



The Crest Connection

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of our Cancer Support Ministry.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

- 9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Classes via Zoom
- 10:00 a.m. 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 Children/ Youth via Zoom

The Church Council (Crest's leadership team) met the last week of April to discuss the possibility of resuming public worship services the first Sunday of May. Some church leaders in our state have been working with Governor Reynolds, guiding her to give churches the First Amendment freedoms guaranteed by U.S. Constitution. The Governor, in fact, granted more freedom to churches than businesses by not restricting the number of congregants, except for the limitations imposed by social distancing.

However, this freedom puts us at a greater level of responsibility, considering not only the safety and health of our members but our community as well. It was the consensus of our leaders to continue online classes and worship services and evaluate reopening for public services in **mid-May** when additional Governor-directed openings are expected. By then we hope to have in place all the necessary practices that will give participants a sense of safety. However, even at that point we anticipate that some of our members with preexisting medical conditions and those older

than 60 will not be ready to return and should not return due to those conditions. Therefore, we will likely continue online Bible studies and offer online worship.

Please stay in prayer for one another, our leaders, our community, state, nation and world. Continue to pray for medical personnel, scientists and government leaders, who fight this pandemic, seek to find cures and navigate the citizenry through these difficult times.



Additional thoughts from Pastor Chuck:

I know that we are all anxious to get back to "normal." However, when such time comes that we are able to safely return to in person gatherings, expect things to be different. If social distancing is still in place:

- hand sanitizer will be at the entrances—please use it;
- please use social distancing and avoid physical contact;
- we will sit on every other row;
- families can sit together, but non-family members must maintain a four chair distance;
- an offering box will be set up in

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ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

NOTE: Classes are currently meeting by Zoom. You do not have to have 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.)

Alone with God — The essence of prayer is simply talking to God as you would to a beloved friend. John MacArthur shares how you can discover power and passion that time alone with God can bring (MasterWork/Steve Mearan)

SUNDAY (9:00 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. The fund raising lunch scheduled for May 3 will be rescheduled for June 14.

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. Join by emailing info@crestbaptistchurch.com.

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.

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the foyer;

- we will have worship only;
- more than one service may be required due to capacity limitations imposed by social distancing;
- we will respect the decision to wear masks and encourage this practice, but will not be able to provide them for now;
- and we will continue to have online Facebook worship and Zoom Bible study classes.

These are just a few of the changes that will likely be in place when we are able to resume our in-person worship.

There are still some logistics that we are trying to work out. Those mainly are in the area of securing some sanitizing supplies. All of us have had difficulty getting some of those supplies for our personal use and the same is true for churches and businesses. Touchless hand sanitizing stations are ordered but will not ship until late-June.

Thus, please understand that we hope to be together as soon as possible but we also want to gather responsibly.

Until then, please stay connected online!

Blessings,

Pastor Chuck

Congratulations to Our Creston High Graduates

Payton Davis
Gavin Gillam
Emma Hanson
Paul Johnston
Eli Hartman
Heylee Shields
Hannah Walsh
Haley Wilson

& College Graduates

Kristy Powers Livingston—
BA, NWMSU (Dec)
Catherine Daily— BA, ISU
Ellie Johnston—BA,
Colorado State
Suzanne Johnston—MA,
Buena Vista
Maddie Travis—BA, Simpson
Micha Stephens—AA, SWCC

May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 a.m. Worship Service	Schedule when activities resume				<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> Birthday: <i>Leisa Frey</i>
<i>3</i> Birthdays: <i>Samuel Marroquin; Jim Mason</i>	<i>4</i> Birthday: <i>Paul Johnston</i> Anniversary: <i>Cain and Katie Goodenberger</i>	<i>5</i> Birthday: <i>Ross King</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Birthday: <i>Alicia Olsen</i> Anniversary: <i>Jerry and Karla Hynes</i>	<i>8</i> Birthday: <i>Gary Sanson</i>	<i>9</i> Birthdays: <i>Phil McIntosh; Beth McIntosh; Cindy Young</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> Anniversary: <i>Brian and Mindy Gutmann</i>	<i>12</i> Birthday: <i>Mike Warren</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>
<i>17</i> Birthday: <i>Hailey Gutmann</i> Anniversary: <i>Ed and Anna Thompson</i>	<i>18</i> Birthday: <i>Judy Prentice</i>	<i>19</i> Birthday: <i>Dusti Hayes</i> Anniversary: <i>Harrison and Savannah Suhre</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Birthdays: <i>Laura Johnson; Elijah Johnson</i>	<i>23</i> Birthday: <i>Derek Paup</i>
<i>24</i> Congregational Meeting (at the end of Worship)	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> Birthday: <i>Wyatt Goodenberger; Vince Taylor</i>	<i>27</i> Birthday: <i>Dale Magee</i>	<i>28</i> Birthday: <i>Laura Hartman</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Birthday: <i>Keith Olsen</i>



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Camera System

As part of our ongoing focus on improving the safety of our church facility, we are considering installation of a security camera system in the building. This system will serve to provide another layer of protection for everyone who spends time in the building, especially our children and students. We will also be able to monitor who is in the building when and provide some oversight of the parking lots and playground.

This will be an unbudgeted expense and as such will be presented to the congregation for a vote at such time that we can once again gather. Please prayerfully consider this in

preparation for that vote as we endeavor to be good stewards of the people and facilities which God has entrusted to us.

Resonate 2020

The last couple of years the youth and I have gone to Resonate in July as a group and it's been an amazing time. Unfortunately, along with many other things, this conference has been cancelled for 2020. I'm exploring some alternatives, and we'll be in touch as we see how things progress leading into this summer. I just want to make sure that those who are including Resonate in their summer plans has some advance notice.

~ *Pastor Neal*



Scot and Wileen Seeley following the death of his sister, DiAnne Lillie, on April 18.

Jason and Erica Wolfe after the death of her grandmother, Lois Brown on April 21.

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)

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