



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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LMCO During November and December, all of our undesignated mission offerings will go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering which supports the SBC's International missionaries.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday:
9:00 am Bible Study
10:15 am Worship

Tuesday:
9:00 am Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm GriefShare, Women's Bible Study

Wednesday:
7:00 am Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm TeamKID, Youth and Adult Bible Studies

Thursday:
7:00 pm Light Company at SWCC (Rm 155)

Beloved,
The words "thank you" are not enough to express the gratitude that Myra and I have for the many ways in which you expressed your love and support for our 25 years of ministry at Crest. We are so appreciative of those who planned and hosted the Open House through which so many church members and community friends passed by to share in the celebration. Your individual cards and remembrances were so uplifting and your gifts, as well as the church's gift, were extravagant.

I was asked if I was surprised by anyone's presence at the Open House. Jokingly, I said it surprised me that anyone would come out on a beautiful fall, Saturday afternoon to see us. SO...it was just an honor to see so many drop by. However, one of the bigger surprises of the day was to see young adults, who grew up at Crest and, having moved away, return for just a brief few minutes to express

their love (mainly for Myra, I know). However as I mentioned last month, my original hope of having a long-tenured ministry at Crest was born from the desire to make an impact in generational discipleship through long-term relationships. It is such a joy to see that played out in the lives of young adults who are investing in others for the cause of the Kingdom of God. Who are those for whom you are intentionally influencing by the Holy Spirit's power and direction with the Good News. I can tell you that you will never regret your Gospel intentions for them.

I'm glad to report a great response for our annual "Trunk or Treat." Although we moved it indoors due to below freezing wind chills, we had over 750 children and adults come through our doors. It was a great time of connecting to the community. Thanks to all the volunteers and especially

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Beth and I would like to say a big thank you to all of our Crest family for the love that you've shown us during Pastor Appreciation Month. We always feel loved and supported, but you all went above and beyond



this past month. Thank you for being a family to us. It means the world to have such a great group of people with which to serve God and Creston side by side.

Thank you,

Pastor Neal

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY MORNING (9:00 A.M.)

How to Know God's Will—God doesn't hide His will or make it difficult to find. It is readily available to those who want to know and follow Him. In this study, you'll examine what Scripture reveals about how to know God's will and experience the abundant life that comes with following it. Senior Adults (Fellowship Hall), Adults (Room 105), Young Adults (Room 102)

Worry Less, Live More – Using Philippians 4:6-9 as the foundational verses for this study, you'll see they form God's most definitive word about overcoming anxiety and experiencing God's overwhelming peace. Adults (Room 104)

Ephesians – "Become who you are" actually captures the theme of Ephesians; Paul wrote it into the very fabric of the book. Chapters 1-3 are about the new life given to us in Christ; chapters 4-6 are about the new lifestyle that is based on this new life. As you engage in this study, prepare to be challenged with this key question: "How can I become

in daily life who I am already in Christ?" Adults (Room 109)



SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Cancer Support Ministry: We are reaching out to families who are living with cancer. Contact Joe or Gay Lynn Owens at 641-202-5004 (Noon, November 10)

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

TUESDAY: **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, 641-344-6249. (Room 105, 6:30 p.m.)

Women's Bible Study: Daniel and Revelation—The fall Women's Study will continue in the Book of Daniel and later the book of Revelation. Biblical prophecy provides Christians with hope and an outline

of God's plans for the future. Sign-up at the Welcome Center. (Room 107, 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY: **Adult Bible Study: the Book of Isaiah**—In this study, we will meet not only this outstanding prophet, but also some mighty kings and rulers, see the rise and fall of magnificent kingdoms, see God's people chastened and then restored. But above all else, we'll see the Lord Jesus, God's "Suffering Servant" as He does the will of God and suffers and dies for the sins of the world. Sign-up at the Welcome Center. (Worship Center, 6:30 p.m.)

Men's Bible Study: The Apostles' Creed—This study considers the core Christian doctrines as revealed in Scripture that have united the church. (Room 105, 6:30 p.m.)

THURSDAY: **Celebrate Recovery**—a Christ-centered 12-Step Ministry. Currently our church's CR is on a break. However, if you are interested, contact Amanda Davis at 641-344-2440.

*Preschool, Children
and Youth studies
also meet on
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.*

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Sandy Seals and our TeamKID leadership for coordinating this outreach event.

We are moving into the holiday season. I look forward to celebrating Thanks/Praise

with you at the end of this month and moving into the Advent season. Let's keep our Lord, deservedly so, in the center of these celebrations.

In His love,

Pastor Chuck

GRIEF SHARE®

Surviving the Holidays
Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Contact Brian Cramer for
more information.

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays 9:00 am Bible Study (all ages) 10:15 am Worship Service</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 Meeting 6:30 pm Preschool and Children's TeamKID; Youth and Adult Bible Studies</p>	<p>Thursdays 7:00 pm Light Company (SWCC Rm 155)</p>	<p>1 Birthday: Joe Powers</p>	<p>2 Birthday: Elaine Krambeck</p>
<p>3 Birthday: Arthur Carr</p> 	<p>4 Birthdays: Cody Frey; Taylor Royster</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6 Birthday: Monica King</p> <p>(No Isaiah Study)</p>	<p>7 Birthdays: Sherri Cramer; Dave Koets</p>	<p>8 9:00 a.m. Mayflower's Veterans' Day Service (all are welcomed)</p>	<p>9 Birthdays: Linda Landers; Dorine Peterson</p>
<p>10 Birthday: Tyanna Jackson</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Birthday: Anthony McRae</p>	<p>13 Birthdays: Micha Stephens; Christian White</p> <p>(No Isaiah Study)</p>	<p>14 Birthdays: Frank Paullin; Lindsay Street</p>	<p>15 Birthday: Liz Marroquin</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 Birthday: Sharon Paullin</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting Birthday: Tori Fienhage</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Birthdays: Ron Hampton Tim Redd</p>
<p>24 5:30 p.m. Thanks/Praise Banquet</p>	<p>25 Birthday: Jerry Hynes</p>	<p>26 Birthday: Jesse White</p>	<p>27 No Wednesday Evening Activities Birthday: Cheryl Blazek Cody Purdum Anniversary: Vince and Cindy Taylor</p>	<p>28</p>  <p><i>Thanksgiving</i></p>	<p>29 Birthday: Justin Kendrick</p>	<p>30 Birthday: Rosella Putman</p>

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Our annual Thanksgiving dinner will be on **Sunday, November 24** at 5:30 p.m. The meat will be supplied, and you are asked to sign up to bring side dishes and desserts. Additionally, help with set up, decorating and clean-up are needed. If you can help, please sign up at the Welcome Center.



Pray for Alan and Dorine Peterson, following the deaths of his sister, Lynn Peterson, and her brother-in-law, Raymond Cooper, last month.

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)



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 9:00 AM

Mayflower Heritage Christian School
604 East Townline Street - Creston, IA

Join us as our students pay tribute to the men and women who have served our country in the armed forces.

Refreshments and a time to visit with the students following the program.



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