

The Crest Connection

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LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

November's mission emphasis will be the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to support Southern Baptist missionaries around the world.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

8:45 a.m. Adult S.S.
Class via Zoom
9:00 a.m. Adult S.S. Class
(In-person)
10:00 a.m. In-person
Worship at Crest;
Worship on Facebook
11:00 a.m. Adult S.S.
Class via Zoom

Tuesday:

9:00 a.m. Women's Study
6:30 p.m. Women's Study,
GriefShare

Wednesday:

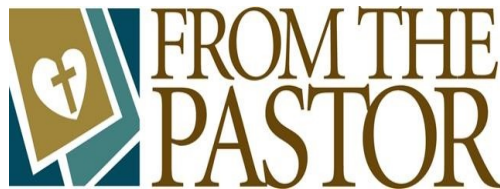
7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting
6:30 p.m. Children Zoom,
Youth In-person

Thursday:

6:30 p.m. In-person Worship
at Crest
7:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible
Study at the McRae's

Beloved,

This continues to be a challenging year with many forced changes in the way we do things. Many of our normal activities have been altered or canceled.



One of those events that will be canceled this year is our annual Thanks/Praise Banquet. This was a difficult decision because it is always one of the biggest church-wide events of the year. Even some of our traditional Christmas festivities may have to be canceled or altered this year. So, please pray for our leadership team as we continue to navigate these crazy times.

We are thankful to have been able to resume in-person Bible studies on Sunday mornings, while continuing to give online options for those who are unable to return due to health-related reasons. These in-person and online options are helping to keep us connected, and I hope that you will consider joining in one of these small group study opportunities.

As we just completed a sermon series on "Why Do I Need the Church?" I appreciated the re-

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Hi Crest Family,

Over the last few months I've been thinking a lot about relationships. Our lives are full of them, from friends and family, to coworkers and acquaintances.



Since the pandemic, many of our relationships have changed. Some have gotten stronger. Some have dwindled away. With some people our only interaction is over Zoom.

I think it would be wise for all of us to take a moment to evaluate how much our relationships mean to us. To say that we value our friends and family is wonderful, and many would agree with that sentiment. However, remember that our values are only relevant when they're in conflict with each other. That is, if I value my relationships with my family, that is only evident when something else is demanding my time or attention (such as work, friends, or my own leisure time).

As you consider the question of the value of our relationships with our friends and family. Remember that these relationships are particular gifts from God. He did not design us to live independently, to be

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ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

NOTE: With only one of our three adult classes being in person, if you would like to get a Zoom class link, email info@crestbaptistchurch.com.

SUNDAY (8:45 A.M.)

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction — This study in the Psalms of Ascent (120-134) considers the treasure these psalms are in guiding people in the Christian way and directing people of faith in the conscious and continuous effort that develops into maturity in Christ. (MasterWork-Zoom online/Steve Marean)

SUNDAY (9:00 A.M.)

All in: A Life of Commitment: Commitment is a rather loose word in our culture, but we have no greater idea of what commitment means than when we look at the commitment Christ made for us. Our response to Christ calls for nothing less than a full, all-in commitment to Him. We will dig into what that commitment entails, and in the process, we

will discover there is no greater place to be than “all-in” for Christ (Bible Studies for Life (BSL) - Jamie Travis) Fellowship Hall.

SUNDAY (11:00 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. 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 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 opportu-

Preschool—Youth Sunday Bible classes are now meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.

Since online Zoom classes are continuing, Fall 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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (all ages) 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Birthday: Joe Powers 	2 Birthdays: Tanner Clark; Elaine Krambeck	3 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study; GriefShare Birthday: Arthur Carr	4 7:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study Birthday: Taylor Royster	5 6:30 p.m. In-Person Worship 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Gathering at the McRae's	6 Birthday: Monica King	7 Birthday: Sherri Cramer
8	9 Birthdays: Linda Landers; Dorine Peterson	10 Birthday: Tyanna Jackson	11  8:30 a.m. Mayflower's Veteran's Day Program—All Veterans are invited.	12 Birthdays: Clara Jennett; Anthony McRae	13 Birthdays: Micha Stephens; Christian White	14 Birthday: Frank Paullin
15 Birthday: Elizabeth Marroquin	16	17 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. Church Council Birthday: Sharon Paullin	18 Birthdays: Trevor Downing; Pat Prentice; Fred Taylor	19 Birthday: Tori Fienhage	20	21
22 Congregational Meeting (at the end of Worship)	23 Birthdays: Ron Hampton; Tim Redd	24	25 Birthday: Jerry Hynes	26 Birthday: Jesse White 	27 Birthday: Cody Purdum Anniversary: Vince and Cindy Taylor	28
29	30 Birthday: Rosella Putnam	31				



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sponse of many. The months of forced isolation has really helped to make the heart grow fonder for the fellowship we have with one another.

I just want to say how grateful I am for the love and support that you continue to demonstrate toward Myra and me. The cards and expressions of that love were certainly appreciated during last month's "Pastor Appreciation" emphasis. We had no idea how God would develop such deep relationships when we arrived 26 years ago! We are BLESSED!

In His love,

Chuck

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self-sufficient. He designed us to live with and for one another.

Let's then remember this as we love those around us as Christ loved us.

Neal



Ron and Teresa Pendegraft
following the death of his
mother, Bernadine Pendegraft
on October 25.



Veterans are invited to the
Mayflower Heritage Christian
School Veterans Day Program
in Crest's Worship Center on
November 11, at 8:30 a.m.



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