

# WELCOME

Welcome to *Next Step*. Our hope is for you to be connected to the life of Currey Creek. We want you to truly belong to this body of believers. The purpose of *Next Step* is to familiarize you with the church and help you get connected into gospel-centered worship, community, service, and discipleship.

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# ABOUT US

## Our Story

- In the fall of 2000, First Baptist Church of Boerne hired a church planter, John Free, to plant a church in Boerne, Texas.
- A core group of faithful people from First Baptist Church of Boerne along with John Free and his family began meeting as a church in January 2001.
- Currey Creek was birthed out of First Baptist by design rather than conflict and has always been self sustaining due to the generosity of God's people.
- Currey Creek began meeting in Boerne Middle School South and was later gifted the current church from Hill Country Baptist Church in the mid 2000's.
- In 2013, Currey Creek opened a new worship space.
- John Free has been the only Senior Pastor of Currey Creek Church.
- Currey Creek Church is named after an actual creek that runs through the heart of Boerne. Just as Currey Creek runs throughout Boerne, the hope is for the gospel message of Jesus Christ to do the same.

## Our Mission

Currey Creek Church exists to exalt God, to engage the culture, and to enrich the Christ-follower. We believe the church is about God first, others second, and ourselves last.

## Our Doctrine

We believe the entire Bible is the inspired Word of God and that men were moved by the Spirit to write the words of Scripture. Therefore, the Bible is without error. We believe in one God who exists in three distinct persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). We believe that Jesus Christ is the second member of the Trinity (the Son of God) who became flesh to reveal God to man and to become the Savior of the lost world.

We believe that man was created in the image of God to have fellowship with Him, but became alienated from that relationship through sinful disobedience. As a result, man is totally incapable of coming back into a right relationship with God by his own effort.

We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross provides the sole basis for the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, salvation only occurs when a person places his faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as the sufficient payment for sin.

We believe that every Christian should live for Christ and not for himself. By obedience to the Word and daily yielding to the Spirit, every believer will mature and become conformed to the image of Christ.

We believe that the church is the body of Christ of which Jesus Christ is the Head. The members are those who have trusted by faith the finished work of Christ. The purpose of the church is to glorify God by loving Him and by making Him known to a lost world.

## **Our Structure**

The government of Currey Creek is built around two groups: Biblical Offices and Functional Administrative Teams. The Elders and the Deacons are two offices we find in scripture and the Executive, Financial Oversight, and Personnel Teams are the teams put in place that help govern us well as an organization.

1. The Elders
2. The Deacons
3. The Executive Team
4. The Financial Oversight Team
5. The Personnel Team

Elders function primarily as discerners and guardians of the organization. They are not expected to oversee specific projects or ministry areas in their capacity as Elders. They function as overseers for the entire organization.

According to the New Testament, Deacons are two things: unifiers and servants. Deacons are unifiers: the seven men chosen by the church in Jerusalem to care for widows, who seem to be precursors to Deacons, were chosen to preserve unity at a time when fissures in the church were occurring (see Acts 6:1-7). Deacons are also servants: their very name means servant, and their precursors in Acts 6 were chosen to handle the practical needs of the church.

The purpose of the Executive Team is to determine programming, give vision to the various ministries of Currey Creek Church, and oversee day-to-day operations. The Senior Pastor selects the Executive Team, who are accountable to the Senior Pastor. All Executive Team members are required to meet the character qualifications as outlined in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 as well as having the professional skills necessary to fulfill ministry duties. Generally, the Executive Team is made up of Elder-level Pastors of Currey Creek Church.

The Financial Oversight Team's primary function is to evaluate the financial health of the organization, quarterly. The team's focus is on long-term strategic planning, while also providing reviews and recommendations to the Elders on current financial matters.

The Personnel Team supports the Executive Team and Elders by ensuring that human resource, compensation, and management processes are in place to serve the church, managers and all employees.

## **Membership**

Just as the Apostle Paul described the Christ-follower as being a part of the body, membership at Currey Creek is defined as being attached *and* functioning. An attached member is one who has made a covenant commitment to Currey Creek that involves being in agreement with Currey Creek's doctrine and mission. To function as a member of Currey Creek is to be involved in becoming like Christ, which is discipleship, as well as giving to and serving Christ's church, which is stewardship.

## **Believer's Baptism**

Baptism is for the individual who has received the saving benefits of Christ's atoning work and become His disciple. In obedience to Christ's command and as a testimony of faith, a believer should be baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Water baptism symbolizes a person's union with Christ in the likeness of His death and resurrection. It signifies that the former way of life has been put to death and depicts a release from the mastery of sin. Currey Creek practices and teaches believer's baptism.

## **Denominational Affiliation**

Currey Creek Church is part of the Southern Baptist Convention. Since Southern Baptists believe in the autonomy of the local church, we are free to determine how our church functions, what programs are offered, and what doctrine is taught. People from a variety of denominations and backgrounds belong to Currey Creek Church.

## **GET INVOLVED**

### **Welcome Guide**

Currey Creek offers a Welcome Guide that provides information about all of the main ministries of Currey Creek Church. Included in this guide is contact information for the ministry leaders for those ministries.

### **How To Start Functioning**

Once you are attached to Currey Creek Church through membership, the next step is to begin functioning as an active member. This can be done a variety of ways that include but are not limited to ministry volunteer (see Welcome Guide), welcome team, prayer team, local/global mission team, and church events team. The easiest way to start serving immediately is to email [info@curreycreek.com](mailto:info@curreycreek.com) and a staff member will contact you.

## **RESOURCES**

### **Website**

Currey Creek has a functional website that helps provide visitors and members information about upcoming events, services, ministries, and volunteer opportunities. Please visit [www.curreycreek.com](http://www.curreycreek.com) to find answers to most of your questions.

### **Facebook**

Currey Creek does have a Facebook page that provides updates and offers some pictures, sermon quotes, and information. Please find Currey Creek and 'like' us today.

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Dave Long – counting

Craig Matson - prayer

Jimmy McGarr – parking

## **Deacon Information (cont'd)**

Joel Nilsson – counting

Kris Pankratz – ushers

Don Ryan – hospital visitation

Bret Wacker – counting

Bob Willis – communion

## **Missions Oversight Committee**

Jared Patrick – Head

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