



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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During March, all of our undesignated mission offerings will go to the Annie Armstrong Mission Offering for North American Missions.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

- 8:45 a.m. Adult S.S. Class via Zoom
- 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Class (In-person)
- 10:00 a.m. In-person Worship at Crest; Worship on Facebook
- 11:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Class via Zoom

Tuesday:

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Study
- 6:30 p.m. Women's Study, GriefShare

Wednesday:

- 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Youth In-person

Thursday:

- 6:30 p.m. In-person Worship at Crest
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study at the McRae's

Beloved,

With March, we begin a new quarter in Bible studies on Sunday mornings (see page 2 for classes). We continue to have online and in-person opportunities. This is a great time to get connected with a group if you are not currently in a Bible study.

I am grateful for our continued options to worship in multiple



FROM THE PASTOR

ways. If there have been any positive things about the pandemic one has been that we have had to learn to do some things differently. I look forward to the time when we can have regular services again. However, the good news is that we are maintaining and surpassing our average attendances when we include all of our worship opportunities. Again, I am so thankful for our music and A/V worship leaders, most of whom have been doing double duty since June, serving on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Speaking of those two in-person worship services, we are continuing to limit our seating to maintain social distancing protocol. Since the Governor lifted the mask mandate in Iowa, we have made our Sunday morning service a "mask recommended" service when unable to maintain social distance. Thursday evening continues to be a

mask required service. In giving some options, we hope that we all will continue to practice concern for one another as we seem to be getting closer to an end of this pandemic.

We are excited to have Jessica Cramer back from Zambia this month. COVID cancelled her plans to come back last summer, so we are glad she will be present with us, sharing about her work with Special Hope Network and aiding children with disabilities. You will have the opportunity to financially support this mission endeavor through a free-will offering, "Grab-N-Go" lunch after service on March 28.

While not under the umbrella of our church, Mayflower Heritage Christian School is a wonderful asset to our community and I'm glad that they operate in our facility. They will be having an Open House on March 2 and a Kindergarten Round-Up on March 4. If you have a child in K-8, I highly recommend MHCS for the academics and Christian world-view approach to education. If you have questions, these events are great opportunities to consider this educational option.

God bless as we continue to serve Him in Creston and beyond.

In His love,

Pastor Chuck

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

NOTE: With only one of our three adult classes meeting in-person, to receive a Zoom class link, email

info@crestbaptistchurch.com .

SUNDAY (8:45 A.M.)

More Than a Carpenter — Based on Josh McDowell's classic book, this seven session study is based on his pursuit of truth. In the end he discovered that the Old and New Testament documents were some of the most reliable writings in all of antiquity. And if they were reliable, he had to admit that Jesus Christ was more than a carpenter.

(MasterWork- Zoom online/Steve Marean)

SUNDAY (9:00 A.M.)

Essentials of Christianity— Within the pages of Scripture, God has revealed truth, the core things that define Christianity. Knowing these truths is more than an academic exercise; as we trust what God has revealed to us, our faith impacts how we live both now

and for eternity. We'll be studying things like God's nature, humanity's purpose, what sin is, Jesus' death, resurrection and return and the work of the Holy Spirit. (Bible Studies for Life [BSL] - Jamie Travis) Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY (11:00 A.M.)

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Cancer Support Ministry: We are reaching out to families 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

TUESDAYS

Women's Revelation Bible Study — Peter said in 2 Peter 1:19, "*we do well to pay atten-*

tion to the prophetic word of The Almighty God because it is like a lamp shining in a dark place." Come study with us the book of Revelation. In-person and virtual options for both the 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. studies. (Worship Center)

GriefShare—This is a Christ-centered 13-week series for those grieving the death of someone close. Cost is \$15 for materials. Meeting at 6:30 p.m., contact Brian Cramer for info at (641) 344-6249.

Celebrate Recovery: This ministry provides a healing, healthy environment for adults affected by hurts, hang-ups, and habits. For more information, contact Amanda Davis (641-344-2440) or Pat Prentice (858-500-6751).

Preschool—Youth Sunday Bible classes are now meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Since online Zoom classes are continuing, Spring quarterly curriculum is available for pick up in the foyer. Call 782-2018 if you would like it delivered to your home.

Mayflower
Heritage
Christian
School

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 | 6:30 to 7:30PM
604 E Townline
Creston, Iowa 50801

Come and learn more about how Mayflower can benefit your family!

Sending Our
SYMPATHY

Debbie Angelo following the death of her mother, Mary Bubb on February 6.

Rob and Pam Hoffman following the death of her mother, Susan Jahde on February 8.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction... (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

March 2021

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>	<i>1</i>	<p><i>2</i> Birthdays: <i>Connie Ellis; Tim Jennett</i></p> <p>Anniversary: <i>Jim and Pam McCracken</i></p>	<i>3</i>	<p><i>4</i> Birthdays: <i>Brian Cramer; Marcy Lane; Becky Mason</i></p>	<p><i>5</i> Birthday: <i>Karen Magee</i></p>	<p><i>6</i> Birthday: <i>Tristan Travis</i></p>
<p><i>7</i> Anniversary: <i>Jason and Erica Wolfe</i></p>	<p><i>8</i> Birthday: <i>Mattias Marroquin</i></p>	<i>9</i>	<p><i>10</i> Birthday: <i>Briain Gutmann</i></p>	<p><i>11</i> Birthdays: <i>Joann Quam</i></p>	<i>12</i>	<p><i>13</i> Anniversary: <i>Alan and Jaleyn Dobbs</i></p>
<p><i>14</i> Birthdays: <i>Debbie Aldrich; McKinna Russell</i></p>	<p><i>15</i> Birthday: <i>Scot Seele</i></p>	<i>16</i>	<p><i>17</i> Birthdays: <i>Marion Hargin; Gloria Müller</i></p>	<p><i>18</i> Birthdays: <i>Patrick Prentice; Fred Taylor</i></p>	<i>19</i>	<p><i>20</i> Birthday: <i>Jameson Wolfe</i></p>
<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<p><i>23</i> Birthdays: <i>Bill Hetherington; Dale VerHelst</i></p> <p>4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Church Council</p>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<p><i>26</i> Birthday: <i>Jim McCracken</i></p>	<p><i>27</i> Birthdays: <i>John Gravlin; Tony Henry</i></p>
<p><i>28</i> Congregational Meeting at the end of Worship</p> <p>After-church Grab-N-Go Lunch to support Jessica Cramer and Special Hope Network</p>	<p><i>29</i> Anniversary: <i>Jerry and Merry Nurnberg</i></p>	<p><i>30</i> Anniversary: <i>Brian and Sherri Cramer</i></p>	<p><i>31</i> Birthdays: <i>Loren Edsall; Cain Goodenberger; Lexie Gutknecht</i></p>	<p>Tuesdays 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 am Women's Bible Study; GriefShare</p>	<p>Wednesdays 7:00 am Prayer Group at church 6:30 pm Youth Gathering</p>	<p>Thursdays 6:30 pm In-person Worship Service 7:00 pm Young Adult Gathering at the McRae's</p>

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KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Thursday, March 4,
2021



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