



# The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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July's mission/outreach emphasis will be Light Co, our ministry to the SWCC Campus.

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### Weekly Schedule

**Sunday:**  
 9:00 am Bible Study  
 10:15 am Worship  
 6:00 pm Cancer Support Ministry—(July 8)

**Tuesday:**  
 6:30 pm GriefShare, Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday:**  
 7:00 am Prayer Meeting  
 6:30 pm Youth Meeting

**Thursday:**  
 7:00 pm Night Light at McKinley Park

## PASTOR'S POSTS

Beloved,

July is always a busy month with camps, county fair and the beginning of Vacation Bible School. But before we get too busy, we want to start the month with a fun, fellowship that will be laid back and give us a chance to get better acquainted as a church. It will be on Sunday July 1, from 4:30—7:00 p.m. Sponsored by Travis Webber's adult Sunday School class, they will be providing walking tacos/taco salads, but you're asked to bring a dish to share. Activities are planned and childcare will be available to allow adults to interact in some activities. If you want to participate in a "Cookie Bake-off," bring 2 dozen of your best home-made cookies.

With the other opportunities of the month, continued relationship building and spiritual growth opportunities abound. Pray for our youth as they go to camp and are challenged in their understanding of God's will and their response to His call on their lives. Pray for the workers and children who will be involved in Vacation Bible School, asking God to bring some to a saving knowledge of Jesus and reaching unchurched families for Christ.

In His love,

*Pastor Chuck*



### Youth:

Thus far this summer, we've promoted our incoming 7th graders from TeamKID to youth. Our relaxed summer format of more games/hangout time, while retaining our same schedule allows for students to develop relationships with each other and our volunteers. Thanks to the Paups for hosting F.I.S.H. (Fellowship In Someone's Home) this past week. Their hospitality provided a great venue for the students to relax and develop real relationships with one another.

We're gearing up for summer camp. We'll be taking our students to Resonate Youth Conference at Grandview University in Des Moines. We'll be registering over the next month. Camp is the 23-27 of July.

We are still making plans to have incoming sixth graders join youth group when school begins in the fall.

### Light Co.

We said goodbye to Maddie Green, our collegiate intern for the 17-18 school year. She has been a huge blessing to our ministry in her leadership with worship and the girl's small group.

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## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

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

**Why Are We Here?** – God gave us an innate desire to learn, and kids are quick to ask questions. As we get older, the “why” questions change. We contemplate the world around us and our place in it. Thankfully, the Bible answers the basic questions of life. We don’t have to struggle to find purpose and meaning in our lives, the answers are just ahead.

**Beginning July 22: Nehemiah: Building a Life of Service**—What does ministry and service look like? How do I practically carry out service? Nehemiah gave us a great example of what serving looks like. He started a task, prayed and depended upon God, and saw it through to completion, giving us a pattern for our own service. Young Adults (Rm 105) Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall)

**The Radical Disciple** – Not satisfied with merely being a

disciple of Jesus, author John R. W. Stott calls on us to become radical disciples – those who pursue not only the popular calls of Scripture but also the unpopular.

**Beginning July 22: Crucible: The Choices that Change Your Life Forever**—The crucible is the place where substances are refined and defined and changed. Through the seven-week study of the life of David, we will see how the circumstances of life put intense pressure on him, revealing what was in his heart and developing him into the man God wanted him to be. Adults (Room 104)

**Joshua, Judges, Ruth** – Any thoughts that God is a disconnected deity floating aimlessly somewhere in the heavens is simply not what the Bible teaches. Instead these books of the Bible tell us that God is active, involved in the lives of His people and fulfills His plans and promises. Learn how He uses the most unexpected of persons to do extraordinary feats of power

and grace. Adults (Room 109)

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, 6:00 p.m., July 8

### ADDITIONAL CLASSES

TUESDAY: **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, 6:30 p.m.)

**Breaking Free**—Beth Moore’s in-depth Bible study leads you through Isaiah 61:1-4 to discover the transforming power of Christian freedom. (Room 105, 6:30 p.m.)

THURSDAY: **Celebrate Recovery**—a Christ-centered 12-Step Ministry. Currently our church’s CR is on a break. However, if you are interested, contact Amanda Davis at 344-2440.

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

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We are continuing our casual Night Light in the park (7 pm) plan for the summer.

We also have some plans for special events including volunteering with Freedom 4 Youth in their outreach events during the summer.

*Pastor Neal*



**OPEN TABLE**

Crest will be serving at Open Table on July 17 at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to supply food and serve at the UCC Church at 501 W. Montgomery St. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center or you can use the tear-off on the bulletin to volunteer.

**It's time to  
Gear up!  
Get ready!  
Game On!**



Vacation Bible School will be July 29—August 2, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. To help us plan, please register your child(ren) online at [crestbaptistchurch.com/vbs](http://crestbaptistchurch.com/vbs).

# July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 4:30—7:00 p.m. <i>All-church Fellowship</i> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Ruth Kaprielian</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>No Evening Activities</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>No Activities</b>  <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Michelle Hanson</i>	<b>5</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Randy and Anne Vicker</i>	<b>6</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Cody and Cali Purdum</i>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>Lunch after</b> <b>Worship:</b> fundraiser for Fun in the Son <b>6:00 p.m.</b> <i>Cancer Support</i> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Scott Sawtelle</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Olivia Hartman</i>	<b>11</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Ross and Monica King</i>	<b>12</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Rick Hanson; Jacob Webber</i>	<b>13</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Carolyn Duskin; Elmer Young</i>	<b>14</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Bige and Diane Fienhage</i>  <i>"Fun in the SON" Music Festival at McKinley Park</i>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Tara Hanson, Paul Shimer</i>  <b>Anniversaries:</b> <i>Tom and Allison Danilovich; Joe and Gay Lynn Owens</i>	<b>17</b> <b>4:00 p.m.</b> Finance Committee <b>5:00 p.m.</b> Open Table <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Church Council Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Mindy Gutmann; Jamie Travis</i>
<b>22</b> <b>Congregational Meeting after Worship</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Becky Shields</i> <b>Anniversaries:</b> <i>Phil and Beth McIntosh</i>	<b>23</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Trindon Phipps</i>	<b>24</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Ariah Phipps</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>5-7:30 p.m.</b> Freedom Quest Youth Event at McKinley Park  <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Mary Cochran; Pam Hoffman</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Paisley Goodenberger; Chuck Hoyt; Della Kramer</i>
<b>Pray for Resonate—Youth Conference at Grandview College</b>						
<b>29</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Neal McRae</i> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Wayne and Michelle Hanson</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Taylor Phipps</i>	<b>Sundays</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service 6:00 p.m. Cancer Support Ministry (July 8)	<b>Tuesdays</b> 6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Beth Moore Women's Bible Study	<b>Wednesdays</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. Youth Fun Night	<b>Thursdays</b> 7:00 p.m. Night Light at McKinley Park
<b>Vacation Bible School 7/29-8/2</b> <b>6:00—8:30 pm</b>						



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Our team of seven returned late Tuesday from an unforgettable week in Guatemala City. This week was filled with many challenges and heartaches but one through which God brought great growth.

We gave out over 300 hygiene bags to volcano victims, orphans, and those working in the dump. We also went to a community called Yalu (rural Guatemala) and gave out thousands of meals from Feed My Starving Children. We met many people over this past week and were able to pray for them.

One man who was affected by the recent volcano eruption lost his wife and three of his four



children. We also met a 7 year old boy who was a part of Believe in the VBS program whose parents both died and has an abusive un-

cle. These are just a couple of the many heartbreaking stories that we heard and where able to pray over them.

But in the short time we were there God revealed His sovereignty and power to us. There is a great need, but our God is even greater! Thank you all so much for those of you who prayed for us and for all the many donations we were able to bless those with. God is on the move in Guatemala as well!

Blessings,  
Kristy Kay Powers



- ◆ Theresa and John Carter in the death of her nephew, Pat Miller on May 25.
- ◆ Lisa and Scott Sawtelle following the death of her grandfather, Gilbert Lindberg, on June 2.
- ◆ Steve Miller's wife, Melody and family upon his death on June 23.
- ◆ Dawn and Larry Richardson and Jamie and Megan Travis on the death of Dawn's mother, JoAnn Huey on June 26.

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