

THE NEXT YES

WHEN GOD'S NEXT STEP
ISN'T WHAT YOU EXPECT

MY PLAN
WAS...

DID HE?

YES

I ALMOST...

SHOULD
I?

AM I
READY?

YES

BUT I
THOUGHT...

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

WELCOME TO CREEKSIDE



It is so good to be home.

This past week, I had the privilege of speaking at youth camp in Washington, and it was incredible to watch God move in the lives of students. Young people responded in worship, opened their hearts, prayed for one another, and courageously said yes to what God was doing. I came home encouraged, grateful, and convinced once again that God is moving in this generation.

But as meaningful as camp was, I am glad to be back with my Creekside family.

One thing God reminded me of this week is that it can be easier to recognize His voice in a special environment than in the ordinary rhythm of home. At camp, we expect God to move. We arrive ready for worship, prayer, and powerful moments. But sometimes our most important yes happens on an ordinary Tuesday, in a conversation we did not plan, an interruption we would rather avoid, or a quiet prompting to encourage, forgive, pray, or reach out.

My personal prayer is that I would remain just as attentive to God here as I was at camp. I do not want to need a platform, a worship set, or a mountaintop moment to recognize that Jesus is inviting me to take another step.

Today, we also get to celebrate new **life in Christ through baptism! Every baptism** is a reminder that Jesus still saves, restores, and changes lives.

And perhaps baptism is your next yes. You may not have signed up or brought anything with you, but we are ready. So go ahead and dive in, spiritually and literally! We even have dry clothes available, because apparently we have learned that

“I didn’t bring shorts” is one of the enemy’s greatest strategies.

Thank you for joining us today. We are genuinely grateful you are here, and we cannot wait to celebrate all God is doing in your life and throughout Creekside.

Pastor George

Upcoming Happenings

MUSHBALL | JULY 25, AUG. 1 & 29

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!

CREEKSIDE NIGHT AT THE STURGEONS GAME | TODAY

Join us for the game at 2:00 p.m. today followed by a Creekside tailgate right after the game at the Martinez Waterfront, with free food for everyone! We still have a few free tickets available. See Pastor Ryan for ticket(s) ASAP!

BACK TO SCHOOL WORSHIP NIGHT | AUGUST 5

As a new school year begins, let's come together to lift up our students, educators, and families in prayer. Join us for a powerful Night of Worship on Wednesday, August 5 as we ask God to move in our schools and communities. We'll kick things off with refreshments and fun at 6:00 p.m. followed by a special time of worship and prayer at 6:30 p.m. Childcare will be available for children ages 4 and under. Whether you're a student, teacher, parent, or simply someone who wants to support the next generation, this night is for you. Come expectant; God is just getting started.

CREEKSIDE GROUP LEADER HUDDLE | AUGUST 9, 22 | [RSVP HERE](#)

Ever thought about leading a group... but weren't sure if you could? You're not alone and you don't have to do it alone either! Whether it's a Bible study, activity group, or simply a space for people to connect, **your "yes" could make a big difference in someone's life**. Join us for a Group Leader Huddle, where you'll meet other leaders, and discover what it really looks like to lead a group at Creekside. **We have two to choose from: Sunday, August 9 after each service and Saturday, August 22 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.** RSVP above or e-mail monique@creekside.org with questions. You don't have to be perfect, just willing. Let's build community together!

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. Tomorrow, **July 27** Game is at 6:30 p.m. and the following Monday, August 3, game is at 8:30

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p.m. Reminder that the last league game of the season will be August 17, and Tournament on August 22. Official website: 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.

JOIN A SERVE TEAM | EXPLORE SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Join **Team Creekside** and be part of what God is doing. Serving isn't about making Creekside a great church, it's about becoming more like Jesus and helping others find Him. Along the way, you'll **grow, build meaningful relationships, and make a real difference**. Questions? E-mail monique@creekside.org.

Children & Youth

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.

CKZ FAMILY WEEK | AUGUST 11-14

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. All you have to do is be here! The line up for fun this week includes: kick ball, watercolor activities, a Back to School celebration, and FUN Friday. We will have light snacks and drinks available for all - the only thing missing is you. Meet up on the back lawn from 3:30-6:00 p.m. This is our final family week of the summer and we can't wait to spend it with you!

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
- Through the Creekside Church Martinez App
- Via cash or check...just drop it in giving stations near the rear exits on Sundays or mail

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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.