

THIS MONTH . . .

- You're Invited to Discover
- Domestic Outreach Opportunity
- Ordination Service

the Beacon

Plum Creek

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On September 27th, Plum Creek will celebrate a century and a half of God's faithfulness! We'll look back and hear stories about what God has done over the past 150 years, and we'll look ahead to see how God is leading us forward together. The guest preacher will be Larry Travis, a former senior minister of Plum Creek. We will have refreshments in the Gathering Area after both services.

SPECIAL NOTE: Childcare for infants through preschool will be available. All other children are invited to attend the service with their families.



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PLUM CREEK 150

Forward Together:
A Sesquicentennial
Celebration of
God's Faithfulness

September 27, 2026
9:30 & 11am

Plum Creek

LIFEGROUPS



On **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th @ 5:30 PM**, we will all meet at Plum Creek in our LifeGroups for the first time and then enjoy a cookout together! If you haven't signed up for a group, please scan the qr code or go to **PLUMCREEK.ORG/SMALLGROUPS**



Our kick off is going to be as cool as the back of your head when you wear a trucker hat, as we are doing a dress-like-a-trucker theme this year. We'll have a blast hanging out, playing on inflatables, 9 square & other fun games. Join us at the LifeCenter from 5-8 pm!

- ♦ **AWARD** for the best trucker outfit and trucker hat
- ♦ **\$50 GIFT CARD** for the student who brings the most friends!



STUDENT LOVE FOLLOW US ON MOTION ONE MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

DRESS LIKE A TRUCKER

SEPT 13 | 5:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

FREE BURGERS & HOT DOGS!

INFLATABLES | 9 SQUARE IN THE AIR

6TH GRADE TO 12TH GRADE

ALL-IN

★★ PLUM CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH ★★

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the Sharing center



Every month our Sharing Center Team plans & organizes for the monthly Food Share. Then on the 3rd Saturday of the month, we share groceries with our neighbors. Serving at Food Share is a great way to meet other Plum Creek people and make a Kingdom impact right in our own community. It's also a great opportunity for your whole family to serve together! If you'd like to serve, show up on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th @ 8:30 AM** at the Life Center. **SIGN UP: PLUMCREEK.ORG/SHARE**

Another way we can support our Plum Creek Sharing Center is by connecting a Kroger Rewards card. Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations.



HERE'S HOW! 1) Go to Kroger.com 2) Sign In 3) Go to My Account 4) Select Community Rewards 5) Search for Plum Creek Christian Church, 961 Nagel Rd, Butler KY 6) Click Enroll

DISCOVER Plum Creek

Find your people.
Find your place.

11am Brunch
September 13th
plumcreek.org/discover

The next Discover brunch is scheduled for **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th @ 11 AM** (during 2nd service). Have questions about Plum Creek? Want to know how you can get involved? Want to make this place a little smaller? Join us for this one-session conversation in a relaxed environment where we address who we are and what we're about here at Plum Creek. We also take time to answer specific questions you might have. A free meal is provided.

Questions? Contact doug@plumcreek.org

SIGN UP: PLUMCREEK.ORG/DISCOVER

FOOTHILLS Christian Church

Join a prayer walk in Morehead, Kentucky to support a new church plant

Saturday, Sept. 26th at 1pm

Contact Susan Prather for details:
susanprather66@gmail.com

Our domestic outreach team is taking a trip to support Foothills Christian Church in Morehead, Kentucky, and you're invited to be part of it. Foothills is a new church plant led by Dylan Bjorklund, a former staff member at Plum Creek. On **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th @ 1:00 PM**, the team will go on a prayer walk in the local community. Join us as we pray for God to work through this new church in a powerful way.

FOR DETAILS: Contact Susan Prather by emailing susanprather66@gmail.com



The church office and daycare will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.



SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 9:30 & 11 am Infant, Toddler, Preschool & Elementary

preschool



Series Overview: Think about all the places you go in a single day—home, work, the store, and back again. Now consider this: there is nowhere you can go where God isn't already there. From a lions' den to the belly of a fish, the Bible is full of people who found that God was with them wherever they went. The same is true for us. Wherever we go, God is always with us.

Week One: God is always with me.

Bible Story: Daniel and the Lions

Scripture: Daniel 6:1-23

Week Two: God always hears me.

Bible Story: Hagar and Ishmael

Scripture: Genesis 21:14-20

Week Three: God is with me wherever I go.

Bible Story: Joseph

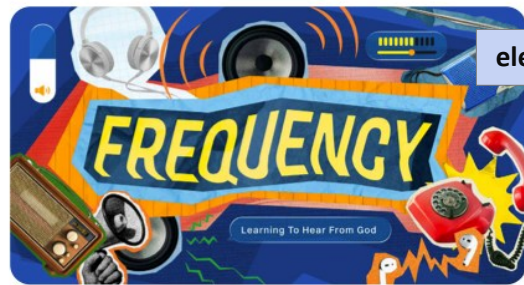
Scripture: Genesis 37, 39-47

Week Four: I can always talk to God.

Bible Story: Jonah*

Scripture: Jonah 1-3:3

elementary



Week One: How to Hear from God

Conversation Starter: What does it look like for you to hear from God?

Scripture: John 10:1-4, 14-16; Psalm 1:1-3; Romans 1:19-20

Suggested Virtue: Hope

Week Two: How to Read the Bible

Conversation Starter: What do you want to learn from the Bible?

Scripture: Matthew 6:11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Suggested Virtue: Knowledge

Week Three: The Vine and the Branches

Conversation Starter: What is standing in the way of you and Jesus?

Scripture: John 15:1-11

Suggested Virtue: Faith

Week Four: The Lord Calls Out to Samuel

Conversation Starter: What are you going to ask God to speak to you about?

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3

Suggested Virtue: Trust

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25TH 7:00PM

POPCORN, INFLATABLES, GAGA BALL, KONA ICE, AND MUCH MORE!

We are so excited for our Family Movie Night on **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th @ 7 PM**. We will have free popcorn, Kona Ice, and drinks. We will also have gaga ball and inflatables ready to play. If your kids have a power wheel, you can bring it as well, and they will have a "drive-in" experience. The movie will begin at dusk on our 28-foot inflatable outdoor screen. It's an event you will not want to miss! We're also having a late-night movie for Student Ministry kids only. So come and bring your friends!

Middle School & High School Rooted groups study the word of God and focus on getting students rooted in Christ by applying God's Word in their everyday lives.
SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 9:30 am
in the LifeCenter

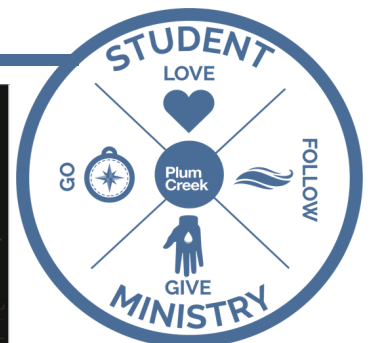
ROOTED GROUPS

Rooting our lives in Christ through the living word of God

HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 105

MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOM 104

9:30 AM SUNDAY MORNING IN THE LIFE CENTER



We want to bless others the way that we have been blessed, but how do we do that? Sometimes it can be hard to motivate ourselves to bless others, but we are called to love our neighbor just as God loves us. In this series, we'll look at five biblical practices that will help us share the love of Christ. Along the way, we'll put those practices into action.

Worship ON-SITE @ 9:30 & 11 AM



current series



B.L.E.S.S.

Five Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor

ORDINATION



Adam Derico | Andrew Derico

Adam and Andrew Derico spent their teenage years growing up here at Plum Creek. They both attended Johnson University and are now serving in full time ministry. On September 13th, Plum Creek will ordain Adam and Andrew for vocational Christian ministry. This means they will be set apart and sent out from our church to dedicate their lives to the work of God's Kingdom. Everyone in our church family is invited to attend! The service takes place on **Sunday, September 13 @ 12:30 pm** in the Worship Center.

Forward to Freedom CAMPAIGN UPDATE



We are grateful to share that we are over halfway through our 3-year Forward to Freedom Capital Campaign! The original pledge total was **\$1,513,037** and as of August 25th, our current mortgage balance is **\$480,145**. Thank you for your faithful generosity and commitment to this ministry. Because of your support, we have made tremendous progress toward financial freedom for our church. Let us continue moving forward together as we finish the task God has placed before us! If you would like to join the Forward to Freedom campaign or would like more information, please contact the church office.

DECISIONS

GUNNAR NOE (Baptism 08.09.26)

739 Covert Run Pike
Bellevue KY 41073

RALPH & CHRISTINA VESSING

(Baptism 08.30.26)

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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

On-Site @ 9:30 & 11 AM

Online @ 11 AM (Facebook/YouTube)

Bible Studies @ 9:30 AM

LifeGroups (Sept-May) various nights

Middle/High School Youth Groups
(Sept-May) @ 5:30 PM