



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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In May all undesignated mission gifts will support the Crest Baptist Youth Ministry to help fund summer youth camp.

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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,

What a wonderful Easter season we celebrated together! Thanks to Cindy Fisher and so many others, who helped to coordinate and provide food for the Seder Supper on Good Friday. It



was a great experience to see how the Passover event and memorial meal foreshadowed the redeeming death of the perfect Lamb of God.

Again, Easter morning services were an amazing time of worship and fellowship. I believe the combined worship service attendance of 281 is the largest gathering we have had on Easter. Praise the Lord!

We are now moving into another "construction" phase at Crest as we make our parking lot improvements. As was brought before the church earlier this year, we have entered into a contract with Feldhacker Construction to pave our parking with concrete. Additionally, better lighting will be on the east side of our parking lot. We also have a bid for a drop-off canopy.

We expect that several positive things will result from this project. First, we have had several falls over the years on the ice-covered

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Hi Church family,

I'd like to take this space to plug Resonate Youth Conference. This conference is one we took our students to last year, and I was really excited by the philosophy behind this event. It's wonderful



for student camps and conferences to focus on enabling and challenging students to deepen their relationship with God, but too often it ends there.

The focus of Resonate is for students to draw close to God, but then to take that closeness and love and share those things with people around them. Resonate provides opportunities every day for students to take the things they're learning about God and being challenged on and put them into practice in service and evangelism.

This provides an amazing opportunity for students both to grow in and live out their faith and I'd love for your student to get to be a part of it this year, July 8-12. Please get in touch with me for more information.

Pastor Neal

(The early-bird rate of \$299 for Resonate is still good through 4/30/19 when locked in with a \$50 deposit)

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING (9:00 A.M.)

He Said What? Hard Sayings of Jesus—Jesus said some things that don't show up as framed prints on our walls. We'll examine those hard statements and see the abundant life promised in them. 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)

When the Enemy Strikes—This five-week study by Charles Stanley seeks to equip the believer for spiritual warfare. Adults (Room 104)

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 May 5 in the Fellowship Hall after the fund-raiser lunch.



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 blessings. (6:30 p.m. Worship Center)

Men's Bible Study: How to Study the Bible —Men are learning to use inductive Bible study skills to make any book of the Bible come alive with meaning. (6:30 p.m. Room 105)

THURSDAY

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

Preschool, Children and Youth classes are also offered on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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and uneven gravel lot. We hope falls can be averted by pavement. Also, the lighting will provide for improved safety for our nighttime events. Additionally, striped parking spots will facilitate more efficient parking, thus allowing more vehicles to park in the lot. Mayflower Heritage Christian School will benefit from a hard surface play area when the weather prohibits play on the grounds. We should see

noticeably less mud/dirt tracked into the facility. Finally, the dust that is often created by our lot has been a complaint of neighbors for years. We do want to be good witnesses to our neighborhood.

We were blessed to have received a \$20,000 grant from DEKKO for this project and with that have close to \$120,000 already committed toward this project. We estimate that an additional 100K will be needed to finish the

project. We will begin receiving a special offering and 2-year pledges beginning on May 19, and hope that you will prayerfully consider giving beyond the tithe to this special project to facilitate the ministry of Crest to members and guests.

I continue to be blessed by your love and responsiveness to God! Thank you for your service to Him and others.

In His love,
Pastor Chuck

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service		Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study; GriefShare	1 Wednesdays 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. CrestKIDS, Youth Ministries, Adult Bible Studies Birthday: Leisa Frey	2 7:30 a.m. National Day of Prayer Breakfast at YMCA	3 Birthdays: Samuel Marroquin; Jim Mason	4 Anniversary: Cain and Katie Goodenberger
5 Noon: Cancer Support Ministry Fund-raiser Lunch (free-will offering) Birthday: Ross King	6	7	8 Birthday: Gary Sanson	9 Birthdays: Phil McIntosh; Beth McIntosh; Cindy Young	10	11 Anniversary: Brian and Mindy Gutmann
12 	13	14	15 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Service at CHS Auditorium Birthday: Samantha Hays	16	17 Birthday: Hailey Gutmann Anniversary: Ed and Anna Thompson	18 Birthdays: Lucas Gross; Judith Prentice
19 10:00 a.m. Graduate Reception in the Foyer 10:15 a.m. Graduate Recognition/ Youth-led Worship	20	21 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council	22 Birthdays: Joshua Gross; Laura Johnson; Elijah Johnson	23 Birthday: Derek Paup	24	25
26 Birthdays: Wyatt Goodenberger; Vince Taylor Congregational Meeting (at the end of Worship)	27 Birthday: Dale Magee	28 Birthday: Laura Hartman	29	30	31	



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Iowa State University

Savannah Hartman—B.S.

Buena Vista University

John Gravlin—B.A.

Texas Tech University

Emily Gravlin—B.S.

Join us at
 10:00 a.m.
 on
 Sunday,
 May 19
 for a
 reception in
 honor of our
 Graduates
 and a
 recognition
 of them in
 our
 Worship
 Service.

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 noon

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