



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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September's mission emphasis will be the Hyde Mission Offering for State Missions of the Baptist Convention of Iowa.

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

Tuesday:

- 11:30 a.m. Women's Prayer Group via Zoom

Wednesday:

- 7:00 am Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 pm Preschool/ Children/Youth via Zoom

Thursday:

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

Beloved,

I want to give you some updates on where we are and what we hope to see in the near future. As we have shared previously, some of our hesitation in re-opening elements of our ministry has been the lack of available sani-



tizing equipment and products. That still is an issue in local retail outlets, as well as commercial suppliers. After months of waiting, we do have hand sanitizing stations and an electrostatic sprayer just arrived. The botanical, non-toxic disinfectant that we will be using kills 99.9% of bacteria, viruses, fungi and molds. Beyond our need to address COVID-19 concerns, these steps will be helpful for future preventative actions during the regular cold and flu seasons.

That said, we are still limiting our in-person worship services and classes. The current configuration of our worship center would accommodate no more than one hundred without overflow seating in the foyer or fellowship hall. Therefore, we will continue to offer two service opportunities on Thursday evening and Sunday morning for the foreseeable fu-

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Hi Church,

Everything is changing with this new school year, and our young adult Bible study is no different. The primary difference that we're looking at is that we will no longer be meeting on the SWCC campus. Instead, we'll be meeting



in Beth's and my home. We tested this out over the summer with the students who were around, and we found that meeting like that is much more conducive to our small group atmosphere. We're excited to see what this new chapter brings for the young adults in our community. As always, this group is open to any young adult, whether in college or not. If you or someone you know is interested and would like more information, please shoot me an email: neal@crestbaptistchurch.com.

Crest Youth is meeting for the fall semester, every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8. For safety's sake we will be meeting outside as long as weather allows. I'm looking forward to a fun, if strange, semester with our middle and high school students!

Neal

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/Steve Marean)

SUNDAY (8:45 A.M.)

After God's Own Heart: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments — People want to live life on their own terms, but God has given us a succinct and clear path to follow through the Ten Commandments. Looking at these Commandments through David's life and psalms, we will find good examples of what happens when we follow the Ten

Commandments and bad examples of what happens when we don't. (Bible Studies for Life/Jamie Travis) Fellowship Hall and Zoom.



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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

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. Email info@crestbaptistchurch.com or go to our website for group login link

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.

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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ture. We will continue to ask that you RSVP for the Sunday morning service to ensure that we have enough seats to accommodate everyone. Also, since the educational building is not being utilized on Sunday mornings, we are only unlocking the doors on the east side of the building and those are locked by our Safety Team

after the worship service begins. We know that this has been a surprise to some latecomers, and we will try to have the doors unlocked a little longer so as not to appear unwelcoming. Also, we are still not offering childcare during the worship service.

Our in-person Sunday School classes are limited to just one adult class (Jamie

Travis' 9:00 a.m. Bible Studies for Life class). If you would like to be a part of that or other classes online, please contact us for the link to the classes.

Youth have been meeting outdoors on Wednesday night and will continue as weather permits. Tim Fisher plans to resume Adult Bible study on Wednesdays (as do I), but

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>Sundays 8:45 am Bible Study (Zoom) 9:00 am Bible Study (In-person & Zoom) 10:00 am In-person and Facebook Worship Service 11:00 am Bible Study (Zoom)</p> | | <p>1 Anniversary: Pat and Debbie Henry</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>3 Anniversary: Rick and Tara Hanson</p> | <p>4 Birthdays: Travis Webber Anniversary: Steve and Suzie Johnston</p> | <p>5 Birthday: Dee VerHelst Anniversaries: Loren and Connie Edsall; David and Liz Marroquin</p> |
| <p>6</p> | <p>7 Labor Day Office Closed Birthday: Terri Koets</p> | <p>8 Birthday: Tinneal Harris</p> | <p>9</p> | <p>10 Birthdays: Jessica Cramer; Payton Davis; Cassandra Hoffman; Monica Powers; Savannah Suhre;</p> | <p>11 Birthday: Connie Edsall</p> | <p>12 Birthday: Eli Hartman</p> |
| <p>13 Birthday: Brysen Emerson</p> | <p>14 Birthday: Rebecca Hoffman Anniversary: Dale and Karen Magee</p> | <p>15 Birthdays: Cali Purdum; David Young</p> | <p>16 Birthdays: Cindy Fisher; Haylee Gillam; Bonny Peinelt; Kailyn White Anniversary: Palmer and Tasia Scott</p> | <p>17 Birthdays: Tristan Deemer; Randy Vicker</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p> |
| <p>20 Anniversary: Ron and Rosalie Hampton</p> | <p>21 Birthday: Noah Richardson</p> | <p>22 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting Birthdays: Sheryl Craft; Max Johnston</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> | <p>25 Birthday: Hailey Walker</p> | <p>26</p> |
| <p>27 Congregational Meeting (end of worship)</p> | <p>28 Anniversary: Gert and Gloria Müller</p> | <p>29 Birthday: Tom King</p> | <p>30 Birthday: Olivia Cramer</p> | <p>Tuesdays 11:30 am Women's Prayer Group (Zoom)</p> | <p>Wednesdays 7:00 am Prayer Group at church 6:30 pm Pre-school, Children Zoom meetings; Youth in-person</p> | <p>Thursdays 6:30 pm In-person Worship Service 7:00 pm Light Co.</p> |



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those plans have not been
firmed up, yet.

The only other weekday Bible studies scheduled to resume are Young Adults at the McRae's home and Cindy Fisher's Women's Bible study (Revelation) that will begin on October 6 with morning and evening sessions. Sign up information will be available soon for in-person and online learning.

We are not planning to have Wednesday night preschool/children's ministry for the fall.

The Church Council will assess how things are going in our September meeting and

make recommendations for next steps in Crest's ministry.

As we move forward, I know we have a broad spectrum of opinions on how we should respond to this matter. Even as I write, I just saw a heated thread on Facebook regarding the shutdown of an essential service after one positive case. However, we need to remember that we are called to consider the needs of others before ourselves. So let's continue to be kind and understanding of others and above all pray for God to knit us together in the uniting bond of love.

In His love,

Chuck



Don and Lexie Starlin and family following the death of their son, Wade Starlin on August 25.

Tim and Jennifer Redd and family following the death of his grandmother, Opal "Irene" Taylor, on August 12.

Congratulations to Alissa Stuart and David Daily on their upcoming September 11 wedding. David is the son of Dawn Daily.

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