

FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Consistory	3	4 Char Nieuwenhuis	5 Pat Wierenga	6
7	8 SCRIP	9	10	11	12	13 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 7 am
14	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Jan & Steve Williams	27 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 7 am
28 Officer installation						

CHURCH COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

.Volunteers Needed: We are in need of more volunteers to help with the various ministry needs on Sunday morning. If you're willing to host a fellowship hour, serves as a greeter, aid in the nursery, assist in the tech booth, help clean up after service, or any other such service, please contact Diane, the church administrator.

Online Worship: Worship services shall regularly remain **in-person at 9:30 a.m.** on Sundays. For those of you who worship from home, please note that the Online Worship serve will be available to view **Sundays at noon.** They will be posted on our website, creekroadcc.org

Online Giving: Did you know that you can give your tithes and offerings online? Simply go to our website (creekroadcc.org) and click on "Online Giving" to give safely and securely. Thank you for helping us finish the year strong by being faithful in your worship through tithes and offerings.

Service Archive: If you've missed any of our worship services recently, please know that every 2020 and 2021 service is recorded and archived to view on our website, www.creekroadcc.org

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday February 17 marks Ash Wednesday on the Church calendar, the beginning of Lent. While no plans have been made by the church to mark this day *yet*, please watch your email, the church Facebook page, and our website this month for ways we as a congregation will mark this special day together.

Women's Bible Study: For information about the upcoming schedule, please contact Edna at 262-728-6901.

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study: We will continue our Men's Breakfast and study on the book of Romans at the usual 7:00 a.m. on **Saturday February 13th and Saturday February 27th**. For more information, please contact Pastor David at 954-629-8800.

Men's Conference: The men's ministry of the church is considering attending a Men's Equipping conference (Iron Sharpens Iron) on **Saturday March 13** in Beloit. We had planned to go last year but Covid got in the way. For more information on this conference, please visit <https://focalpointministries.net/events/beloit-iron-sharpens-iron/>. All men ages 13+ who have an interest in attending with us can call Pastor David at 954-629-8800.

Youth Group: Our Youth Ministry is meeting weekly for fellowship and bible study every **Thursday from 5:15-6:45 p.m.** If church members can assist by providing meals for this event, we would be very appreciative. For more information, contact Pastor David or Susan.

Hour of Power Prayer Meeting: Our Wednesday prayer meeting is suspended until further notice, in light of the Covid-19 virus. Please contact Pastor David at 954-629-8800 for any questions.

Men's Homeless Shelter: Our church continues to support the Spirit of Hope men's homeless shelter this winter season. For more information on ways you can help this important ministry, please contact Bonnie Kruizenga at 262-325-8835

Prayer List: Attached to every monthly newsletter, you will find a monthly prayer list. This contains the *known* prayer requests and praise reports of our church community. We recommend using it for your own prayer time at home. If you would like to add a prayer request of praise report to the list, please contact Pastor David at 954-629-8800.

Church Newsletter: If you have feedback about this new church newsletter format, please let Pastor David or Diane know. All information to be placed in the newsletter is due to the church office **by Monday February 22.** Please make sure the office knows if you desire your copy of the newsletter emailed or if you want to pick it up here at the church.

Creek Road Community Church
A House of Prayer
February 2021

Prayer Invitation

*“In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.”*
(Psalm 5:3, NIV)

Prayer Promise

*“Peace I leave with you. MY peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I
give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”*
(Jesus— John 14:27, ESV)

Service Members

Sean Oliver (Army National Guard),
Kathleen Nieuwenhuis (Navy), David Cefalu (Air National Guard), Devon
Hubka (Army), Simeon Ploeger (Navy), Chris & Allison Easterly (Air Force)

Missions

Rick and Kathy Wacek— tax concerns for pastors (global) , James
Sundararajan’s ministry in India & those being persecuted for their faith

Ministries

Increase in membership, Pastor Dave Bordy and family, Youth Group, Praise
Team, Ladies Guild, Deacons, Elders, Agape Girl’s and Boy’s Home, New
Day Women’s Clinic, Gospel Alliance, Reformed Church in America

Healing and Requests

Darlene Swiech family, Ruth Wright family, Mary Bayley, Caitlin Nicholson,
Jake Greidanus, Leona Kruizenga, George Wyatt (Housing), and all members
struggling physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

*We also extended deep prayers to anyone infected or effected by the Covid-19 virus.
From the ill to the jobless to the broke, may God be merciful and restorative to them
all. We also pray for strength and wisdom for our leaders, health care workers,
teachers, government officials and all other “essentials” dealing
with this virus-related crisis.*



Church Newsletter

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Love Hurts

“The amount you love someone
is the amount you’re willing to be *inconvenienced* by them”
(Chuck Colson)

February is a season of love, right? Yet much of the love focused on this time of the year is a centralized love, a love concentrated like a laser on a specific person or persons. God’s love, on the other hand, is *wide... long...high... and deep* (Eph. 3:18). For those to whom it is applied, it knows no limit in scope or in intensity. So what does it look like to show this Christlike love in and among a culture where love is so selective? I think it starts with a recommitted intent to love those who you are otherwise inclined *not* to love.

Think about that person who annoys you... that person on the opposite end of the political spectrum from you... that person who is totally opposite from you in personality... that person who has hurt you. Drawing from the fiber of the culture, every inclination of your heart should be to *not* love such a person. And YET, Jesus did not set a limit to the command “*Love one another AS I have loved you*”. To love such a person as these will prove, for you, to be difficult... but that’s entirely the point. Jesus Christ chose to love me, even though I did not make that task any easier for Him. It is that same transcendent love that we are called to share with others. We serve a Master who has commanded us to love our enemies... to pray for those who persecute us... to pour out a love powerful enough to cover a multitude of sins. Such love as that is not *only* for the people who are easy to love. It’s for all our neighbors.

Let’s do a little loving-exercise. Picture in your mind the *last* type of person you would want to see walk through the doors of our church; the kind of person who disgusts you... worries you... makes you uncomfortable. Now imagine that said person sits next to you. In what ways could you intentionally (*and* uncomfortably) love them the way that Christ loved you? Loving others like Christ loved is so much more challenging than picking up roses for your wife on Valentine’s Day. It is hard work. It grains against our comfort levels. It comes at an inconvenience to us... but this is the *best* kind of love... for it is the same kind of love that God, through Christ, showed to us.

~ Pastor David