



WHAT LOVE DOES

LOVE PURSUES, FILLS, DRAWS NEAR, & SENDS.
Discovering the Heart of God

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE



WELCOME TO CREEKSIDE CHURCH

Whether you've been part of Creekside for years or today is your first Sunday with us, I'm genuinely grateful you're here. Thank you for making room in your week to gather with us.

One thing I've learned is that faith often looks less dramatic than we imagine.

Sometimes we picture faith as a big, courageous moment. But most of the time, faith shows up in small decisions.

I've had plenty of moments where I knew what I needed to do, but I still found myself thinking, "I'll get to that." Maybe I needed to make a phone call, have a conversation, pray about something instead of overthinking it, or simply take one step I had been putting off. And if we're not careful, "I'll get to it" can become a permanent address.

James 2:17 says: ***"So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless."***

Faith was never meant to live only in what we say we believe. Eventually, faith moves us. Sometimes that movement is big. Sometimes it's quiet.

It may be asking for prayer. Forgiving someone. Serving someone. Trusting God with something you can't control. Returning to church after disappointment. Taking one obedient step when you don't know what the next ten will look like.

The important thing is that we move in the direction of Jesus.

So here's my encouragement this week: **Don't wait until you have everything figured out before you take the next faithful step.**

Faith doesn't need the whole map. It just needs enough trust to move.

Thank you again for being here today. I'm praying that God strengthens your trust in Him, gives you courage for your next step, and reminds you that everything you truly need is found in Jesus.

Pastor George

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "P. George". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "P" and a smaller "G" that loops back.

Upcoming Happenings

DIPES & WIPES DRIVE | SEPTEMBER 1-30

Creekside is excited to spend the month of September collecting diapers and wipes for families in need within our church and way beyond our walls. This is one way we are showing up for our city and its surrounding communities this Fall and we would love your help. You can drop off baby diapers and baby wipes in the bins located in the courtyard. Your generosity will meet the needs of families within our church and will increase our reach as we will be making donations to Shelter Inc, and Monument Crisis Center, organizations that are getting items directly into the hands of families within our community. This is a perfect and practical way to extend a hand to those in need this fall and we pray that you will join us in our effort to make a difference for our city, with excellence. For those in need of diapers and wipes, you can pick up during office hours October 6-20.

CREEKSIDE GROUPS SIGN UP NOW | [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Want to feel at home at Creekside? Join a Group! Groups launch this week! Whether it's Bible or book studies, quilting, coffee chats, or walking groups, there's something for you. In-person and

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 the rest of our staff on today from Noon–1:00 p.m. right here at Creekside. Whether you're brand new or have been visiting for a while, this is a great opportunity to meet our pastors and leaders, learn what we are all about and enjoy lunch on us. Join the fun trivia (with prizes!) Bring your questions and your appetite, and we will take care of the rest. We'll get the pizza and even provide childcare for kids 4 and under.

SHE IS KNOWN | WOMEN'S CONFERENCE | OCTOBER 2-3 | [REGISTER](#)

Join us at Creekside October 2-3 for two inspiring days of worship, encouragement, and connection as we discover what it means to live confidently in the identity and purpose God has given us. Featuring Kadi Cole, leadership consultant, strategist, and author, who equips women to lead with confidence and impact, and Pastor Connie LeLaCheur, whose powerful story of grace and restoration inspires women to embrace freedom and step boldly into their God-given calling. Come be refreshed, equipped, and reminded you are known, loved, and called by God. Scan the QR code to register.

Upcoming Happenings

GROWTH TRACK | OCTOBER 4, 11, 18 | [SIGN UP 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 experience is a great way to learn more about Creekside, discover your unique gifts, and explore how you can connect, grow, and make Creekside feel like home. You'll hear our heart and vision, learn more about who you are, and see how your story can connect with what God is doing here. Lunch and childcare are provided for each class. Register for each of the classes using the QR code.

BAPTISM ORIENTATION | OCTOBER 4, 7, 11 | [SIGN UP HERE](#)

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, October 25 at 9:00 and 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 October 4 or 11 at 10:15 a.m. OR October 7 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!**

TRUNK OR TREAT | OCTOBER 31 | [VOLUNTEER HERE](#)

Join us for a candy-filled night at our annual Trunk or Treat on October 31! Bring your candy bucket or pillowcase and enjoy a fun, safe community event. We'll have a special sensory-friendly time from 5:30–6:00 p.m. for friends who need a calmer space, followed by festivities from 6–8 p.m. with inflatables, a DJ, free food, and plenty of candy. There will also be a refresh space where you can sit, enjoy the fire pit, and get some coffee (if you're brave enough for late-night caffeine)! **Volunteer to be a trunker or join the serving team.** Drop off candy donations in bins on Sundays or during office hours. We can't wait to party with you!

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.

Children & Youth

KIDZ CLUB SEASON 5 | WEDNESDAYS

Kidz Club Season 5! 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. beginning September 9.**

CARDBOARD CAR SHOW | SEPTEMBER 26

Save those Amazon boxes and bust out the hot glue gun because the CKz Cardboard Car Show is back! Each year just keeps getting better, and this year, we're bringing back a lineup of real-life rides to display alongside your cardboard creations! What's a car show without a few prizes? Our friends will have a chance to win Best in Show, Most Original, and Classic Cardboard Creation. The event kicks off at 7:00 p.m., then we'll send off the hot rods and pull into the CKz Drive-In for a movie night complete with your favorite movie snacks. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and classmates for a classic summer night with something for everyone! Admission and popcorn are FREE, and snacks will be available for purchase.

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.