

The Crest Connection

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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 CrestKIDS, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

Thursday:

7:00 pm Light Co. SWCC, Room 155

Beloved,

Thanks for allowing Myra and me to take a long weekend off. It enabled us to go to Fort Worth for two reasons. Of course, seeing the grandchildren was tops, but the second reason was nearly as spe-



cial to us. Several months ago we received an invitation to celebrate the 90th birthday of Al Anisowicz, who we have known for 40 years. Al and his wife, Robbie, were some of the first members of the church we joined while in seminary. We had a 10-month old daughter, who we entrusted to Robbie's care in the nursery while we went to Sunday School. She and Al then "adopted" Anna and subsequently our other two daughters, who were born during our time there, as their granddaughters. Their own grandchildren were not in Texas, so our daughters met the need they had to love some babies. That relationship has been maintained over the years and they even made two trips to Iowa as Al played in senior softball tournaments into his 70's.

It is not a misrepresentation to say that Al and Robbie were the main reasons we joined that church. Yes, I wanted good, biblical

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Hi Church family,

The spring semester of Light Company is well underway with an emphasis on our small group community. We're leaning into our strength of spending quality time with each other.



Aaron Young led a group of students in a service project, assisting with Winter Jam in Des Moines. As a team they worked as volunteers to run merchandise booths for the bands who were playing.

Light Co. continues to meet on Thursday nights, but we have moved to Room 155. All SWCC students are invited!

Switching gears to our youth ministry...Winter Retreat was a huge success! Not only did we get to ski in 50-degree weather, but we got to make a lot of new friends from First Grace in Sheffield.

The small groups, in particular, were a great opportunity for the students to get real with one another, develop meaningful relationships and work with God.

It's not too early to begin thinking about Summer Camp. This year's **Resonate** will be July 8-12 in Des Moines. More details will be coming in the next month!

Pastor Neal

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING (9:00 A.M.)

Finding Meaning: Wisdom from Ecclesiastes — This 6-session study considers the wisdom of Ecclesiastes in regard to pleasure, wisdom, work and wealth and the emptiness of pursuing these things. However, God offers a way of living that gives our lives meaning. Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall), Adults (Room 105) and Young Adults (Room 106)

Exodus-Leviticus — The Books of Exodus and Leviticus are about life. Exodus describes the new life the Israelites received when the Lord rescued them from Egypt. Leviticus explains how God further taught them to live. (Room 109)

God Loves You (He Always Has—He Always Will) — This 8-session study by Dr. David Jeremiah focuses on the love of God that removed the barrier that separates mankind from God. It is the gift of love, but it must be truly re-

ceived to experience. Adults (Room 104)

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



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. This month's meeting is on March 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

ADDITIONAL CLASSES
TUESDAY

Women's Bible Study: John — If you want to understand the true meaning of life, if you seek to have eternal life, if you long to know God more, you will find all these desires fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ as He is revealed in the Gospel of John. (9:00 a.m. OR 6:30 p.m. in 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. (Youth Room, 6:30 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY

Adult Bible Study: The Book of Acts — This book of the Bible is known as a history of the acts of the apostles. We will study the ministry of the Holy Spirit, how to be an effective witness for Christ and how to turn persecution into blessing. **6:30 p.m.** (Worship Center)

Men's Study: Leading a Family - This eight-week study will help men accept their calling and experience God's blessing as the spiritual leaders to their wives and children. More than ever, families are desperate for spiritual leadership. And that starts with the husband and father. **6:30 p.m.** (Room 105)

THURSDAY

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

The Cancer Ministry team is very appreciative of Crest for supplying Valentine's cookies and assembling the 55 cookie plates with "Our Daily Bread" enclosed. Also a Valentine plate was delivered to the Creston Cancer Center for the doctors and nurses. We sent an additional 16 Valentine cards and devotionals to those


Cancer Support Ministry



greater than an hour away. Our next regular team meeting is to be Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Crest Baptist Church. We will have our traditional meal; start planning for Easter Lilies, our May 5th fundraiser, update on those fighting cancer and prayer time.

Joe and Gay Lynn Owens

March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service		9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study; Grief-Share	7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. CrestKIDS, Youth and Adult Bible Studies	7:00 p.m. The Light Company (SWCC, Room 155)	1	2 Birthdays: <i>Connie Ellis, Tim Jennett</i> Anniversary: <i>Jim and Pam McCracken</i>
3 6:00 p.m. Cancer Support Ministry	4 Birthdays: <i>Brian Cramer, Marcy Lane, Becky Mason</i>	5 6:30 p.m. MHCS Open House Birthday: <i>Jessica Landers</i>	6 Birthdays: <i>Catherine Daily, Tristan Travis</i>	7 Anniversary: <i>Jason and Erica Wolfe</i>	8 Birthday: <i>Mattias Marroquin</i>	9
10 Birthday: <i>Brian Gutmann</i> 	11	12	13 Birthday: <i>Teresa Peterson</i> Anniversary: <i>Alan and Jaleyn Dobbs</i>	14	15 Birthday: <i>Scot Seeley</i>	16
17 2:00 p.m. Discovering Church Membership Class Birthdays: <i>Marion Hargin, Gloria Müller,</i>	18 Birthdays: <i>Trevor Downing, Pat Prentice, Fred Taylor</i>	19 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council	20 Birthday: <i>Jameson Wolfe</i>	21	22	23 Birthdays: <i>Bill Heatherington, Jenna Shimer, Dale VerHelst</i>
24 Congregational Meeting (at the end of Worship)	25 Birthday: <i>Jordon Shimer</i>	26 5:00 p.m. Open Table, UCC Church Birthday: <i>Jim McCracken</i>	27 Birthdays: <i>John Gravin, Melissa Wilson</i>	28	29 Anniversary: <i>Jerry and Merry Nurnburg</i>	30 Anniversary: <i>Brian and Sherri Cramer</i>
31 Birthdays: <i>Loren Edsall, Cain Goodenberger, Lexi Gutknecht</i>	MARCH HIGHLIGHTS	MARCH 2: All-Church Bridal Shower for Savannah Hartman at 10:00 a.m.	MARCH 5: All who are interested in Pre-school 4—8th Grade are invited to MHCS Open House at 6:30 p.m.	MARCH 10: Remember to "Spring Forward" on Saturday night so you're not late to church.	MARCH 17: Discovering Church Membership Class at 2:00 p.m.	MARCH 26: Food and Volunteers for Open Table can sign up at the Welcome Center or bulletin tear-off.



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preaching, but that was available in a number of churches that were much closer to the seminary. However, we were away from family and significant connections, and this retired couple reached out in significant ways to demonstrate the love and care of Christ. For that reason, I was compelled to give some time, travel and TLC to the man, now a widower and dealing with cancer, to reciprocate the love he showed to my family and me.

Al and Robbie remind me of some of the simple ways we

as church can make an impact on the lives of people. Don't underestimate the importance of a warm greeting, remembering a name, dropping off a meal or offering to babysit. Simple acts of love expressed to someone at any age can have an eternal impact.

Thanks to Neal and our leadership who filled in very capably during my absence. You showed love to Al and his family as you allowed us to go.

We also took in the Cowtown Marathon, but that's a story for next month!

In His love,

Pastor Chuck

Bridal Shower A Bridal Shower is planned for Savannah Hartman on March 2 at 10:00 a.m. Savannah and fiancé, Harrison Suhre are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Pottery Barn, and Target.



**Discovering
Church
Membership
Class**

Sunday, March 17, 2-5 p.m.
Sign up on the
bulletin tear-off.

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