

The Connection

Crest Baptist Church, 1211 N Poplar St, Creston, IA 50801

From Pastor Neal

I'm so excited for graduation! It's a wonderful time to celebrate the efforts and achievements of the students in our lives. It also brings with it a bittersweet reminder that time, as always, moves on. People we love move on to another stage in their lives. Sometimes that includes geographical separation, but it certainly includes a new phase in those relationships.

The thing that I take away is this: take advantage of the time you have while you still have it.

When we get caught up in the busyness of everyday life, where many things are the same day in and day out, we can default to a mindset that reflects that sameness. That may be true in the short-term, but as we've all experienced, it never lasts long. Show your love to the people around you while you have the opportunity, tell them the things that you've thought but never said. This is how we love God: by loving the people he's given us.

From Pastor Chuck

Between the graduation "open house" and summer wedding invitations we've received, my mailbox has seen more activity in the past month than the typical junk mail that usually fills it. These announcements of life-changing events in the lives of young people signal big changes.

Beyond the changes in locality and relationships that Neal mentioned above, these events also signal growth in maturity and independence. That can be scary (for parents and child). I remember hearing from two of our three daughters during the first semester of college with expressions of thanks for all we had done in preparing them for their initial foray into life on their own by helping them to manage money, time and relationships. They made some mistakes like we all do, but they were minimal and they generally learned from them.

But one of the things we (and they) viewed as important was finding a "college" church. That's why we usually spent the first weekend with them, so we could go to church with them to help them get through the doors that first weekend. They also got involved in campus ministries that helped them continue to grow spiritually with the support of others beyond us and this church family. While we parents seek to instill many life skills in our children, make sure you are imparting that spiritual foundation, so they are able to continue to grow "in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and men (Luke 2:52).

Mission Emphasis

This month's special mission focus is the Cancer Support Ministry of Crest, caring for cancer patients and their families.

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Sunday Morning Small Groups (9:00 a.m.)

Christ's Return: Living with the End in Mind - This six-week study looks at Matthew 24-25, and Jesus' teaching about His second coming and the events leading up to His return. (Bible Studies for Life - Rm 109/Joe Powers, Fellowship Hall/Jamie Travis and Rm 105/Connor Travis)

Absolute Surrender - What does it mean to surrender absolutely? What does it mean to give yourself as a living sacrifice? As you dive into this classic text by Andrew Murray, God can give you a new understanding of what it means to surrender your life absolutely to Him. (MasterWork - Rm 104/Steve Marean)

Additionally, preschool - youth classes meet at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Other Small Groups and Ministries

Cancer Support Ministry — The group's next meeting will be announced via bulletin and email. If you or someone you know has cancer, please contact Joe or Gay Lynn Owens at 641-202-5004.

GriefShare — This 13-week video/discussion group helps those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one. It meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 105. Contact Brian Cramer (641 344-6249).

Celebrate Recovery — This ministry provides a healing, healthy environment for adults affected by hurts, hang-ups and habits. The ministry meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Amanda Davis (641-344-2440) or Pat Prentice (858-500-6751).

Men's Bible Study — Men's Bible study will be working a chapter per week through the Book of James on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School - Spark Studios

Spark imagination and kick creativity into high gear at Spark Studios. During Crest's VBS, July 31-August 4, kids will learn that God's creativity didn't stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us—His creation—to the design He planned for us. Kids will see the beautiful truth that they are God's workmanship as they learn to use their talents to bring glory to Him. If you would like to volunteer, contact Cali Purdum for details, sign up at the Welcome Center and plan to attend the Lunch and Learn on June 5 after morning worship. Online registration for children will begin in June.

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 12-1:30 p.m. Mayflower 20th Anniversary Birthdays: Samuel Marroquin, Jim Mason	4 Anniversary: Cain and Katie Goodenberger	5 Birthday: Ross King	6	7 Anniversary: Jerry and Karla Hynes
8  Birthday: Gary Sonson	9 Birthdays: Beth McIntosh, Phil McIntosh, Cindy Young	10	11 Anniversary: Brian and Mindy Gutmann	12	13 Birthdays: Emerson Maitlen, Mia Royster	14
15	16	17 4:00 p.m. Finance Mtg 6:00 p.m. Church Council Birthday: Hailey Gutmann	18 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Service at CHS Birthday: Judy Prentice	19	20	21 Birthday: Nicholas McRae
22 9:45 p.m. Graduate Reception Birthdays: Laura Johnson, Elijah Johnson	23 Birthday: Derek Paup	24	25	26 Birthdays: Wyatt Goodenberger, Vince Taylor	27 Birthday: Dale Magee	28 Birthday: Laura Hartman
29	30	31	Sunday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:00 p.m. Worship	Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery, GriefShare	Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Prayer Mtg 6:30 p.m. Youth Hangout, Men's Bible Study	Thursday 5:30 p.m. Worship Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering at McRae's



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Creston High School Baccalaureate

The Union County Ministerial Alliance will be sponsoring this year's Baccalaureate to give a spiritual challenge to the 2022 Graduates. Crest has been asked to help with refreshments. If you can supply cookies or help in serving, call the office or email info@crestbaptistchurch.com.

Graduation Recognition

Reception - 9:45 a.m.

Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Our High School graduates are Owen Davis, Cassandra Hoffman, Derek Paup, Brittany Seals, Isaac Shields.

Crest Baptist Church is
Committed to Christ

Connecting with Each Other and
Commissioned to Serve Our Community
and World

JOIN US FOR OUR 20 YEAR CELEBRATION

**Tuesday, May 3rd | 12-1:30pm
at Mayflower | 604 E Townline**

Come celebrate with us!

12-1pm: Come & Go Lunch (hamburgers
& chips) and tours of our school

1-1:30pm: Program



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