



AFTER  
THE  
*fireworks*

A DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE

JEREMIAH 17:5-8

# LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE



## WELCOME TO CREEKSIDE CHURCH!

Thank you for showing up today. Whether you are here every week, visiting for the first time, or finding your way back after awhile, I am grateful you chose to worship with us at Creekside. Your presence matters, and I believe God has something meaningful for each of us today.

This past week I shared a thought with Pastor Christina that has stayed with me. I said, "Sometimes life feels like watching fireworks in the fog." Honestly, I thought that might be a great song title or sermon title someday! Everyone around you may be celebrating, cheering, and pointing toward the sky, but you are standing there thinking, "I hear the sound, I know something is happening, but all I can see is a faint glow through the fog." And isn't that how faith can feel at times? We hear the promises of God. We see glimpses of His goodness. We know He is working, but our view is not always clear. The tension is real, but here is the hope: the fog may hide the fireworks, but it cannot stop the light.

**Jeremiah 17:7-8** says, *"But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water."*

That is the invitation of today's message. Not independence from God, but deeper dependence on Him. When life is unclear, when the fog is thick, when everyone else seems to be celebrating and you are still trying to see, you can trust the One who sees perfectly, leads faithfully, and sustains completely.

My prayer is that today your roots grow deeper, your faith grows stronger, and your confidence is renewed in the Lord. Even when you cannot see the full picture, you can trust the God who is still lighting up the sky.

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# Upcoming Happenings

## GRILL & CHILL SIGN UPS | [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Our Grill & Chill Groups are kicking off this month, and you're invited to be part of it. These casual, once-a-month gatherings happen throughout **July, August, and September** at different days, times, and locations, so there's a group that fits your summer schedule. Whether you're new or have been around awhile, these groups are an easy, fun way to stay connected, build community, and invite friends or family to experience the heart of Creekside, outside of Sunday mornings. Don't miss out, summer connection starts here!

## MUSHBALL | JULY 11 & 25, AUG. 1 & 22

Looking for some laid-back summer fun? Join us for Mushball a.k.a. Chicago Ball, a fun, casual version of softball played with a giant 16-inch ball that gets softer as the game goes on (some skip the glove!). We'll meet from **Noon-2:00 p.m.** on the **west lawn of the church**. No teams, no pressure, just show up and join in! It's a great time for men, women, boys, and girls of all ages. Mushball doesn't fly far, so it's perfect for our space and for all skill levels. Come play, cheer, or just hang out; everyone's welcome!

## BAPTISM ORIENTATION | JULY 12, 14, 19 | [SIGN ME UP PLEASE](#)

Baptism is a powerful and joyful step in your faith journey, a chance to publicly declare your relationship with Jesus and what He's done in your life. And here at Creekside, we love to celebrate that with you! **Our next baptisms will take place on Sunday, July 26 at 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.**, and we'd be honored to cheer you on. If you're ready to take this exciting step, **join us for a Baptism Orientation on July 12 or 19 after either service, or July 15 at 6:00 p.m.** We'll walk you through what baptism means and what to expect. **Let us know you're ready, and let's take this next step together!**

## COMMUNITY CPR/AED & FIRST AID TRAINING

### SUNDAYS: JULY 18 | [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. Scan QR code for more details and to register for our upcoming classe on 7/18: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This is our last class until the fall.

# Upcoming Happenings

## THE COMEBACK WORSHIP NIGHT | JULY 25

Join us for a powerful Night of Worship on **Saturday, July 25 for worship and prayer at 7:00 p.m.** Childcare will be available for children ages 4 and under. **The Comeback** is more than a worship night, it's an opportunity to encounter Jesus. Join us for an evening of worship, prayer, communion, and hope as we celebrate the God who still restores. Whatever you've been carrying, you don't have to leave with it. **Your comeback starts with Him.**

## CREEKSIDE NIGHT AT THE STURGEONS GAME | JULY 26

**Take Me Out to the Ballgame – And Bring a Friend!** We've purchased 100 tickets to the Martinez Sturgeon minor league baseball game on **Sunday, July 26**, and are giving them to Creeksiders for free! Grab one for yourself and one for someone in your life who isn't currently connected to a church. Whether they're exploring faith, new to the area, or just looking for community, this is a fun, low-key way to introduce them to Creekside. **We'll kick things off with a Creekside tailgate at 3:00 p.m. at the Martinez Waterfront, with free food for everyone!** The game starts at 6:00 p.m., and tickets are available first come, first serve, so don't wait. **Visit the Event Table in the courtyard on 7/12 & 7/19 to pick up your free ticket(s)**

Check out their official website ([www.martinezsturgeon.com/](http://www.martinezsturgeon.com/)) for league information, game schedule for home and away games, plus additional information about players, stats and what is in the news. **Final home game in Martinez will be July 26.**

## CREEKSIDE SOFTBALL GAMES | MONDAY NIGHTS

Join us at a Martinez Church Recreation League game. All games are played Monday nights, at Joe DiMaggio Waterfront Park, Field #2. Times differ. Bleacher seating is available but there is room to bring your own chair. Be prepared for cool and breezy weather. You may want to bring a blanket, fun snacks, hat and sunglasses. **July 6 is ALL LEAGUE BBQ and Hit the Ball Past Infield Derby. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Hot Dogs and Drinks (\$1.00 each donation). **July 13 is bye week - no game for Creekside.** Last game of the season will be August 17, Tournament August 22. Official website: [www.leaguelineup.com/martinezchurchleague](http://www.leaguelineup.com/martinezchurchleague).

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY | MONDAY NIGHTS

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 community for courageous strugglers through the ministry Celebrate Recovery. We meet on Mondays from 7:00–9:30 p.m. here at Creekside. If you have questions, E-mail [recovery@creekside.org](mailto:recovery@creekside.org).

# Upcoming Happenings

## LOST AND FOUND | VISIT TABLE IN COURTYARD THIS SUNDAY

Missing an article of clothing? Maybe a pair of sunglasses or a water bottle? We also have several Bibles. This Sunday we have an array of clothing in the courtyard. Stop by and see if we have something you lost. Contact [laurie@creekside.org](mailto:laurie@creekside.org) if you are looking for a missing item. You can also fill out a Lost and Found tag at Guest Central, which will be forwarded to Laurie.

# Children & Youth

## CKZ FAMILY WEEK | JULY 21-24

Who is ready for some CKz summer fun? We have a week of family friendly, nap time-sensitive activities planned for our friends of all ages. We understand the need to get out and play a little after that afternoon nap and before you settle in for dinner time, so why not let CKz provide the space, snacks, and activities and all you have to do is be here between 3:30-6:00 p.m., July 21-24! The line up for fun this week includes: soccer on Tuesday, water play on Wednesday, craft time on Thursday, and free play on Friday. We will have light snacks and drinks available for all - the only thing missing is you. Bonus: this is one of two family weeks we will be hosting this summer, and we can't wait to see what friendships start to take root as you press in to community with CKz.

## NOR CAL KIDZ RALLY 2026 | AUGUST 8 | [REGISTER HERE](#)

We are so excited to have your **1st-5th grader** join CKz and the rest of our Nor Cal District kids for the third year of Nor Cal Kidz Rally! This **one-day event is a camp-like experience** for our younger students and is sure to build their faith and friendships. **When:** *Saturday, August 8 from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.* **Where:** *Generaciones Church. 201 E 18th Street, Antioch.* **Cost:** *\$45 per child and includes all activities and meals for the day, plus souvenir swag to remember the day.* For questions and additional information contact Pastor Christina at 925.228.8156, extension 1003 or [christina@creekside.org](mailto:christina@creekside.org).

## PRAY FOR YOUTH SUMMER CAMP 2026 | JULY 7-10

This week, our CYC Jr. High and Sr. High students are heading to Open Bible Youth Camp at Camp Koinonia! Please keep our students, leaders, and camp staff in your prayers as they travel, build friendships, have fun, and grow in their faith. Pray that God would work powerfully in their hearts, draw them closer to Him, and make this a life-changing week for everyone attending.

## 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.