

# 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 TeamKID, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

#### Thursday:

7:00 pm Light Co. SWCC, Room 155

Beloved,

We lost a dear friend in February. Lynne Bates was my sister's best friend in high school and remained so until her death on the last Tuesday of the month. After a 10 year battle with cancer, going in and out of remission, her dear hus-



band and my former youth pastor, Carey, wrote these words: "Change of Address: Claudia Lynne "Pepin" Bates has moved. She now resides in her "Father's House," Paradise. At 2 a.m., Lynne moved from her Winter Park, FL earthly residence (which was pretty nice by most standards) to her Heavenly home that the Lord reserved for her when she put faith in Him in 1972."

What a confidence and a hope the believer has that death is not defeat but victory. In fact as my mentor, Herb Hodges, observed as he was preparing for my mother's funeral: "*The first syllable in the word "funeral" is "FUN." Life may be TERMINAL for all, but it is GERMINAL for His children, and the harvest will enlarge in enjoyment into the ages.*"

Do you have that confidence for yourself...your family...your friends? Will you be able to say

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Hi Church Family,

Influence. When we think of influence, generally we think in terms of social, political or monetary power. However, at least in some small way, we each have influence over the people around us. I get to see this in a very real way



in working with our middle and high school students. It's not universal, but between certain students I see influence at work. You might see a high schooler say hi to a middle schooler and the younger student's face just lights up and they come alive with the attention.

As much as we may not be comfortable with the idea, we all have a realm of influence. Here are some questions that might help you explore this idea. Who do you look up to? Who do you admire and whose opinion you value? What sort of influence are they on you? Who looks up to you? What sort of example are you setting for those people?

Let's not ignore our influence; let's not pretend that it's just a coincidence that we're where God put us. Let's be intentional about the way we influence the people around us and point them towards God.

*Neal*

## ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING (9:00 A.M.)

**Holy Vocabulary: Unpacking the Language of Faith** — Any communication is dependent on the words we use and how we use them. If my understanding of certain words is different from your understanding, communication breaks down between us. This study examines six words and phrases frequently misunderstood by both Christians and non-Christians, and we will study them in light of how God's Word uses them. Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall), Adults (Room 105), Young Adults (Room 102)

**Romans** — Paul's Letter to the Romans is the very heart of the gospel and is worthy of our careful study. The gospel — "the power of God for salvation" (Rom. 1:16) — is the theme of Romans. This gospel not only saves us from the penalty of sin but also breaks the power of sin over us. The more you study Romans, the more precious the gospel will become to you. (Room 109)

**Never Enough** — Jesus talked so much about money because money issues affect all human-

ity. Because of the overlap between our hearts and our



money, God filled Scripture with perspectives and principles about money. He gives us all we need to walk a path of confident stewardship. This study by Christian financial planner, Ron Blue, will help you see how money provides a training ground for spiritual growth that will last into eternity. (Room 104)

### 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 will be after worship on March 8 for a "lunch and learn."

### ADDITIONAL CLASSES

TUESDAY

**Women's Bible Study: Revelation** — This book of Biblical prophecy provide Christians with hope and an outline of God's plans for the future. (9:00-11:00 a.m. **OR** 6:30-8:00 p.m., 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. (Room 109, 6:30 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY

**Adult Bible Study: The Book of Isaiah** — In this study, we will meet not only this outstanding prophet, but also some mighty kings and rulers, see the rise and fall of magnificent kingdoms, see God's people chastened and then restored. But above all else, we'll see the Lord Jesus, God's "Suffering Servant" as He does the will of God and suffers and dies for the sins of the world. (Worship Center, 6:30 p.m.)

**Men's Study**—We'll be taking a few weeks off. Watch the bulletin for a new study in mid-March.

THURSDAY

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

*Preschool, Children and Youth studies also meet Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Additionally, TeamKID for 3 year olds -5th graders and youth meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.*




**Rob and Pam Hoffman** after the death of his mother, Pat Hoffman, on February 6.

**Frank and Sharon Paullin** following the death of his sister, Ruth Ann Hartsock, on February 12.

**Tom and Jane King** after the death of his father, Delbert King, on February 15.

**Ross and Monica King** following the death of her grandfather, Gerald Karas, on February 15

# March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Connie Ellis, Tim Jennett</i> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Jim and Pam McCracken</i></p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study; GriefShare 6:30-8:30 p.m. MHCS Open House</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. CrestKIDS, Youth and Adult Bible Studies <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Brian Cramer, Marcy Lane, Becky Mason</i></p>	<p><b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. The Light Company (SWCC, Room 155) 9:00-11:00 a.m. MHCS Kindergarten Round-up</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Catherine Daily, Tristan Travis</i></p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Jason and Erica Wolfe</i></p>
<p><b>8</b> Noon Cancer Support Mtg <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Mattias Marroquin</i></p> 	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Brian Gutmann</i></p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Joann Quam</i></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Alan and Jaleyn Dobbs</i></p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Debbie Aldrich, Season Larkin</i>  <i>Save the Date</i> BCI Vacation Bible School Training in Red Oak</p>
<p><b>15</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Scot Seeley</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Marion Hargin, Gloria Müller,</i></p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Trevor Downing, Pat Prentice, Fred Taylor</i></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Jameson Wolfe</i></p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Jeremy Gillam</i></p>
<p><b>22</b> <b>Congregational Meeting</b> (at the end of Worship)</p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Bill Heatherington, Dale VerHelst</i></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Jim McCracken</i></p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>John Gravin</i></p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Jurneé Harvey</i></p>
<p><b>29</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Jery and Merry Nurnburg</i></p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>Anniversary:</b> <i>Brian and Sherri Cramer</i></p>	<p><b>31</b> 5:00 p.m. Open Table at the UCC Church <b>Birthdays:</b> <i>Loren Edsall, Cain Goodenberger, Lexi Gutknecht</i></p>				



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with a certainty that you and they will simply be relocated to our “Father’s House” at the time of death? May we have an ever growing sphere of influence that sees more and more people with that assurance.

In these weeks preceding Easter (April 12) , will you continue or begin to pray for your “one,” who needs to know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Ask God to help you speak about the importance of knowing Jesus and be bold enough to **invite your one** to church.

In Christ’s love,  
*Chuck*

**Mayflower Heritage  
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# OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 3, 2020  
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Accepting Registrations in  
Kindergarten through 8th Grade

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# KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP

Thursday, March 5, 2020  
9:00 - 11:00 AM

Call 641.782.0026 to register

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