

MARCH 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Consistory	3	4 Aria Bordy Youth Group 5:15-6:45pm	5	6
7	8 Scrip	9 Harold Johnson	10 George Vander Velde	11 Youth Group 5:15-6:45pm	12 VJ Johnson	13 David Bordy Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
14	15	16	17	18 Youth Group 5:15-6:45pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Youth Group 5:15-6:45pm	26	27 Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
-----Meals on Wheels-----						
28 Palm Sunday	29 Ron & Helen Miller	30	31	-----Holy Week-----		

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, serve 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

Holy Week 2021: Sunday **March 28th** is Palm Sunday. Maundy Thursday is **March 1st** and Easter Sunday is **April 4th.** More information about these Holy Week services will be forthcoming soon, so watch our website, Facebook page, and bulletins for more information. In the meantime, mark your calendars and make plans to join us during this special Holy Week season.

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 March 13th and Saturday March 27th.** For more information, please contact Pastor David at 954-629-8800.

Men's Conference: The men's ministry conference in Beloit, scheduled for March 13, has been cancelled by the hosting church. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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 March 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
March 2021

Prayer Invitation

*“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified...
for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you”*
(Deuteronomy 31:6, NIV)

Prayer Promise

*“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
and His ears are attentive to their prayer”*
(1 Peter 3:12, NIV)

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 family, 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
March 2021

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Luck or Lord?

“A guy named Joe finds himself in dire trouble. His business has gone bust and he's in serious financial trouble. He's so desperate that he decides to ask God for help. He begins to pray... "God, please help me. I've lost my business and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto." Lotto night comes and somebody else wins it. Joe again prays... "God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business, my house and I'm going to lose my car as well". Lotto night comes and Joe still has no luck. Once again, he prays... "My God, why have you forsaken me?? I've lost my business, my house, and my car. My wife and children are starving. I don't often ask you for help and I have always been a good servant to you. PLEASE just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order." Suddenly there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open and Joe is confronted by the voice of God Himself: "Joe, meet Me halfway on this. Buy a ticket."

Do you believe that God is in control of *everything*? In theological terms, we call this the doctrine of God's **sovereignty**. Charles Spurgeon once said that the Sovereignty of God is “the pillow we rest our head on at night”. It is our greatest comfort and secure knowing that the all-knowing, all-powerful Creator and King of the Universe is in control over every facet of the universe, let alone our lives. To that end, He is also in charge of our spiritual growth as Christians. “... *work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is **God** who works in you, both **to will** and **to work** for **his** good pleasure.*” (Philippians 2:12-13). This ‘working out’ our salvation is not to **gain** it, but rather to **grow into** it; that is to grow in righteousness by faith... to make ourselves better and more godly. This is called the doctrine of Sanctification. We are sanctified by God, but we don’t just sit on the couch and let the Holy Spirit change us without doing anything. Sovereignty and human responsibility are a two-sided coin. You can’t separate them. But that coin belongs to God. Therefore, is it “good luck” when an unexpected blessing comes your way? Is it a “gamble” when you follow God’s leading into a new opportunity? If God is truly sovereign, should a Christian believe in the idea of luck at all? Dear friends, this is the approach we should take to the unpredictable Christian life as well. Show up and work hard (in everything) and put it all in the capable hands of a Sovereign Lord who “*works **all** things together for **good** to them that love God **and** are called according to **His** purpose*” (Romans 8:28)

In this month often associated with luck, put your trust and dependence (and worship) on the One who holds *all* the cards. Perhaps you’ve heard it said “make your own luck” but even St. Patrick himself understood that his life was not structure by his own luck. That’s why he wrote “*Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ within me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.*” Knowing that God is in control of everything is not our motivation to kick back and relax. Rather, it is our **inspiration** to work harder for the Kingdom. It is exciting to see what the Sovereign God is going to do next, and we should approach every new experience (good or bad) with that eager expectation. ~ *Pastor David*