



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

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)

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 Youth Hang-out

Thursday:

6:30 pm In-person Worship

7:00 pm Youth Adult
Gathering

Beloved,

As summer is in our sights, plans are to get back to some normality. In **June** Steve Marean's and Joe Powers' adult classes will return to in-person meetings on Sunday morning. We will continue to evaluate the need for online op-



tions as we make this transition. Additionally, we anticipate still having the Thursday night service for a while longer until we can return to full capacity in Sunday morning worship and work out live-streaming for that service.

At this time we are planning to go with just three adult classes instead of the five we had pre-COVID:19. However, as attendance and need increase, we hope to begin new classes.

We look forward to the resumption of youth camp and VBS this summer. Pastor Neal will be taking youth to a camp in June. Cali Purdum is planning a VBS Lunch and Learn on May 23 after Worship. We need "all hands on deck" as we plan for this August 1-5 children's outreach event.

I want to share that Joyce Young will be retiring from the po-

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Hi Church Family,

With the warmer weather promising a coming summer we have a chance to celebrate another completed school year with our young people. Some finished their first year of kindergarten, some completed middle school and



some, the stars of the season, have graduated high school.

We're excited to be able to celebrate the following high school graduates: **Twila Barber, Colton Blaisure, Jurnee Harvey, Sarah King, Connor Travis, and Allison Van Gelder.** Please join me as a church in expressing our pride in these students for their achievement. It's always exciting to see the people we love take new steps in their lives and in their relationship with God.

Neal

NOTE: A recognition time is planned for the graduates in our Worship service on May 23. Join us as we celebrate these accomplishments! A brief reception preceding the Worship service will be held at 9:45 a.m. If you would like to bring a card, it will be given to the graduate. Please let us know if we have inadvertently omitted anyone.

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.)

The Blessing of Humility —

Based on Jerry Bridges book, humility, the second most frequently taught character trait taught in the New Testament after love, will be the focus of this study. The Beatitudes will be the springboard for this study. (MasterWork– Zoom online/Steve Marean)

SUNDAY (9:00 A.M.)

How to Share Christ — The gospel of Jesus Christ is truly life-changing. Every follower of Christ knows that and has experienced it. But we are surrounded by countless others who have yet to hear or experience that same gospel. Christians are called to point others to the gospel. It is a privilege to share with others the message

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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 attention 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 ministry will suspend meetings until September. Call 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 info, 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 Sundays.

Since online Adult 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.

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sition of Administrative Assistant. Joyce was our first part-time hire after my first 10 years at Crest. She brought a wealth of experience from the corporate world and has always worked with efficiency and professionalism. She has been the first voice and face in the office, and has been a listening ear and counselor to many in times of crisis. In ad-

dition to her paid position, she has been a volunteer leader in GriefShare and Celebrate Recovery. Though she retired once before, she came back as an interim and stayed (much to our joy).

Please be sure to give Joyce a hearty thanks and well wishes for her second retirement from Crest.

In Christ's love,

Chuck



Congratulations to Our College Graduates

Katie Powers

BA (Education)—Northwest
Missouri State University

Livi Hartman

BA (Music Education)
Iowa State University

Pat Prentice

MDiv—Bethel Seminary

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<p>2</p> <p>Birthday: Leisa Frey</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Birthdays: Samuel Marroquin; Jim Mason</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Anniversary: Cain and Katie Goodenberger</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Birthday: Ross King</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Anniversary: Jerry and Karla Hynes</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Birthday: Gary Sanson</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Birthdays: Phil McIntosh; Beth McIntosh; Cindy Young</p> <p></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Anniversary: Brian and Mindy Gutmann</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Birthday: Emersyn Maitlen, Mia Royster</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Birthday: Hailey Gutmann</p> <p>Anniversary: Ed and Anna Thompson</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Church Council</p> <p>Birthday: Judy Prentice</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Birthday: Dusti Hayes</p> <p>Anniversary: Harrison and Savannah Suhre</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Birthdays: Laura Johnson; Elijah Johnson</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Birthday: Derek Paup</p> <p>VBS Lunch and Learn</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Birthday: Wyatt Goodenberger; Vince Taylor</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Birthday: Dale Magee</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Birthday: Laura Hartman</p>	<p>29</p>
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This month, we highlight the Cancer Support Ministry at Crest. This group of volunteers, under the leadership of Joe and Gay Lynn Owens, prays for and ministers to cancer patients and their families in a variety of ways. In addition to cards, calls and special holiday remembrances, they supply comfort bags to the Oncology and Infusion Center at GRMC. This word of thanks was recently received from that center:

We are so appreciative of the comfort bags you have assembled and donated for our cancer patients! We give them out to our new patients at their

first chemo treatment and it brings a smile to their faces.



Our patients are grateful for your thoughtfulness in this scary, uncertain time of their lives.

I wanted to reach out to thank you personally, and un-

fortunately to let you know that we are running very low on bags. The reason I say unfortunately is because running low means that new patients are frequently being diagnosed with this terrible disease called cancer and enduring rigorous treatments.

Thank you for thinking of them and lifting them in prayer! And thank you for your mission of touching the lives of those battling cancer!

Barb Weeda RN

Your mission giving this month helps support this outreach ministry of our church as they continue to help those in challenging times!

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