

Ephesians 4:26-27

CLAP BACK^{or} *Come Back*



*You can win the fight or
win your future!*

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE



Welcome to Creekside Church!

I'm so glad you're here today. Whether it's your first time or your hundredth, I want you to know how much it means that you've chosen to spend your Sunday with us. There's nothing like being together in God's presence, and I truly believe He has something to say to each of us today.

We're talking about **anger** this morning and let me just say, I've had more than a few chances lately to practice this message. If you've heard about the ongoing house problems Kristen and I have been dealing with, you know what I mean. From broken drains under our slab foundation to mold and delayed repairs, it's been the perfect storm to test my patience.

And if walls could talk, they'd probably say, "Calm down, George. It's not the sauce of Satan, it's just joint compound!" as I wrestle with joint tape and mud that never seems to go on evenly. Or better yet, just ask some of my tools - a few of them have definitely felt the heat of my frustration!

But seriously, anger is something we all wrestle with. The Apostle Paul reminds us of the danger of letting anger take over in **Ephesians 4:26–27**:

"Don't sin by letting anger control you. Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil."

God isn't surprised by our anger, but He doesn't want it to control us. I've seen how quickly frustration can turn into regret. But I've also seen how peace shows up when I pause and invite God in.

If you're carrying any frustration today—at home, at work, or in your heart—you're not alone. And you don't have to stay stuck.

God offers something better. Let's grow in that together.

Pastor George

Upcoming Happenings

GLS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT | AUGUST 7-8 | [REGISTER TODAY](#)

Leadership isn't just for CEOs, managers, or public figures—it's for anyone who wants to make a difference. Whether you're leading a team, a classroom, a family, or simply trying to be a positive influence in your everyday life, your leadership matters. Join thousands of everyday leaders from around the world for The Global Leadership Summit on Thursday and Friday, August 7–8, 2025. Creekside is proud to be a local simulcast host site for this high-impact event. You'll walk away with practical tools, fresh inspiration, and the confidence to lead wherever you are—whether that's in your workplace, your home, or your community. By attending Creekside, you'll also enjoy local networking and the chance to grow with others right here in our community. This is your moment. You have influence. Let's grow it together.

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 if you have questions.

SAM'S BREAKFAST CLUB 55+ | AUGUST 12 | [RSVP HERE](#)

We had a wonderful launch of the Senior Adult Ministry Breakfast Club last month—thank you to everyone who joined us! It was a morning full of good food, great conversation, and meaningful connection.. **If you're 55 or better** and missed the first one, don't worry—there's more to come! **Join us at Creekside on Tuesday, August 12 from 9:00–10:30 a.m. for another great morning. Breakfast is on us!** RSVP by scanning the QR code, filling out a Connection Card, or stopping by Guest Central. Questions? Contact Pam Schmitz at pamschmitz@hotmail.com.

CREEKSIDE GROUP LEADER HUDDLE | AUGUST 10 & 12 | [REGISTER](#)

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—a casual and

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encouraging gathering where you'll get to enjoy some food, meet other leaders, and discover what it really looks like to lead a group at Creekside. **We have two to choose from: Sunday, August 10 at Noon (lunch provided) or Tuesday, August 12 from 6:00–7:00 p.m.** Scan the QR code to RSVP or E-mail monique@creekside.org with questions. You don't have to be perfect—just willing. Let's build community together!

BACK TO SCHOOL WORSHIP NIGHT | AUGUST 13

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 13** as we ask God to move in our schools and communities. **We'll kick things off with refreshments and fun at 6:30 p.m., followed by a special time of worship and prayer at 7:00 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.**

WEEKEND WALKING GROUP | SATURDAYS | [MORE INFO](#)

We are a gentle group of like minded, mixed age men and women that enjoy walking, hiking or strolling various regional park trails and walking paths. We try to gauge our excursions based on weather and temperatures. Members will receive an invite notice through e-mail describing the upcoming walk, and have an opportunity to RSVP yes, no, or maybe. We start at 8:30 a.m. Our walks are sometimes invigorating, and other times provide a peaceful retreat from busy lives. You decide, all levels are warmly welcomed.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY | STARTS SEPTEMBER 3 | [REGISTER HERE](#)

Come see what happens in people's lives when they discover God through the study of His Word, the Bible. Our women's classes meet weekly during the school year and children of all ages are welcome. We have classes for preschoolers through high school ages. Class participants receive a course book with a commentary and home study questions. Each week, you'll participate in small group discussions and a large group teaching. Occasionally, core group social/brunch events will provide opportunities for sharing and relationship building with your fellow core group participants. Our classes will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9:15-11:15 a.m. beginning September 3, 2025. We recess at Thanksgiving, Christmas and in the Spring. The upcoming session is a 30-week study of Psalms. Registration is now open.

Children & Youth

SPLASH: CKZ SUMMER EVENT | AUGUST 6 | [REGISTER HERE](#)

We know summer can fly by in a blur of sunscreen, screen time, and snack wrappers. That's why we're carving out something special just for your kid. SPLASH! is happening on Wednesday, August 6 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. here at Creekside Church and it's everything your K–5th grader needs to connect, laugh hard, and get totally soaked with friends (new and old). Think: giant water slide, balloon battles, a dunk tank, and so much joy packed into one unforgettable evening.

It's just \$10, and the CKz Snack Shack will be open with sweet summer treats — including a Corn Dog Meal Deal (because what's more classic than that?). Here is what you need to bring:

- Clothes that can get wet
- A towel
- And a few friends to invite — because fun is always better when it's shared

We're making space for your kid this summer — a place to belong, be themselves, and make memories that matter. You in?

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

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

CYC JR & SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP | WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Join us Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. for a great message, games, discussion and community.

CYC JR OOW GROUPS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Interested in meeting in small groups **Outside Of Wednesdays** twice a month? You can check out the groups as well as all other Jr./Sr. High **CYC 180°** weekly event.

Questions? Contact jesse@creekside.org

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.