, 2021 (Wednesday night), Crest will begin a weekly CR step-study. These step studies will walk the participants through the 12-steps and help them prepare to be able to lead in Celebrate Recovery. However, anyone who is interested in taking this step-study

will be welcome. There will be one men's group and one women's group.

Until then, we ask that everyone who reads these words, first pray for the Lord's blessing on this ministry. Then second, ask the Lord, "is your will for me to become a part of this ministry, in leadership or through participation?"

If you feel drawn, seek out Pat or Amanda for more detailed information. Both of us would love to talk to you.

Patrick Prentice: (858) 500-6751, Amanda Davis: (641) 344-2440 or email to info@crestbaptistchurch.com.

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