

# The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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July's mission emphasis will be Jessica Cramer and Special

Hope Network as they seek to make a difference in the lives of children in Zambia.

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## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday:

- 8:30 a.m. Adult S.S. Classes via Zoom
- 8:45 a.m. Adult S.S. Classes via Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. In-person Worship at Crest; Live Streamed Worship on Facebook
- 11:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Classes via Zoom

### Tuesday:

- 11:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group via Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare (online)

### Wednesday:

- 7:00 am Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 pm Preschool/ Children/Youth via Zoom

### Thursday:

- 6:30 pm In-person Worship at Crest (RSVP on website)

Beloved,

We have had a month of in-person worship services and continued online worship. The good news is that between all three services, we have been recording normal or above average attendance. The options of Thursday and online services have worked well for those who might be out for weekend travels or vacations. However, we are still limited in capacity by social distancing suggestions, and we have not resumed in-person classes.

Of all our ministries, it is perhaps our preschool and children's ministries that have borne the brunt of curtailed meetings. We have decided to cancel Vacation Bible School this summer. However, I appreciate our teachers for their attempts to maintain the church's role in coming alongside parents in the spiritual development of children. We realize that we are still missing some of our children through online meetings. Consequently, our teachers will be attempting to contact parents to see what you most need from us during this time.

Over the last year, we have been in conversation with Pat Prentice regarding an internship at Crest. Pat and his daughter, Summer, spent eight months at Crest in 2014 while his wife, Kathryn (Kat), was in military

training. They currently live in San Diego California with Kat scheduled to retire from the Navy in December. Pat also served 24 years in the Navy (1982-2006) as a Meteorologist.

After rejoining Kat in Hawaii in 2015, Pat used his VA benefits to complete his college career with a degree in Christian ministry. This ignited a passion within Pat—a desire to dive deeper into the Word, the Church, and Faith. Those around me also sensed this change and strongly encouraged me to continue pursuing that passion. He began working towards a Master in Divinity (M.Div.) at Wayland Baptist University in late 2016. In 2017, when the Navy moved his family from Pearl Harbor Hawaii to San Diego California, he transferred to Bethel Seminary.

The final requirements for his MDiv is to complete an internship with a church. Because Pat and Kat own what was his parents' home in Creston and because he fell in love with Iowa, they will be moving back here...he and Summer at the end of July and Kat at the end of December. It seemed a good fit for him to work alongside the Crest family as he finishes up his seminary coursework.

Pat writes: "I was blessed many years ago when the Holy Spirit led me to find Crest. I am

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## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

NOTE: Classes are currently meeting by Zoom. You do not need a Zoom account to participate, but you do need an internet connected computer or smart phone to participate. To get a class link, email [info@crestbaptistchurch.com](mailto:info@crestbaptistchurch.com).

SUNDAY (8:45 A.M.)

**You Are Gifted** — Spiritual gifts are always given and exercised in the larger context of the church. They enable us to edify other members of the body of Christ and to evangelize those still waiting to enter the Kingdom. Thus, this study considers spiritual gifts in the context of four first century churches. (MasterWork/Steve Marean)

SUNDAY (9:00 A.M.)

**Living with Hope in a Broken World** — When your hope wavers or you're tempted to place your confidence in earthly things that disappoint, how can you remain anchored to Christ as your hope? This study will examine the uniqueness and basis of biblical hope.

Whether in suffering, pain, prosperity, or contentment, learn to place your hope in God alone and testify of His hope to the world around you. (Bible Studies for Life (BSL)/Jamie Travis)



SUNDAY (11:00 A.M.)

**Living with Hope in a Broken World** — We place hope in a lot of things: investments, financial planning, diets, and even people. While we might feel a sense of confidence that our hope is rightly placed, such hope is never certain. People disappoint. Circumstances change. Christ, however, is faithful and unchanging. Through the Book of 1 Peter, we see that, when we trust Him, we gain a hope like no other. (BSL/Joe Powers)

**Cancer Support Ministry:** We are reaching out to fami-

lies 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

TUESDAY AT 11:30 A.M.

**Women's Prayer Meeting/Sermon Review** — This group is gathering on Zoom to discuss the previous Sunday's sermon and spend time in prayer together. Email [info@crestbaptistchurch.com](mailto:info@crestbaptistchurch.com) for group log in link

**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.

Since online Zoom classes are continuing, Summer 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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now blessed even more now that Crest has graciously accepted the challenge to lead my internship this Fall. It has been an interesting path getting to this place, both spiritually and physically, a path that I would have never imagined years ago. However, I am fully aware, and even more thank-

ful, that Christ imagined it. Knowing this, I am eager to see what else He has imagined for me."

I am sure you will welcome and pray for Pat and his family as he serves in a variety of roles in the two semesters of his internship.

In His love,  
*Chuck*



- Taylor and Kelsie Royster—Promise of Letter
- Aaron Richardson—Statement of Faith
- Noah Richardson—Baptism
- Doryn Paup—Baptism

# July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays 8:30 am Bible Studies for Life (Zoom) 8:45 am Master Work SS Class (Zoom) 9:00 am Bible Studies for Life (Zoom) 10:00 am In-person and Facebook Worship Service 11:00 am Bible Study (Zoom)</p>		<p>Tuesdays 11:30 am Women's Prayer Group and Sermon Review (Zoom)</p>	<p><i>1</i> Wednesdays 7:00 am Prayer Group at church 6:30 pm Pre-school, Children and Youth Zoom meetings.</p>	<p><i>2</i> Thursdays 6:30 pm In-person Worship Service 7:30 pm Light Co.  <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Ruth Kaprielian</i></p>	<p><i>3</i> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Zaylee Sandeman</i></p>	<p><i>4</i> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Michelle Hanson</i></p>
<p><i>5</i> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Randy and Anne Vicker</i></p>	<p><i>6</i> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Asher Aldrich; Shannon Gravlin; Tasia Scott</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p>	<p><i>8</i> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Harold Downey</i></p>	<p><i>9</i></p>	<p><i>10</i> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Kerri Anderson; Olivia Hartman</i></p>	<p><i>11.</i> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Ross and Monica King</i></p>
<p><i>12</i> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Rick Hanson; Seth Hanson; Jacob Webber</i></p>	<p><i>13</i> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Carolyn Duskin; Elmer Young</i></p>	<p><i>14</i> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Bige and Diane Fienhage</i></p>	<p><i>15</i></p>	<p><i>16</i> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Tadd Carr; Tara Hanson</i>  <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Joe and Gay Lynn Owens</i></p>	<p><i>17</i></p>	<p><i>18</i></p>
<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Mindy Gutmann; Jamie Travis</i>  <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Rick and Joann Quam</i></p>	<p><i>22</i> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Becky Shields</i>  <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Phil and Beth McIntosh</i></p>	<p><i>23</i></p>	<p><i>24</i></p>	<p><i>25</i></p>
<p><i>26</i> Congregational Meeting at the end of Worship  <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Mary Cochran; Pam Hoffman</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Paisley Goodenberger; Chuck Hoyt; Della Kramer</i></p>	<p><i>29</i> <b>Birthday:</b> <i>Neal McRae</i>  <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Wayne and Michelle Hanson</i></p>	<p><i>30</i>  Celebrate Recovery Summit Contact Amanda Davis (641)344-2440 for details about this online event.</p>	<p><i>31</i></p>	<p>Tuesday, July 21  <b>4:00 p.m.</b> Finance Committee Meeting  <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Church Council Meeting</p>



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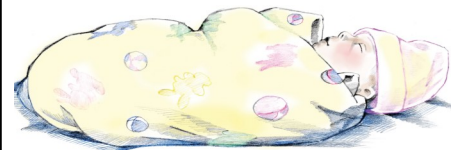
As we navigate these unprecedented times, Celebrate Recovery is committed to providing EVERYONE inspiration and tools for healing from their hurts, hang-ups, and habits – and have you REJOICING in your recovery journey! 100% of the content at this Summit is NEW!

This year's Summit is one of the most important events in CR's 29-year history. By pivoting to the first-ever Online Summit the CR National team is bringing inspiration and tools for healing straight to

your home or small-group gathering place.

Everyone is welcome to join us as we heal and grow together! This is our most affordable summit yet! The cost is only \$49 but scholarships are available.

The Summit is scheduled on July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, but you will be able to view it for up to one week after the event if that does not work for you. Please contact Amanda Davis if you have any questions at [lovecrestoncr@gmail.com](mailto:lovecrestoncr@gmail.com) or 641-344-2440.



## Newborns

### Congratulations to

- Nicole and Tony Henry on the birth of twins Bohdi Benjamin and Sophie Ann on June 21 in Houston. Ben and Brenda Walker are the happy grandparents.
- Linsey and David Gravlin on the birth of their daughter, Madeline Joy on June 22 in Ames. The proud grandparents are Wayne and Michelle Hanson. David and Joyce Young are the happy great-grandparents.

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