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*January 4, 2026*

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# TOGETHER *Service*

**NEW YEAR,  
NEW LIFE IN CHRIST.  
TOGETHER.**



CREEKSIDECHURCH

# LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE



## Happy New Year—and welcome to Creekside Church!

We're truly grateful you chose to begin the first Sunday of the year with us. Whether Creekside is your church home or you're visiting for the first time, we're glad you're here.

There's something hopeful about a new year. Fresh calendars. Clean pages. New possibilities. And yet, if I'm honest, every January reminds me that while the date changes easily, direction takes intention.

A few years ago, I caught myself early in January making plans, goals, schedules, priorities, without first pausing to ask God what He wanted to shape. I wasn't doing anything wrong. I was just doing a lot of good things... in the wrong order. And I could feel it: more pressure than peace.

That's why Jesus' words are so grounding for me:

*"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need."* - Matthew 6:33

As we begin this year together, here's a simple application:

Before you plan everything else, place God first.

Before you chase outcomes, surrender direction.

Today, we'll do that in tangible ways.

Through **communion**, we remember what Jesus has done for us and realign our hearts around His grace.

Through **baptism**, we celebrate lives choosing to follow Jesus publicly, declaring that the old is gone and new life has begun.

This year doesn't need to be perfect to be purposeful. It just needs the right foundation.

Thank you for worshiping with us today. We're full of gratitude that you're here and full of faith for all God will do in **2026**. We truly believe the best is ahead, and we're honored to walk into this new year together with you.

With gratitude and great expectation,

**Pastor George**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. George'.

# Upcoming Happenings

## **SAM'S BREAKFAST CLUB 55+ | JANUARY 6 | [SIGN ME UP](#)**

You're Invited! Come enjoy a relaxed morning of delicious food, friendly conversation, and meaningful connections with others 55 and better right here at Creekside on **Tuesday**, January 6. Breakfast is on us! Bring a friend and make it a morning to look forward to. We start at 9:00 a.m. and are finished by 10:30 a.m. Please **RSVP** by scanning the QR code, filling out a Connection Card, or visiting Guest Central. If you have any questions reach out to Pam Schmitz at [pamschmitz@hotmail.com](mailto:pamschmitz@hotmail.com). Next breakfast will be February 3 so mark your calendar!

## **COMMUNITY CPR/AED & FIRST AID TRAINING | [SEE DATE OPTIONS](#) | [REGISTER HERE](#)**

Join us for a hands-on CPR/AED and basic first aid class designed for ages 12 and up. This 4-hour training covers adult, child, and infant CPR, AED use, choking relief, bleeding control, and more. Participants receive a 2-year certification. Open to the entire community, our goal is to help create safer and prepared neighborhoods. Cost: \$50. For more details and to register for one of our upcoming classes, click above. **Upcoming class options:** 1/11, 2/1, 3/1, 3/29, 4/19 from 1:00–5:00 p.m. or 3/14 from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

## **SMALL GROUP FACILITATOR HUDDLE | JANUARY 18 & 25 | [REGISTER HERE](#)**

Our thoughts are powerful; they shape our perspective, guide our decisions, and influence our habits. What happens when we feel stuck in patterns of negativity or unhealthy thinking? We're excited to announce that our upcoming all-church campaign will be **Winning the War in Your Mind** by Craig Groeschel. Together, we will discover what it means to take our thoughts captive and learn how to win the battle happening in our minds. We are currently gathering small group facilitators to host groups either in their homes or here at the church. Whether you're a seasoned leader or stepping into this role for the first time, we'll equip you with everything you need for a meaningful and successful group experience. This is a great opportunity to help others grow spiritually and build deeper connections within our church family! Sign up to attend ONE of our Group Leader Huddles on January 18 or January 25, after each service. Let's grow together! Groups launch February 22.

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## GROWTH TRACK | JANUARY 18, 25 & FEBRUARY 1 | [REGISTER HERE](#)

God has a plan and a purpose for your life and Growth Track is designed to help you discover it! This three-part class series is not only a pathway to membership but a great way for you to explore all the ways you can plant roots at Creekside to make it home. **Lunch and childcare will be provided for each class.** Scan the QR code to find out the details, and to sign up and begin your growth here at Creekside.

**Step One-** Join us on January 18 from Noon-1:30 p.m. where you'll explore what we're all about here at Creekside and how we can partner together to love God and love people.

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY | MONDAY NIGHTS AT 7 PM | [LEARN MORE](#)

Here at Creekside, we believe that life isn't meant to be lived alone, and that the Christian life invites us into living in community as we not only celebrate our victories but also face our personal struggles. That's why we're excited to provide a beautiful community for courageous strugglers through the ministry Celebrate Recovery. This is an encouraging and safe place to open up about our struggles and begin the healing journey. **We meet on Mondays from 7:00-9:30 p.m.** here at Creekside. E-mail [recovery@creekside.org](mailto:recovery@creekside.org) if you have questions.

# Children & Youth

## KIDZ CLUB | WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Kidz Club Season 4! Kidz Club is for kindergarten through 5th grade kids and brings all the fun, friends, and faith-based teaching that you get on a Sunday morning to a Wednesday night. With experiments, special guests, theme nights and so much more, this is a club you want to be in! This fun opportunity to connect with families midweek provides an additional avenue for students to form healthy Christian friendships to last a lifetime, learn how to apply biblical principles to everyday situations, memorize Scripture they have studied, and develop life skills in a safe and fun environment. Grab a couple of your friends and join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

## PAJAMA PALOOZA/PARENT'S NIGHT OUT | JANUARY 16 | [REGISTER HERE](#)

Winter feeling a little chilly? Pajama Palooza is back to warm things up! All K–5th graders are invited to a night packed with winter-themed fun, high-energy activities, tasty treats, and memory-making moments with friends. Parents, consider it your built-in Parents' Night Out! We'll keep the kiddos busy, laughing, and fully entertained while you enjoy a well-earned break. Cost: \$20 per child & includes an action-packed evening, three Snack Shack credits, games, and prizes.

## BE INFORMED OF UPCOMING CYC EVENTS | [CLICK HERE](#)

- CYC Youth Group - Wednesday nights @ 6 PM
- CYC Jr. High & Sr. High small groups - Various days/times

## VISIT GUEST CENTRAL

We have Bible Reading Plan Bookmarks, Sermon Note Sheets and Creekside Merchandise. We look forward to assisting you and fielding any questions you may have.

## BIBLE READING PLAN BOOKMARK

If you are looking for a schedule to read the Bible every day, we have a handy bookmark that will take you through the entire Bible in one year! Imagine reading the same passages each day along with your fellow Creeksiders! You can pick up a current month's bookmark at Guest Central any Sunday or [CLICK HERE to download one](#)

# Giving

## GIVING AT CREEKSIDE

Giving is part of our worship to God. Whether you're tithing out of obedience to Malachai 3:10 or giving sacrificially beyond your tithe, your gift will help us spread the good news of the Gospel to our community and beyond. Here at Creekside, no matter what you give, we encourage you to give with gratitude and love for Jesus. We've made giving to Creekside simple, even while you're on the go! Choose your favorite way to give confidentially.

- Text creeksidechurch to 77977
- Online at [creekside.org/give](https://creekside.org/give)
- Through the Creekside Church Martinez App
- Via cash or check...just drop it in giving stations near the rear exits on Sundays or mail

## Get Connected

**CONNECTION CARD | [FILL OUT HERE](#)**

**NEWSLETTER | [SIGN UP TODAY](#)**

Sign up and keep up-to-date on what is happening each week.

**DOWNLOAD OUR APP | [CLICK HERE](#)**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE | [Creekside.org](https://Creekside.org)**

Explore what is going on and how you can get connected.

**MEET OUR STAFF | [CLICK HERE](#)**

If you have questions for any of our staff, feel free to reach out and email them or call our church office to speak with them.