



Christian Resource Center Fall/Winter Update 2024

The 'Paul'ine Perspective!

As the seasons of weather change, so life has its changing seasons, also. Over the past few years, Kathy and I have been transitioning to a new season of life and ministry. We wouldn't call it retirement, but there has been the "handing of the baton" both at CRC and at Stockham Community Church. We are so grateful for younger staff in both places who are "carrying the batons" and running with commitment and endurance.

In earlier years, we could never have dreamt of the privilege it has been to be a part of two fruitful ministries. It is with great joy that we look back on earlier seasons of life and see how God provided and blessed. Every season had its storms, but He faithfully carried us through those as well.

One of the sweet blessings of being in one place for so long is to have touched four generations and to have seen God raise up the younger generations to follow Him and to make a difference in their world. We have watched many go into full time vocational ministries across our nation and around the world. Many, many others are "doing the work of the ministry" in their everyday lives in their own communities.

In this present season of our lives we are mainly taking care of the grounds at CRC and hosting groups who use the facilities. At Stockham we are focusing more on visitation and hospitality. As we said earlier, we are not fully retired (and don't have intentions to be in the usual sense of the word). We want to be used by God as long as we are able.

For all of you who have partnered with us in our years of service, just saying thank you doesn't seem adequate, but we are so very grateful for your friendships, your prayers, your words of encouragement, and your financial support. We couldn't have done it without you. We know God will use you and many others to continue to see that these ministries carry on. Only heaven will reveal the full extent of the returns on your investments!



Paul & Kathy Nauman

Founders of CRC

Jordan's River of Thoughts

Planning For Your Future and the Future of Others

I am not always the best at planning ahead. Fortunately, God is! "...I go to prepare a place for you and if I go, I will return again to receive you unto myself." John 14:2b-3

Death is something we all are confronted with. In some stretches of life our wrestles with it are few and far between while other times it can seem to be a weekly or monthly occurrence. In light of death and eternity, one phrase that often comes to mind is "the big picture." Scripture is full of opportunities to see the big picture with both glimpses into the past and the future.

From a human perspective, we all appreciate times when we can "see" and understand the big picture. Part of the challenge of the Christian life is to trust and live the here and now in light of those glimpses back into history (seeing God's work and provision) and forward into the future (what is God's provision going to look like in my life). Part of a Biblical big picture perspective is understanding that death is not an ending, but a doorway; a very significant doorway.

This fall, our family wrestled with the passing of my father-in-law Don James. As hard as death is, the reality for the believer is that death is the doorway to what Christ has prepared for us! The doorway to where our faith becomes sight and the dwelling place with Him in His glorious presence!

One thing I appreciated about Don was his desire to have his kids and grandkids know and understand the big picture of this life and that salvation is found in Christ alone! That truth, that part of the picture is crucial! Who is God calling you to share His plan with this Christmas season?



Jordan & Dena Grantham
Director of CRC

W i n t e r S t u d i e s a n d A c t i v i t i e s



Each winter CRC has several Bible studies that bring together individuals from the surrounding communities. This year the **College and Career Study** will meet on Monday nights from 7-8:30pm and the **Men's Study** will be on Thursday mornings from 6:30-7:30am.

CRC also hosts **456** which is an afterschool program on Wednesdays from 3:45-5:30pm for area 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. If any of there interest you or someone you know, please join us or call (402) 849-2606 for more information.

SUMMER CAMPS!

With nearly 100 students in every camp, our summer was full of energy! In basketball camp our theme focused on teamwork while in our elementary camp we looked at the Fruit of the Spirit. In Jr. High camp we studied the life of Jonah and our big day trip was to the Henry Doorly Zoo. Travel Camp journeyed to the Grand Canyon looking at the life

of Christ and God's handiwork along the way. In each camp we had the opportunity to share the good news about Christ and challenge students to follow Him whole heartedly!

Above: Hanging out with my counselors! (EDC)

Right: Doing the dishes! (Travel Camp)

Below: That is a lot of Jr. Highers! (JHDC)



Memorial Garage

The Memorial Garage is up and well used! As you can see from the picture, we are taking advantage of our new space! We were able to install some shelving for storage which really helped clean up our storage areas in the Lodge and Hilltop Pavilion. The new garage also gave us a place to keep basketball camp going even in the rain!



2024 Summer Staff

A big thank you to our summer missionaries who gave of themselves to serve the students from our area. We had over 50 individuals contributing time this summer to make the various camps happen. Garrett Leach and Eli Hiebner served as our summer assistant and summer intern and were a great help getting projects done. Some of those included a new zip line pole, a new bridge, some bridge repair, a retaining wall, and some fabrication of new game equipment!

They also had the opportunity to lead morning staff devotions and participate in the planning and day to day operation of the camps. A new trip we are beginning to offer to upcoming freshmen who serve as missionaries with us is a short backpacking trip to Colorado. Eli, Garrett, Garrett's brother Trevor Leach, and Adam Carlson helped lead that trip this year! The pictures to the left are the Jr. High camp staff, the back-packing crew, and our college aged Travel Camp Staff. Our TC '24 staff included Jen Shafer, Preston Raemakers, Joanna Bennett, Eli Hiebner, Abby Luth, and Garrett Leach.





*A Very
Merry
Christmas*

*From Our
Families
To Yours!*

*Thank you so much
for your support!*



Upcoming Events

- ◆ Travel Camp registration opens January 1st on the website
- ◆ Monday night College and Career Study beginning Jan 6th 7:00-8:30pm
- ◆ Men's Winter Bible Study @ CRC beginning January 9th 6:30-7:30am
- ◆ Wednesday after school program for 4th-6th graders January 8th-Feb. 26th
- ◆ CRC Workday March 22nd 8am-1pm Lunch provided
- ◆ Easter Sunrise Service 6:30am April 20th @ The Hilltop Pavilion

Prayer and Support

We want to give a big thank you to those of you who are standing with us in prayer and also financially. CRC's support comes from individuals and churches who feel led to partner with us. If the Lord would lead you in that direction we would be very grateful for your prayer and support! Support can be mailed to CRC or you can visit our website at crcnebraska.com.

We also have small, medium, and large work projects that can be helped with if you, or your family, or your church group would like to spend some "time" on us! If you have any questions, please call (402) 849-2606 or email crcnebraka@gmail.com. Thanks again for your support!!

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