



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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June'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:

- 9:00 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 been praying about the next steps in reopening our building for in-person gatherings. Just as opinions about handling COVID-19 vary greatly in our society, there are varying opinions in our church. We understand that we have some who are so ready to get back to normal and others who want to see greater mitigation of COVID:19 before they re-engage in "normal" activity. Because of this, we want to be considerate of the needs of all and take the most caring and responsible steps as we consider reopening. Since we have a responsibility to not only the spiritual health but also the physical health of participants, we will be trying to follow some best practices as suggested by the CDC and Iowa Department of Public Health.

Therefore, we plan to restart in-person worship while maintaining social distancing. But we also want to continue ministering to those who are not ready to return. So, this is our plan as things currently stand. Realize we may be making some changes as needed.

For those who are ready to return:

Beginning in June, we will offer two in-person worship services per week. Because we have been recording our Sunday service on Thursday evenings, we will open that time for others to join us. That

first service will be June 4 at 6:30 p.m. We will also meet on Sundays, with the first service on June 7 at 10:00 a.m. We will have worship only with no childcare or Bible study classes offered.

Additionally, we ask you to RSVP for the service you plan to attend. Each week on Tuesday a link will be on our website, Facebook page and emailed to you. Due to social distancing we will likely be seating less than 50% of our previous capacity. Thus, we will need to be flexible for a few months and you may not be able to sit in your normal seat. Also, we may need to have overflow attendance in the Fellowship Hall.

For those who will remain home a little longer:

Online services will continue indefinitely with our Sunday Facebook Worship at 10 a.m. Additionally, we plan to continue Zoom small group Bible studies with no plans to have in-person small groups at the church facility at least through the month of June (and perhaps all summer). We recognize that we have at-risk members and those who simply want to take a more cautious approach. Our live, online programs will be available to you indefinitely.

What you can expect when you plan on attending an in-person service:

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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.

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 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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1. If you are sick or show ANY symptoms, please stay home.
2. Be prepared to honor all social-distancing guidelines while at the church – please no hand shaking or hugs and stay 6' apart.
3. The worship center chairs will be marked with available

- seating for your family, but expect space between you and other worshippers.
4. Consider wearing a mask. Wearing a mask is a considerate thing to do for others who may be more susceptible.
5. Plan to arrive right on time and go directly to your seat. Sorry, but we must limit our fellowship during this

- time. We know, it's hard!
6. We aim to keep the worship service to roughly an hour in length.
7. There will be limited restroom access. Plan accordingly and help us minimize restroom use. Services will be limited to one hour, so this will help.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays 8:45 am Master Work SS Class (Zoom) 9:00 am Bible Study for Life (Zoom) 10:00 am In-person and Facebook Worship Service 11:00 am Bible Study (Zoom)</p>	<p>1 Birthday: <i>Reegan Waldeier</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Dick and Elaine Krambeck</i></p>	<p>2 Tuesdays 11:30 am Women's Prayer Group and Sermon Review</p>	<p>3 Birthday: <i>Alec Smith</i></p> <p>Anniversaries: <i>Darrell and Katherine Ellis; Chad and Jodi Paup</i></p>	<p>4 Birthdays: <i>Katie Powers; Kristy Livingston</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Marion and Beverly Hargin</i></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Birthdays: <i>Dawn Daily; Ayden Purdum; Chuck Spindler</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Ben and Brenda Walker</i></p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Anniversary: <i>Dale and Dee VerHelst</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Birthday: <i>Jennifer Redd</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Ron and Teresa Pendegraft</i></p>
<p>14 Birthdays: <i>Katie Goodenberger; Christie Hanson</i></p>	<p>15 Birthday: <i>Clarissa Hoffman</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Mark and Peg Eblen</i></p>	<p>16 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>17 Birthday: <i>Don Duskin</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Travis and Nicole Webber</i></p>	<p>18 Birthdays: <i>Lesa Downing; Patty Marean; Langley Scott</i></p>	<p>19 Birthdays: <i>Todd Downing; Zackary King</i></p>	<p>20 Anniversaries: <i>Todd and Lesa Downing; Taylor and Kelsie Royster</i></p>
<p>21 Congregational Meeting at the end of Worship</p> <p>Birthday: <i>Jonathan Seals</i></p> 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Birthday: <i>Brianna Frey</i></p> <p>Anniversaries: <i>Duane and Wilma Osmun; Don and Lexie Starlin</i></p>	<p>25 Birthday: <i>Melissa Gravlin</i></p>	<p>26 Anniversary: <i>Chad and Debbie Aldrich</i></p>	<p>27 Birthdays: <i>Owen Davis; Jennifer Hoyt; McKinley King; Derek VerHelst</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Joe and Karla Powers</i></p>
<p>28 Birthdays: <i>Logan Angelo; Ryan Maitlen</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>Wednesdays 7:00 am Prayer Group at church 6:30 pm Pre-school, Children and Youth Zoom meetings.</p>	<p>Thursdays 6:30 pm In-person Worship Service</p>		



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8. That said, we will not be providing coffee, but you are free to bring your own.

9. Additional hand sanitizer will be available as you enter and exit the sanctuary.

10. No other Sunday or week-day on campus ministries are being held. No Sunday School, children or youth ministries or childcare.

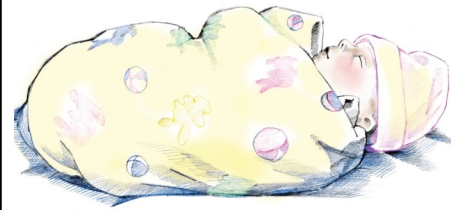
11. No offering plates will be passed, so we ask that you continue using online giving options or use the no-touch offering receptacles in the foyer and Welcome Center.

- **WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A MASK?** There will be a limited

supply of masks available at church. We are currently working on securing as many as we can.

- **WHEN WILL SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUME?** It is too early to tell. We are committed to focusing on getting worship services running well again. It is our hope that we will learn a lot that can be applied to starting up the rest of our ministries soon.

CAN I SIT WITH SOMEONE NOT IN MY FAMILY UNIT? We ask that you honor all social distancing guidelines that are still in effect. Sitting with a friend would violate the 6-foot social-distance guideline.



Newborns

- Kelsie and Taylor Royster on the birth of Mia Beverly on May 13th
- Caitlyn and Ryan Maitlen on the birth of Emersyn Kay on May 13th.

Preschool, children and youth have been meeting via Zoom on Wednesdays. Contact the church for details. Contact Pastor Neal for details for youth and college gatherings.

Crest Baptist Church is... Committed to Christ—Connecting with Each Other— Commissioned to Serve Our Community and World