



The Crest Connection

Connecting people with the Life that counts for eternity!

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During September all of our undesignated mission offerings will go to the Iowa Mission Offering of the Baptist Convention of Iowa, supporting the work of reaching Iowans for Christ.

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

9:00 am Bible Study for all ages
10:00 am In-person and Facebook Worship Service

Tuesday:

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Wednesday:

7:00 am Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm Youth Hang-out; Women's Bible Study

Thursday:

6:30 pm In-person Worship
7:00 pm Young Adult Gathering

Hi Crest Family,

Trust in God is something that I've been thinking about a lot lately. Not whether or not we should have it, of course we should place our trust in God. Rather, the question on my mind has been, what does it mean to trust God.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR: NEAL MCRAE

I mentioned this briefly in my sermon a couple of weeks ago, but I'd like to expand on it here. I think typically when we think about trusting God it goes something like this: Perhaps I look at my budget and see that I don't have enough to make ends meet. The obvious solution here is more money, and so I decide that I need a raise at work and start praying that God would give me that raise.

This is a great start, I've recognized that God has power over my

work situation and has the ability to meet my needs.

The problem with this approach is that I've decided on my own how God needs to work. This is a little bit like going to the doctor with your mind made up on a plan of treatment. The reason you're visiting the doctor is to get their expertise.

The same ought to be true of the God of the universe. When we place our trust in God, our primary attitude ought to be one of humility. True trust in God says, "I don't know what's best here, but you do. Please do that." It might be that God knows something that we don't, He may have a plan that's even better than our plan. Let's trust in that.

Neal

Beloved,

Our leadership team met in August to discuss the resumption of our Wednesday night ministries. Currently, we lack children's coordinator and with that gap we'll prayerfully wait to restart a full, age-graded, Wednesday ministry in January 2022 (Youth Hang-out will continue to meet). Pray for children's leaders to sense God's call to that special age group!

That said, there are still great

opportunities to be engaged in Bible Study for all ages on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m., and this month is a good time to get into a new study (see on page 2). Other small group studies are in the planning stages, so news on those should be coming shortly.

God is doing some wonderful things, so remain faithful!

In His love,

Chuck

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES ON SUNDAYS

SUNDAY (9:00 A.M.)

No Doubt: Six Things We Can Know For Sure—This study examines the assurances we're given in the Book of 1 John. We can be absolutely sure of the things of God and the way He seeks to work in our lives. (Bible Studies for Life— Room 109/Joe Powers and Fellowship Hall/Jamie Travis)

Detours—The journey toward your God-ordained destiny will inevitably include detours—times when you seem to be making no progress toward God's purpose for you

but God is using to prepare you for what He has in store for you. This study explores various aspects of these detours and encourages you to remain close to God despite what might be happening around you.. (MasterWork— Room 104/Steve Marean)

SUPPORT MINISTRIES

Cancer Support Ministry: We are reaching out to families who are living with cancer. Contact Joe or Gay Lynn Owens at 641-202-5004. In lieu of their September meeting, they will be helping to coordinate a church-wide "Lake Walk & Talk" at McKinley Park. There will be prayer stations set up around the lake and then

healthy snacks at the end. This will be a time for members to stroll with other members for a time of fellowship as well as prayer for our community, country and world. This will be on Sunday, September 19, at 6:00 p.m.

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
Bible classes meet
at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays.

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ. Celebrate Recovery (CR) is continuing to move forward with great purpose and determination. Amanda Davis has returned from the 2021 Celebrate Recovery Summit with great ideas and new innovations that she is eager to share with the growing CR ministry team.

We have tentatively set March 22, 2022 as our launch date for CR Large Group Meetings. These will be held on Tuesday nights at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and will begin with a period of worship and praise, followed by a time for either a lesson or testimony from a CR champion. Our meetings will continue with a small group break-out session where we can share with others (if we

wish) our personal hurts, hang-ups, and struggles in a safe and confidential environment. Both men and women open share groups will be available. We will conclude the night with some fellowship at Cross-talk Cafe where we can have a small snack. This will be a great time for participants to

CELEBRATE RECOVERY UPDATE

find accountability partners and sponsors.

However, before we reach that point of launching CR anew, there is much work to be done. Over the next few months, you will see brief presentations developed by our CR team to heighten our awareness of our community's

need for this ministry. Understand brothers and sisters—CR is not just about dealing with addictions—No... it is much more! It is a Christ-centered 12 Step program to strengthen Christian's ability to go to the Holy Spirit within themselves, to draw from His strength, surrender to his healing, and win the battle while becoming new creatures in themselves and equipped to help others along the same road.

Truth be told, we all need CR in one form or another because we all suffer from some brokenness of spirit. We are all helpless in some way. But we are not lost, Christ has already won the battle, He has made a way for us through his Holy Spirit. He is only waiting for us to ask Him to lead us to victory.

As we prepare to relaunch,

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Sundays 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am In-person and Facebook Worship Service</p>		<p>Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (beginning 9/21) 6:30 pm GriefShare</p>	<p>1 Anniversary: Pat and Debbie Henry</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Anniversary: Rick and Tara Hanson</p>	<p>4 Birthday: 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 Labor Day Office Closed</p>	<p>7 Birthday: Terri Koets</p>	<p>8 Birthday: Jacob King</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 Birthdays: Jessica Cramer Mwanza; Payton Davis; Cassondra Hoffman; Monica Powers; Savannah Suhre</p>	<p>11 Birthday: Connie Edsall</p>
<p>12 Birthdays: Eli Hartman Asher Johnston</p>	<p>13 Birthday: Brysen Emerson</p>	<p>14 Birthday: Rebecca Hoffman Anniversary: Dale and Karen Magee</p>	<p>15 Birthday: Cali Purdum</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 6:00 p.m. Lake Walk & Talk (McKinley Lake)</p>	<p>20 Anniversary: Ron and Rosalie Hampton</p>	<p>21 Birthday: Noah Richardson 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee 6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>22 Birthdays: Sheryl Craft; Max Johnston</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Birthday: Hailey Walker</p>
<p>26 Congregational Meeting (end of worship)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Anniversary: Gert and Gloria Müller</p>	<p>29 Birthday: Tom King</p>	<p>30 Birthday: Olivia Cramer</p>	<p>Wednesdays 7:00 am Prayer Group at church 6:30 pm Youth Hang-out; Women's Bible Study (beginning 9/21)</p>	<p>Thursdays 6:30 pm In-person Worship Service 7:00 pm Young Adult Gathering</p>

Better, a study of Hebrews for women, will begin Tuesday, September 21st from 9:00-10:30 a.m., and Wednesday, September 22nd from 6:30-8 pm, at Crest. In this 10-session, verse-by-

WOMEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY

verse study of the Book of Hebrews, Jen Wilkin explores how God "provided something better for us" in the person of Jesus Christ (Heb. 11:40).

Through stories of Old Testament heroes and practices, the author of Hebrews demonstrates how the new covenant is superior to the old and how Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of every promise. Explore

familiar verses in context of the entire Bible, learning how to place your hope and faith in Christ alone.

A student workbook will be available for purchase. The study will be completed by

Thanksgiving.

There will be a sign up in the foyer. For more information or to explore an additional time please text or call one of our contacts for this study.

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- Cindy Young 641-344-4723
- Jennifer Hoyt 641-344-2582
- Teresa Pendegraft 641-344-8443
- Lexie Starlin 641-344-1861

Congratulations to Alison Van Gelder who was selected as the Youth Citizen of Character. This award comes from the Robert

CONGRATS TO ALISON VAN GELDER

D. and Billie Ray Center which annually recognizes Iowans who show the Six Pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS!: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. She is the only youth recipient in the state and the counterpart to this year's adult recipient, Simon Estes! Alison, her parents, Brad and Terri, and sister, Moran are regular attenders at Crest.

As we prepare to relaunch, we ask four things of you. First, we ask for you to pray for those leaders, that they will be filled with God's purpose and determination. We will soon begin training sessions for CR leaders who have completed a step-study to better equip them to serve others.

Second, pray that others will join them. Not only do we need people to lead groups, but also to greet, serve coffee, set-up and tear down, and to play in worship. We would also love to have

volunteers to join our CR BBQ team so that we can eventually offer a small meal before the large group meeting starts each week.

Third, remember the words of Jesus himself, "*The*

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harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field (Luke 10:2, NIV)." So, and do not let this

cause fear in your heart... but pray if it is the Lord's will that **YOU** join the workers in the harvest. We cannot do this as a church—answering God's call to serve the community—if others do not step in alongside

those already answering His call.

Lastly, ask questions! We (Amanda Davis and Pat Prentice)

are always eager to discuss CR, and soon there will be even more to eagerly answer questions. Again, brothers and sisters, Celebrate Recovery is coming in power, hope is alive.

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