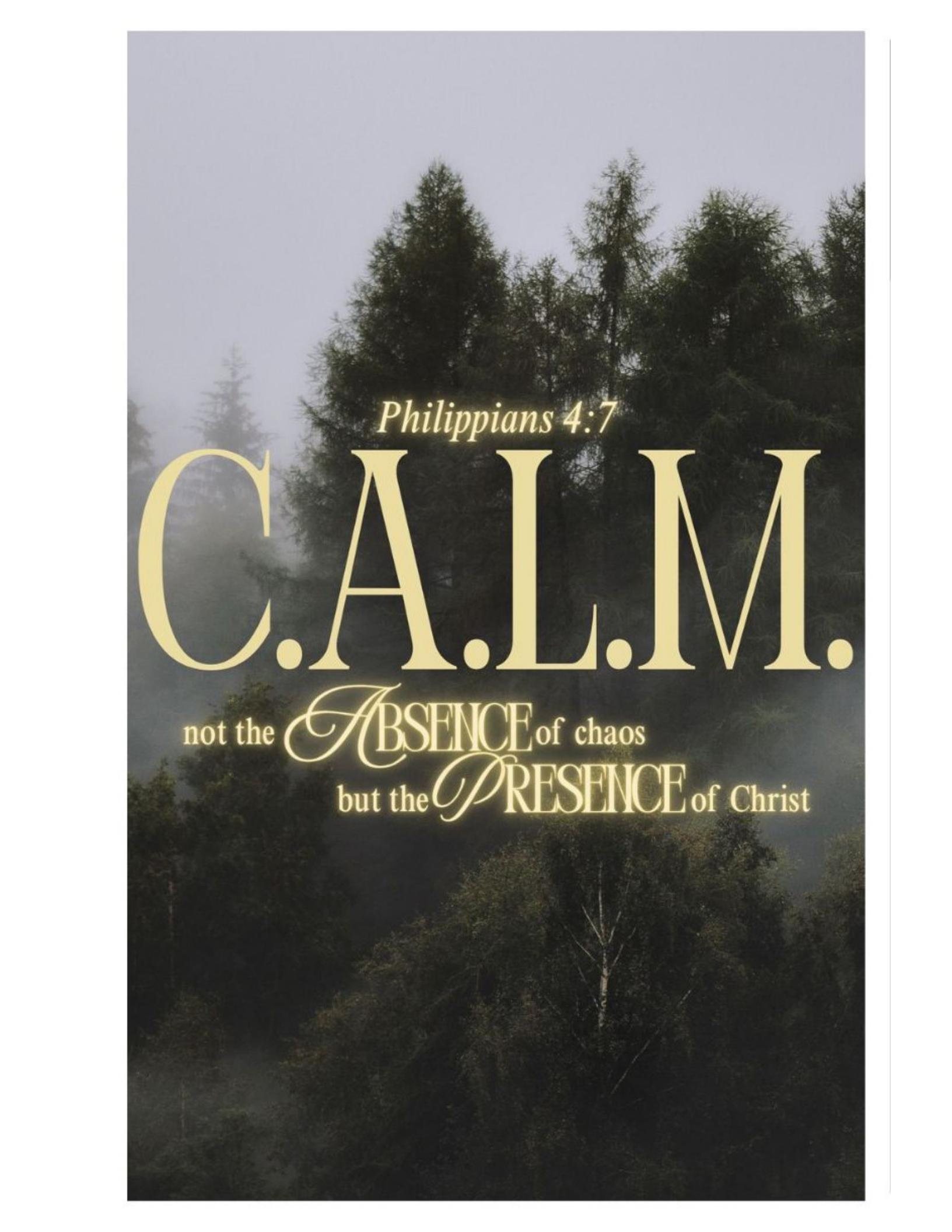




Philippians 4:7

C.A.L.M.

not the *A*BSENCE of chaos
but the *P*RESENCE of Christ

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE



Welcome to Creekside Church!

What a gift it is to be together today! Every time we gather in God's presence, we're reminded that peace isn't found in perfect circumstances. It's found in a faithful Savior who meets us right where we are.

We're in Week 3 of our series **C.A.L.M.: Peace Isn't the Absence of Chaos; It's the Presence of Christ**. Over the past two weeks, we've learned to **Celebrate God's Nearness** and **Ask God for Help**.

Today, we come to the next letter, **L = Leave It with God**.

That's not always easy, is it? We pray, "Lord, I give this to You," and then five minutes later we pick it right back up again. But peace doesn't come from control. It comes from surrender.

When Paul wrote, "*Rejoice in the Lord always*," he wasn't relaxing on a beach. He was sitting in a Roman prison, chained, uncertain of his future. Yet he still chose to praise. Paul's peace wasn't built on what was happening around him but on who was standing with him.

That's what praise does. **It shifts your focus** from the weight of your problem to the greatness of your God. It reminds your heart that even when life feels unstable, God remains unshaken.

Here's a challenge for this week: Every time worry rises, pause and praise. Don't rehearse your problems - rehearse God's promises. When you worship before the breakthrough, peace begins to take root.

I'm so grateful you're here today. My prayer is that as you worship, God will meet you in a personal way, lifting burdens, renewing strength, and filling you with peace that only comes from His presence. You didn't just come to church today; you came to encounter the living God. Let's lean in together and leave here lighter than we came.

– Pastor George

Upcoming Happenings

SAM'S BREAKFAST CLUB 55+ | NOVEMBER 7 | [RSVP](#)

Join us at our next Senior Adult Ministry's Breakfast Club. Come enjoy a relaxed morning of delicious food, friendly conversation, and meaningful connections with others 55 and better. From 9:00–10:30 a.m. Breakfast is on us! Bring a friend and make it a morning to look forward to. RSVP by clicking above on **RSVP**, Reach out to Pam Schmitz at pamschmitz@hotmail.com if you have questions.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - NOVEMBER 8 | [DETAILS](#)

We're partnering with Samaritan's Purse to share God's love through Operation Christmas Child (OCC)! **Stop by the OCC table today** to find out how you can make a difference and pick up helpful resources. You can **donate shoebox items**, **join our Packing Party on November 8 at 10:00 a.m.**, or **pack a box at home** and return it to Creekside by **November 16**. Let's bring joy and the hope of the Gospel to children around the world! **Questions?** E-mail monique@creekside.org.

HAIRCUTS FOR HARVEST | NOVEMBER 15 | [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Join us for Haircuts for Harvest—a **fun and meaningful way to support Creekside's Annual Harvest Offering!** For just \$30, get a fresh trim (men, women, and kids welcome) from our talented team, using their gifts to bless others. We're also **teaming up with Celebrate Recovery for a bake sale**—so come enjoy some sweet treats while giving generously to our church and community. **Spots are limited, so reserve your time slot today!** Save the date, spread the word, and let's make an impact together!

HARVEST OFFERING | NOVEMBER 23

One of our Creekside holiday traditions is our annual Harvest Offering that we receive the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. This tradition was started as a way for people to express thanks through giving for the blessings we have received. All of the resources received are used to bless and support local outreach needs, national and international ministries, missionaries, church plants and any other needs that arise. This is the one "special offering" we receive each year and, due to the growing generosity of Creeksiders, this offering makes it possible to not need to ask for other special offerings during the year. We ask Creeksiders to pray and begin to prepare now for this Harvest Sunday so we can continue to grow our hearts and give to reach the hearts of our community and world. As we say around here, "If you want to be blessed, be blessable." Creekside is a blessed church!

THANKSGATHERING SERVICE | NOVEMBER 27

Join us Thursday, November 27 from 9:00–10:00 a.m. for a special Thanksgiving celebration! We'll start the holiday with gratitude, worship, and heartfelt letters of

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thanks read by Creeksiders of all ages. It's one of our favorite traditions—wear your favorite flannel, give thanks, and kick off the holiday with us.

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.

Children & Youth

KIDZ CLUB | WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Kidz Club Season 4! 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.

CYC LEAD WEST COAST | NOVEMBER 7-8 | [REGISTER HERE](#)

LEAD FEARLESS is our Youth Leadership Conference we are attending this Fall. It's an event designed to help students grow in leadership, strengthen their calling, and lead fearlessly for Jesus. The event will involve an impactful time of worship and guest speakers, with practical resources and tools for students to bring home with them. This event takes place in Antioch this year, so we won't be staying overnight. Instead, we're arranging travel accommodations for our students. The **cost is \$77 per student**. *This covers everything for the event*, including dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday, a T-shirt, breakouts, a fun evening event, and all that goes into pulling an event like this off. Sign your students up for an incredible event and keep an eye on your e-mail for details!

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- 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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Explore what is going on and how you can get connected.

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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.