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## DIALOGUE



# LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE



## Welcome to Creekside!

I'm so glad you've joined us this morning. Whether you're here for the first time or you've been part of the Creekside family for years, thank you for spending your Sunday with us. I truly believe God brought you here for a reason—and I'm excited to see how He'll work in your life today.

We're kicking off a brand-new teaching series called **Dialogue Detox: *Cleansing the Way We Speak. Refreshing the Way We Live.***

Let's be honest, **we all say things we shouldn't.** A sarcastic comment. A complaint we just had to get off our chest. Gossip that felt more like "just venting." Little lies that slipped out too easily. Over time, this kind of toxic talk doesn't just pollute our conversations, it starts to shape our character and damage our relationships. And most of the time, we don't even realize it's happening.

That's why I believe this series matters.

Over the next few weeks, we're going to confront the everyday "mouth traps" that we tend to excuse or ignore. You know, things like gossip, criticism, complaining, lying, sarcasm, and so much more. We'll explore what God's Word says about the power of our speech, and how we can surrender our words to His grace. The goal isn't just better behavior, it's a heart that reflects Jesus in everything, including what we say.

**Proverbs 18:21** says, *"The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences."*

**Our words matter more than we think. They shape our world and the lives of those around us.**

I'm praying this series brings healing, growth, and a renewed sense of purpose to your everyday conversations. Thanks again for being here. Let's lean in and let God do what only He can.

With gratitude,

**Pastor George**

# Upcoming Happenings

## PIZZA WITH PASTORS | TODAY

New to Creekside? Let's get to know each other! You're invited to Pizza with Pastors, a relaxed and fun lunch hosted by Pastor George and our staff today. Whether you're brand new or have been visiting for awhile, this is a great chance to meet our pastors and leaders, learn what we're all about & enjoy free pizza and fun trivia (with prizes!). Bring your questions and your appetite. We look forward to finding out what it will take for you to take the next step in getting connected at Creekside!

## BOARD GAME CLUB | AUGUST 23 | [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Have you ever wanted to enact the righteous judgment of God upon your enemies? Do you ever wish you could work with others to prevent the annihilation of humanity? Do you simply like to have fun? This group is all about board games, or more accurately, all games in general. Games like Catan, Risk, Pandemic, Scattagories, Catch Phrase, Exploding Kittens, Sushi Go, Uno or even Clue, Monopoly and Trouble. We provide the majority of the games, but we would love for you to bring your favorites. There will also be games for all ages, so bring your kids and/or your grandparents if you think they'll enjoy it! The more the merrier! Sign up so we can look for you. We meet here at Creekside from 6:00–9:00 p.m. twice a month. Check the calendar for other dates.

## CYC LUAU | AUGUST 27

The Luau is back! August 27 at 6:00 p.m., we're throwing a party to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. CYC Students, invite your friends! We're bringing back the raffle prizes as well. Each new friend gets a raffle ticket and for each new friend you bring, you get an additional raffle ticket. Enjoy a great meal, have some fun, and let's celebrate an awesome summer together!

## LET'S PLAY MUSHBALL! | AUGUST 30

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 at **Noon** 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. Everyone's welcome!

## FUTURE SAM BREAKFAST CLUB DATES

Thank you everyone who was able to attend our last breakfast. As promised here are the last three for 2025. Please add to your calendar: September 19, October 17, and November 7 which are Fridays.

# Upcoming Happenings

## **TOGETHER ONE SERVICE | AUGUST 31**

### **SIGN UP TO SERVE**

### **CHILI COOK-OFF & PIE BAKING ENTRY FORM**

We are saying farewell to summer together with a special Together One Service. We're ditching our normal service times and want to see you at 10:00 a.m. for a very special service that brings all Creeksiders together and is followed by a time of fellowship, and this time we are turning up the competition. Following our service we want you to stick around for an afternoon of music, food, games, and a special Chili Cook-Off & Pie Contest. Join us for one last summer hoorah and invite a friend –we'll see you at Together One Service. Scan the QR code to sign up to enter the Chili Cook-Off & Pie Contest or to join our Serving Team.

## **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.

## **TRIVIA NIGHT – SUMMER BREAK**

Looking for a way to serve at Creekside? If you have the gifts of Service or Leadership, this might be an outlet for you to get involved. We would love to enlarge the Trivia Team with people who like to “set the stage” for a fun evening to meet and enjoy the company of others, and a place to invite your friends/family to spend an evening. Our current team is small, and they are ready to expand. We are looking for people who like to interact with people or technology. Do you like to host? (Yes it involves a microphone). Like to plan refreshments? Enjoy the feeling of satisfaction for setting-up for an event, and returning the room to the way you found it. If you are interested, have questions, or are ready to join, please contact Margaret Seel, either E-mail her at [margaretseel4@gmail.com](mailto:margaretseel4@gmail.com) or by phone at 925.914.5790. Let the fun of Trivia Night continue!

# Upcoming Happenings

## 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.

## 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

## 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](mailto: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](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.