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They also offer us proof that God can give us all the power we need to bring needed change or face any difficulty that life brings our way.

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EASTER FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 4, 10am–1pm | Creekside Campus

A FREE community outreach event for the entire family. A great way to kick and celebrate Easter week! We'll have free activities for all to enjoy. Egg hunt, game booths, inflatable jump houses, and more. We'll also have reasonably priced lunch/snack foods for purchase. Invite your neighbors and friends to experience this high energy, carnival-like springtime event.

TUE-FRI APR
7-10

PRIVATE COMMUNION

Tuesday & Wednesday, April 7–8, 7am–8pm | Auditorium

Thursday, April 9, 7am–9pm | Auditorium

Friday, April 10, 7am–2pm | Auditorium

A self guided experience to prepare you for communion. Reflect on Jesus' ministry here on earth through His trial, crucifixion, and resurrection ending with a deeper understanding of communion.

THURS APR
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CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER

Thursday, April 9, 5:30pm & 7pm | Venue

Jews for Jesus will be demonstrating how Jesus is represented and foretold through the Passover Supper. These services will also include a time of worship music.

FRIDAY APR
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SUNDAY APR
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GOOD FRIDAY BAPTISM CELEBRATION

Friday, April 10, 7pm | Auditorium

Celebrate those stepping into a new life with Christ. Worship with the Creekside Choir and Orchestra. Come celebrate with us.

EASTER SONRISE SERVICE

Sunday, April 12, 6am | Outside by the fountain

Start your Easter Sunday with coffee and donuts, in your car or outside as we worship together and watch the sun rise on this glorious day.

EASTER SERVICES

• Saturday, April 11,
6pm | *Auditorium & **Venue

Contemporary services

• Sunday, Apr 12,
8am | *Auditorium

Classic service

9:30 & 11:15am | *Auditorium & **Venue

Contemporary services

* AUDITORIUM SERVICES: music lead by the choir and orchestra.

** VENUE SERVICES: music lead by the Praise Band.



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- MISSION: We exist to bring glory to God by turning all people into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.
- PURPOSE: Making Disciples—More Christians and better Christians.
- DISCIPLE: Someone who continuously learns to live and love like Jesus and leads others to do the same.



WELCOME *to* CREEKSIDE LIFE

Welcome to Creekside Life!

Have you ever been blown away by great service or over-the-top kindness?

It happened for Dawn and me last summer in Montana. We pulled into a campground and found that the electrical cord for our RV was not quite long enough to reach the power. A quick trip to the RV store, we found the parts department closed, but a salesman for the attached dealership met us with a smile.

"Hi, my name is Dewey." He continued with genuine care, hoping to meet our need, but to no avail. We exchanged information, agreeing to try the next day.

We had not been back to the campground but a few minutes, when the manager wheeled up informing us that there was some guy from the RV store with a power chord. Then, around the corner came Dewey.

Smiling, he pulled out the huge cord and told us he had "borrowed it."

"This will get you through the night; just bring it back tomorrow."

We couldn't believe it! We were blown away!

"Who are you?" I said. "People just don't do this!" His hospitality was ridiculous!

Returning the borrowed cord the next day, we purchased our own, and afterwards spent much of the day touring RVs and visiting with Dewey. Staying in touch, he recently commented, "I think simple human kindness is too rare and compassion is a lost art."

Dewey's ridiculous hospitality was a blessing that transcended the original experience.

Ridiculous hospitality flows from the heart of Jesus, and here at Creekside, we want to be known as purveyors of it. In addition to great articles about how you can cultivate it in your own life, in this issue, you will also find stories about how such "over-the-top" kindness happens through Creekside all the time. Join us as we seek to build a culture of ridiculous hospitality and watch others be blown away by Jesus' "over-the-top" love. CL

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CHILDREN SPONSORED

through the 'Compassion at Christmas' campaign plus additional children sponsored directly through Compassion after the campaign...

almost doubled GOAL...

817
450

3 SPONSOR TRIPS IN 2020

signed up...

almost doubled GOAL

More signed up than spaces available

165
90

CHURCH PLANTING SUPPORT

\$\$ raised to support church planting, subsidies, and ministry in Ecuador...

more than doubled GOAL

\$176,609
\$ 87,000

BAPTISMS

SUNDAY January 26 in all three services—including the Venue we had:

20 PLANNED BAPTISMS

26 SPONTANEOUS BAPTISMS BETWEEN SERVICES

46 CREEKSIDERS DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS!



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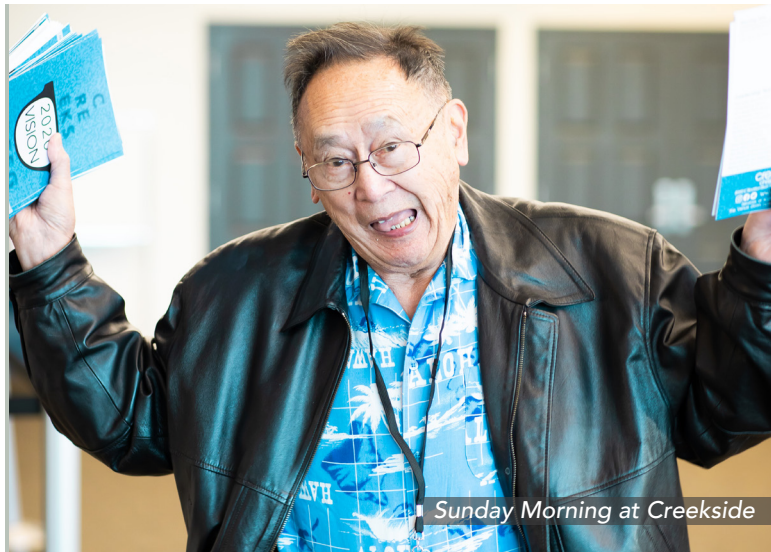
Sunday Morning at Creekside



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Winter Camp



PULSE

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KAYLEE SCOTT

HIGH SCHOOL COORDINATOR

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

When I was young, I wanted to be a teacher because I enjoyed writing on the board so much, I thought it was my calling!

PROUDEST MOMENT?

I don't have an exact moment where I've felt my proudest. But I am always proud of myself when I encourage or help others. Thankfully, I get to do that often when working here at Creekside.

HOBBIES?

Some hobbies of mine are going to concerts, watching Disney+, and journaling!

IF YOU COULD GET COFFEE WITH ANYONE LIVING OR DEAD...

I've always wanted to meet Steve Carell because he plays the best character to ever hit television, Michael Scott. He seems like a cool dude plus he's hilarious; I'd love to have a cup of coffee with him.

WHAT IS YOUR ULTIMATE DAY?

My ultimate day would be going to Disneyland with friends and family-riding all of my favorite rides, eating delicious treats and ending our day with fireworks!

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D INSTAGRAM: TEEN SHOWN RIDICULOUS HOSPITALITY?

@SommerGarrett

By putting out a fruit basket on our front porch with the extra lemons, limes and oranges from our fruit trees, to share with neighbors.



@jdavoldjones

We show Ridiculous Hospitality by loving on our neighbors every chance that we get.



@sarah.m.mcreynolds

By blowing off and raking up our neighbors leaves.



@jettaninja

from the pulse of Creekside

We were shown Ridiculous Hospitality by our LifeGroup and Neighbors during an exciting yet stressful season. We had just sold and bought a house when we were finally matched with our son after a long wait during our adoption process. We moved out of our old house and into the new house and the next day got on a flight to Haiti for 15 days. We barely had time to get all of our belongs into the new house, let alone make any of the repairs needed for our house. While we were away our friends and LifeGroup secretly spent hours fixing and painting the inside of our house. It was a complete surprise and one of the best gifts we've ever received. When we came home our house was ready for us to unpack and get settled. Their Ridiculous Hospitality was truly a treasured gift to our family.



@mrsgoldeen

One of my Teen Center kids was kicked out of their house and had zero options on where to go for the night. At this time I had known this student for over 5 years through daily interactions, so my family and I ended up taking this student in, fed them dinner, gave them clothes, and a place to sleep.

Thankfully they were able to resolve their issue with their family the next day. It was a step of faith to open up our home in this way. If anything, my home has now become an extension of my ministry at the Teen Center.

My hope and prayer every day is that any student who walks in through our doors (Teen Center and our home) will feel welcomed, known, and loved.

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GUEST SERVICES TEAM: DEFINING HOSPITALITY

What is the definition of hospitality?

hos·pi·tal·i·ty (hos'pi-tal'ə-ti), *n.* [*pl.* -TIES], the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors or strangers.

Sounds great, right? But, what makes hospitality different at church?

Consider this: What are your expectations when you are invited to someone's house as a guest? As you arrive, park your car, and walk up to that door, what goes through your mind? The door opens and you are greeted with a fist bump, handshake, and possibly even a hug. At the least you are greeted with a warm genuine smile and the words, "Hi, I am so glad you made it. I am so glad you are here. Come on in!" Immediately you feel so welcomed. Within the first three minutes, you feel at peace, you feel happy, and you are excited to be there.

So, what makes this different at church? Absolutely nothing!

The goal of Creekside's Guest Services Team is to be everyone's first encounter with radical, hospitality. We want to go over the top in welcoming all to our church, going above and beyond, going the extra mile. Someone may show up to church on Sunday

unhappy, maybe even bitter about something, but after engaging with our Guest Services Team, they can't help but turn that frown upside down. It takes only a few seconds to change someone's day in a positive way.

This is who we are!

The Guest Services Team—including parking, greeting, connection center, cafes, prayer, and ushers—are authentically glad to accept and welcome everyone who arrives on our campus. We love serving the Lord with a smile!

We don't know everyone's story, and that doesn't matter. That person may have never entered a church building before, they may come from different backgrounds, they may be suffering, maybe they just drove by and felt a calling to stop by. They may have been committed to coming every Sunday for the past 10 years. We don't need to know, but we do need to be genuinely welcoming.

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guest serv·ice (gest sūr'vis), *n.* 1. to provide a guest with radical hospitality. 2. to go over-the-top in welcoming all to Creekside. 3. above-and-beyond *service*. 4. to go the extra mile. 5. 30-seconds of smiling and saying "hello." 6. a way to meet new friends.

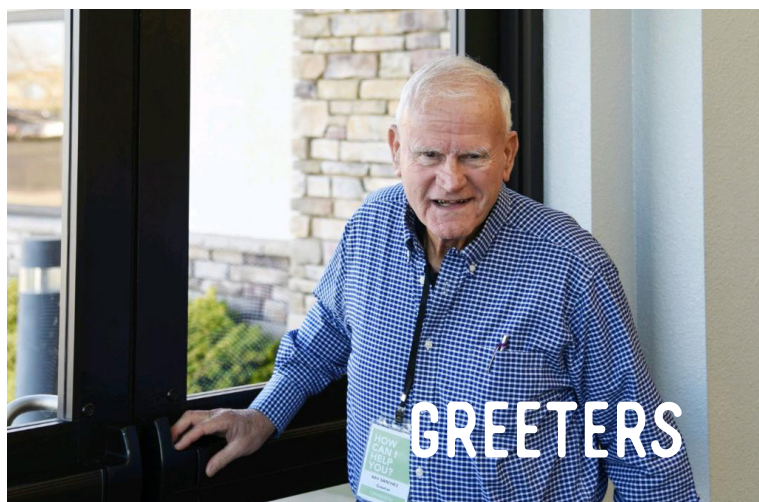
As part of the **PARKING TEAM**, we greet them first with a wave and smile. The **GREETERS** are there to open doors, smile, and welcome all who walk in. The people at the **CONNECTION CENTERS** are there to answer questions and make people feel at home. As a barista helping in either **CAFE**, the goal is serving coffee with a smile!

One of our volunteers, Ben, met a few guests on their way in and circled back with them after the service—"going the extra mile" to ask how their morning was and thanking them for coming.

The **USHERS** warmly give programs while helping guests find seats. One of our ushers, Matt, went the "extra mile" to collect trash after a guest was done eating his snacks, which surprised and delighted the guest.

The **PRAYER TEAM** walks around praying for all those who need prayer. One visitor, Melissa, came from a very hard background and was going through a really difficult time. But when she first stepped onto campus at Creekside, she said later, that it was our hospitality that grabbed her. Since then, she's surrendered her life to Christ and is being a disciple, growing day by day.





What a great, fun, easy way to spread God's love. What a privilege, right? Just imagine your entire family greeting those on Sunday morning. What a marvelous way to serve together as a family. Serving as part of the Guest Services Team is also a great way to meet new friends.

The little things make a big difference at our church. Sometimes it is taken for granted, but that 30 seconds of smiling and saying hello goes a long way for those walking in feeling uncomfortable or just having a bad day. **CL**



This Guest Services article is written by Kim Sturm who is the Guest Services Coordinator at Creekside.



RIDICULOUS *Hospitality*



When you hear the word hospitality, what comes to mind? Maybe a warm welcome and the smell of homemade chocolate chip cookies fresh out of the oven? Or the laughter of friends around a dinner table? Or a guest bed neatly made up in anticipation of your arrival (complete with a pillow mint)?

Hospitality is something we enjoy when it's offered—and expect when we pay for it. But the hospitality that God envisioned for his people is beyond all of this. Don't get me wrong, I'm all about good food with friends or a gracious welcome as I check in to a hotel. But God's hospitality... well, that's something completely

different. God's warm welcome is an arms - wide - open - no - matter-who-you-are-kind-of-love. God's hospitality is salve for wounded souls. And this is exactly the kind of hospitality that we who know Jesus are called to share with others.

I've come to call this ridiculous hospitality. This ridiculous hospitality is a high value for Creekside's culture because if we're really going to embody Jesus, well, we need to *"Practice hospitality"* ROMANS 12:13. I'm not talking about just opening your home, but opening your heart and presence to others who desperately need to see God's love and care through you.

At the end of one of Paul's letters, he challenges Christians to *"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy"* ROMANS 15:7-9.

Now I've got to be honest: for a long time, I read right past this verse but a little while back I had my eyes opened to the beautiful picture presented in these words.

We're called to accept one another. Sounds simple enough, but have you ever tried this? Accepting one another is hard. Especially with that person who hurt you or those people who are so different from you. But

accepting one another is exactly what we're called to do.

And did you catch what our motivation is for this acceptance? We accept one another because Christ has accepted us! Even when we were the ones who rebelled against Him and hurt Him and stood at a distance, Jesus came close. And He didn't just come for those who were like Him (in this passage, the Jews... Jesus was one of them); rather He came so that all the beauty and truth of salvation that had been revealed to God's chosen people (the in-group) might be extended also to the Gentiles (meaning non-Jews... the outgroup).

This is the ridiculous hospitality of our God who brings us into His family through His Son Jesus Christ.

And now, we get to join Him in His work by accepting one another in the same way. This

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SO DOING, WE EXTEND
GOD'S POWER ...**

accepting one another—showing ridiculous hospitality—isn't something we show only to those whom we like or are like us; it's a gift we give to everyone




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we encounter, especially those who are different. We welcome them into our presence, and in so doing, we welcome them into God's presence. We open our hearts and let down our guard, and through this we let them glimpse God's redeeming work in our lives. We extend a hand, and in so doing, we extend God's power to bring healing to their souls.

That's the point, after all, isn't it? That through our hospitality we could offer God's healing and wholeness. You see, at the root of the word hospitality is the word hospital. I'm guessing you've visited a hospital once or twice in your life. It's a place where anyone can go to find care and healing. That's exactly what should be found in our presence: the care and healing of the God we represent.

So, this week, try a few things to practice ridiculous hospitality:

-  **LOOK** for someone you've never met in your neighborhood or at your workplace and simply say hi with an authentic smile. See where the conversation leads.
-  **ASK** someone how they're doing... and actually wait to hear their honest answer. Show them that you care by your attentive presence.
-  **THINK** of that person in your life that you know is hurting and go out of your way to put a face on grace.

As people rub shoulders with your ridiculous hospitality, they're rubbing shoulders with the God that created them. So, join me as we seek to practice "ridiculous hospitality." 



Our Feature Article is written by Phil Fuller who is the Associate Pastor at Creekside.



Homelessness—we see more of it every day. Californians say it is the most pressing problem in our state. While there are no easy answers to solving homelessness, small steps can make a big difference.

Creekside is showing ridiculous hospitality to people experiencing homelessness by opening its doors each year as part of the Elk Grove Winter Sanctuary program. The two weeks at Creekside are part of a larger community effort with other local churches to offer 12 weeks of emergency shelter during the cold and wet winter months. Volunteers provide meals, a listening ear, and stay overnight so each homeless individual can sleep indoors in a safe, warm place.

Winter Sanctuary matters. Just ask the 83-year-old grandma, the Marine vet, the day laborer—all stayed at Creekside this year. Our volunteers provided a light to people struggling to recover.

Do you want a chance to grow in cultivating ridiculous hospitality in your life? Volunteer for Winter Sanctuary next year. Our program especially needs people who are willing to sacrifice a night of sleeping in their own bed so our homeless friends can have

a good night of sleeping in a warm and safe environment.

Together we can be light in their darkness, hope in their despair. Whether it is donating and preparing food, lending a listening ear or staying the night, your hospitality can make a huge difference in the lives of the homeless population in our community.

I pray that we will continue to host Winter Sanctuary for years to come. In reality, it's up to our volunteers. It's up to you. Maybe you can be part of the solution. Yes, your time and effort matter. **CL**

Learn more by contacting Karen Stoneburner at KarenS@creeksideeg.com.



This Outreach article is written by Fred Bremerman who is a Contributing Copywriter for Creekside Life.



LIVING RIDICULOUS HOSPITALITY ...INTENTIONALLY

WE HAVE A LIFEGROUP at Creekside that lives ridiculous hospitality both within and outside of their group. They've been together several years, supporting and caring for each other—like family.

While they grow spiritually from weekly Bible and sermon discussions and prayer, they've taken their group a huge step further!

They actually live life together including ridiculous hospitality. They are consistently "there" for each other in the highs and lows of life. They get together often to play, explore and enjoy each other's company with intentional hospitality a central theme.



This group is so close that they all traveled to San Diego to attend a wedding together (photo). Their hospitality is so ridiculous that they have refrigerator and even kitchen cabinet rights within each other's homes. One couple moved out of the area (very sad for this group), but they are continuing to live ridiculous hospitality by skyping them in each week for LifeGroup discussion time. They support one another regardless of the distance and all traveled to spend New Year's Eve together with the one requirement of bringing PJs to hang out in (photo).

They all have differences and interesting little quirks, but they value each other and don't let minor things become obstacles in their relationships. Sometimes

they joke about their differences and have permission to call each other out when needed.

This group also lives ridiculous hospitality with others. One example (and yes, they have more!) is when this group gathered at a local store, Bare Bones Workwear, because group members are friends with the store owners and offered the services of their LifeGroup. The new owners had been working feverishly to get their stock inventoried and hung, occupancy permits issued and fire department approval so they could open for business by Veterans' Day.

As a LifeGroup, they worked side by side with the owners to inventory and hang stock. The Vice



2020 NEW YEAR PAJAMA PARTY



AT THE WEDDING IN SAN DIEGO



WOSHIPING TOGETHER



President of the franchise company was also there and very aware of the man-hours required to stock the new store. He was skeptical that the group would get much done, expecting them to hang out and visit, instead of really working. The owners were concerned with hanging the stock because in order to get the fire department sign-off, the shelves had to be empty.

After getting the stock shelved and hung, this LifeGroup prayed over the owners and the store. Not only did they complete the work, getting it tagged and ready, the VP was blown away. Additionally, the fire department came the next day and was equally surprised at how great and organized the store looked

and even issued their approval that day, allowing the store to open for business one week early.

Jesus used this LifeGroup to show ridiculous hospitality to business owners in the community.

"How can I live more like this?" You ask. "What might God be calling me or my LifeGroup to do to show ridiculous hospitality?"

Won't you join me in this pursuit? Let's look for ways to live hospitably... loving and living more like Jesus by opening our homes and our hearts to others. [CL](#)



This LifeGroup article is written by Melissa Yocum who is the Executive Director & LifeGroups at Creekside.

CREEKSIDE CALENDAR

CREEKSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

Opportunities for you to move closer to Jesus.

Sign-up for Creekside's **Next Steps Journey** to get launched onto the pathway, or join one of our **Core Opportunities** to grow as a disciple of Christ.

What is a disciple? It's simple... *a disciple is someone who continuously learns to live and love like Jesus and leads others to do the same.*

NEXT STEPS JOURNEY

Sundays, May 3, 10, 17 & 24
11:15am-12:30pm | E-101

Fun, friendships, and a launch pad to take next steps in your relationship with Christ at Creekside: that's what Next Steps Journey is all about. Join us in May for this four-week journey, open to anyone who wants to learn more about Creekside and know God more. In completing all four steps of this path you will also have the opportunity to become a member of Creekside. And if you miss a step of the Journey, just jump in the following month.

Register at the Sign-Up Center or at www.creeksideeg.com/next-steps.

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Week 1: CONNECT

Connect to God and to the local church. Learn about Creekside's history, our beliefs, and our leadership.

Week 2: GROW

Grow in relationship with God and with others. Learn more about the Bible, prayer, and LifeGroups.

Week 3: SERVE

Serve the local church. Learn to recognize and use your God-given hardwiring to volunteer in ministry.

Week 4: REACH

Reach those who are far from Christ. Learn how to connect their story to your story to God's story.

CORE OPPORTUNITIES

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Wednesdays, Mar 4-Apr 29, 6:15pm | A-1

Financial Peace University Classes use Dave Ramsey's curriculum and provide biblically based, common-sense education and empowerment which gives HOPE to everyone from the financially secure to the financially distressed. This is a 9-week course.

Go to <https://www.fpu.com/1099921> to register.

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PRAYER WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 7, 9am-noon | E-102

Join Kelly for a practical approach to increasing intimacy between you and the God who loves you, while bringing life into your times of conversation with God.

Jennifer Sandlin | jennifer@creeksideeg.com

BAPTISM CLASSES

Sunday, March 15, 12:45-2pm | D-5

Sunday, May 31, 12:45-2pm | D-5

Our baptism class will answer your questions about baptism and prepare you for this step of faith with Jesus. Baptisms will be conducted

Friday, April 10, and Sunday, June 14.

Karen Nowlan | karen.n@creeksideeg.com

DEEPER STILL:

RETREAT WITH GOD IN PRAYER

Friday-Sunday, April 24-26 | Colfax

Hungry for a more intimate and conversational prayer life? In this small group weekend retreat, held in the beautiful Sierra foothills, we will spend time in reflection, structured silence, and solitude as we learn to be still and know God.



KIDS

KIDS BAPTISM CLASS

Sunday, March 15 and 29, 11:15am | M-6

Class for kids considering baptism on Good Friday, April 10. Parent must accompany child in class.

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5TH-6TH GRADE BLOWOUT-TALENT SHOW

Friday, March 20, 6:30-8:30pm | Venue

Pre-Teen Social for 5th & 6th graders.

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EASTER FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 4, 10am-1pm

Creekside Campus

A FREE community outreach event for the entire family. A great way to kick and celebrate Easter week! We'll have free activities for all to enjoy. Egg hunt, game booths, inflatable jump houses, and more. We'll also have reasonably priced lunch/snack foods for purchase. Invite your neighbors and friends to experience this high energy, carnival-like springtime event.

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FAMILY WORSHIP-NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Easter Sunday, April 12

Pre-K through 6th grade. Families are encouraged to worship together.

PARENT ORIENTATION FOR CHILD DEDICATION

Sunday, May 3, 11:15am | M-6

Orientation class for parents considering Child Dedication on May 10.

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AWANA END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

Wednesday, May 6, 6:15pm

Creekside Campus

Closing night for AWANA participants.

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5TH-6TH GRADE BLOWOUT-BITTERSWEET (LAST BLOWOUT UNTIL FALL)

Friday, May 15, 6:30-8:30pm | E-105

Pre-Teen Social for 5th & 6th graders.

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CHILD DEDICATION SERVICES

May 10, All services: 8, 9:30 & 11:15am

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KIDSCARE FUNTASTIC

Friday, May 15, 5-8:30pm | Creekside Campus

Pancakes, Pajamas and Popcorn!

Childcare for parent's night out.

Cost: \$15. Pre-registration required.

Registration ends May 13, or as soon as spots are filled.

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KIDS BAPTISM CLASS

Sunday, May 17 & 31, 11:15am | M-6

Class for kids considering baptism on June 14. Parent must accompany child.

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PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 31

All children move up to next grade in Sunday School.

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BACKYARD ADVENTURE

OUTREACH EVENT RESOURCES

Summer 2020

Are you already feeling the heat of the coming summer months? Do you have a heart for creating environments to connect with and reach out to your neighborhood? Creekside wants to empower parents and families to run their own Backyard Adventure! Check out the link on the Kid's Page of our website for all the resources you will need to have a successful Backyard Adventure in your neighborhood!

creeksideeg.com/kids

YOUTH | JUNIOR HIGH

SUNDAY SERVICES

• Sundays, 9:30am | E-108

A Christ-center GROW experience, connecting students to God and each other.

• Sundays, 11:15am | E-205

The Bible Project—going through the Bible and enjoying pancakes.

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NO SUNDAY SERVICES - JUNIOR HIGH

• March 29

• April 12

• May 31-Family Sunday

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LIFEGROUPS

Wednesdays, 6:15pm | Classrooms

Themed games with small group discussion time.

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NO LIFEGROUPS - JUNIOR HIGH

• March 18

• April 8

• May 13, 20 & 27

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SPECIAL EVENTS

• April 17-18 - That Weekend

• May 13 - 8th Grade Grad Night

• May 24 - Promotion Sunday

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YOUTH | HIGH SCHOOL

SUNDAY SERVICES

• Sundays, 9:30am | E-205

A Christ-center GROW experience, connecting students to God and each other.

• Sundays, 11:15am | E-205

The Bible Project—going through the Bible and enjoying pancakes.

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NO SUNDAY SERVICES-HIGH SCHOOL

• March 29

• April 12

• May 31-Family Sunday

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LIFEGROUPS

Wednesdays, 6:15pm | Venue

Themed games with small group discussion time.

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NO LIFEGROUPS - HIGH SCHOOL

• March 18

• April 15

• May 13, 20 & 27

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SPECIAL EVENTS

• May 13 - H v. Z Scavenger Hunt

• May 16 - Senior Grad Banquet

• May 24 - Promotion Sunday

Steven Rossi/steven@creeksideeg.com

CREEKSIDE CALENDAR

CREEKSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT

HODGE PODGE GAME NIGHT

Thursday, March 5, 7pm | E-105

Themed team-building games for a night of fun and friendly competition.
Maddie Coronado | Youngadults@creeksideeg.com

EVERY CAMPUS

Thursday, March 20, 7pm | Venue

A night for College/Young Adults students of every campus in the Sacramento Region to come together for worship, a teaching, and fellowship.
Maddie Coronado | Youngadults@creeksideeg.com

INNER-CITY SACRAMENTO MISSION TRIP

Tuesday-Thursday, April 7-9 | Creekside

An inner-city mission trip and deep discipleship rolled into one experience as we put our faith in action in our hometown and serve our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Maddie Coronado | Youngadults@creeksideeg.com

BONFIRE WORSHIP NIGHT

Thursday, April 9, 7pm | Creekside Field

A night dedicated to worship, fellowship, and sharing how God worked through the IC Sac team and mission trip.

Maddie Coronado | Youngadults@creeksideeg.com

CELEBRATION BANQUET

Thursday, April 30, 6:30pm | E-205

An evening for looking back on the semester and celebrating all that God has done and provided for in our lives.
Maddie Coronado | Youngadults@creeksideeg.com

NO LIFE GROUPS

Friday, May 7

No meeting for LifeGroups.

Maddie Coronado | Youngadults@creeksideeg.com

KICK-OFF BBQ

Thursday, May 14, 6pm | TBD

Come join us as we kick off the summer with a BBQ dinner, games, and welcoming in the new class of students.

Maddie Coronado | Youngadults@creeksideeg.com

CAMP BARNABAS

Sunday-Saturday, July 18-24

Let God use you to impact an individual with special needs by serving a week at Camp Barnabas, Missouri.

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WOMEN

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, 9:30-10:45am | M-2

Study the Bible with a loving, prayerful group of women. All ages are welcome. Led by Ruby Parsley.
Nancy Aird | nancy@creeksideeg.com

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

2nd Monday, 7-9pm | E-203

A service group ministering to the needs of our local community and missionaries overseas by making quilts, rolling bandages, and more.

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

2nd Monday, 7-9pm | E-204

Knit and crochet shawls and pray for those who receive them. Completed handmade shawls can also be donated at the church office.

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DORCAS CIRCLE

1st Wednesday, 9-11:30am | E-203

A service group ministering to the needs of our local community and missionaries overseas by making quilts, rolling bandages, and more.

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SPRING BIBLE STUDY - MORNING BREAK

Tuesdays, April 14-May 19, 9-11:30am
Education Building

Grow in your relationship with God, whether you've studied the Bible for years, or are just getting started. Study options and registration available online.

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* HEART2HEART MOMS

Alternating Thursdays until May 7
9-11:30am | E-108

For mothers of all ages and stages. Time together includes breakfast, special events and guest speakers.

Nancy Aird | nancy@creeksideeg.com

WOMEN ALONE FELLOWSHIP

Saturdays, monthly, noon-2pm | Atrium

For all ages, but mostly senior ladies who are widowed, divorced or single. Share a potluck lunch, meet new friends and enjoy inspiring speakers and music.

Nancy Aird | nancy@creeksideeg.com

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

Thursday, March 5, 7pm | Venue

Doors open 6:15pm.

Join us for fun and great insights with Christian comedienne and actress Kerri Pomarolli. Come early to shop, enjoy the photo booth and grab your seats! Register online.

Nancy Aird | nancy@creeksideeg.com

MEN

MEN'S HUDDLE

2nd Saturday, 8-9:45am | Venue

For guys in all stages of life. Join us for breakfast, worship and inspiring speakers. Bring a friend along! \$7 donation for breakfast.

Nancy Aird | nancy@creeksideeg.com

PRAYER GROUP / BIBLE STUDY

Sundays | M-2

Prayer: 7:30-8am | Study: 8-9:15am

An awesome, biblically sound Bible study of Matthew. The first 30 minutes is spent praying for our families and other concerns.

Nancy Aird | nancy@creeksideeg.com

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 6-7am | A-1

A perfect morning start, seeking God first! Study of Proverbs led by Chris Losey.

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STRONG MEN

Thursdays, 6:30-8pm | A-5

A study of "Victory Over The Darkness" by Neil T. Anderson.

Tony Bell | tony@creeksideeg.com

UNION GOSPEL MISSION OUTREACH

1st Friday, 7:15-8:45pm

Union Gospel Mission, Sacramento

Join us as we serve the homeless by conducting Chapel.

Tony Bell | tony@creeksideeg.com

HOMELESS OUTREACH ELK GROVE

March 14, 10am-noon | Location TBA

(Immediately following Men's Huddle) Join us as we serve the homeless in Elk Grove.

Tony Bell | tony@creeksideeg.com



SENIOR ADULTS 55+

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, 9:30-10:30am | A-1

A warm and friendly crowd will be pleased to welcome you to this on-going, in-depth Bible study. Led by Mike Jones.

Nancy Aird | nancy@creeksideeg.com

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 10-11am | E-101/102

If you are a Bible student, or want to be....this is the place! Join us for teaching directly from the Bible by a seasoned leader, George Burris.

Nancy Aird | nancy@creeksideeg.com

SPRING FLING INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

Thursday, March 26, noon-2pm | Venue

Join us for a wonderful time of food, fellowship and singing much-loved hymns! Speaker: Pastor Larry Neufeld. Register on Sundays at the Sign-up Center in the Atrium.

Nancy Aird | nancy@creeksideeg.com

FAMILIES

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, June 7, 12:30-3pm

South East corner behind the preschool

Hot dogs, chips, watermelon and bottled water provided; soda and sweet treats at a nominal cost.

Bounce houses for kids, volleyball for adults and more!

Earl Estep | earl@creeksideeg.com

FAM-FOSTER ADOPTION MINISTRY

SUPPORT & COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Sunday, April 14, 1pm | call for location

Sunday, June 14, 4pm | call for location

Whether you are active in fostering/adopting, or considering it, or just want to support and encourage those who care for vulnerable kids, you are invited to come.

Jen Ward | chrisandjen99@msn.com

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SUPPORT

SCALES

2nd Fridays, 7-9pm | E-103

A monthly confidential support group for families and friends impacted by a loved one with mental illness.

Greg & Marti | westee4@sbcglobal.net

MARRIAGE

THE ULTIMATE MARRIAGE WEEKEND

Friday-Sunday, Aug 7-9

Zephyr Point Conference Center, Lake Tahoe

Refresh marriages, enjoy getting to know other Christian couples and learn from our inspiring speaker, Tony Campos. Register online.

Nancy Aird | nancy@creeksideeg.com

WORSHIP

WORSHIP ARTS INFORMATION MEETING

Sunday, April 19, 12:45pm | B-4

An exciting time for musicians and technicians to learn about Worship Arts Ministry. If you are a vocalist, instrumentalist or interested in being part of our technical team, please join us.

Karen Nowlan | Karen.n@creeksideeg.com

PRIVATE COMMUNION

Auditorium

• Tuesday, April 7, 7am-8pm

• Wednesday, April 8, 7am-8pm

• Thursday, April 9, 7am-9pm

• Friday, April 10, 7am-2pm

A self guided experience to prepare you for communion. Reflect on Jesus' ministry here on earth through His trial, crucifixion, and resurrection ending with a deeper understanding of communion.

Karen Nowlan | Karen.n@creeksideeg.com

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER

Thursday, April 9, 5:30 & 7pm | Venue

Jews for Jesus will be demonstrating how Jesus is represented and foretold through the Passover Supper. These

services will also include a time of worship music.

Karen Nowlan | Karen.n@creeksideeg.com

GOOD FRIDAY BAPTISM CELEBRATION

Friday, April 10, 7pm | Auditorium

Celebrate those stepping into a new life with Christ. Worship with the Creekside Choir and Orchestra. Come celebrate with us.

Karen Nowlan | Karen.n@creeksideeg.com

EASTER SERVICES

• Saturday, April 11

6pm | Auditorium* & Venue**

Contemporary services

• Sunday, April 12

6:00am | outside in front of the fountain

Easter Sunrise service.

Start your Easter Sunday with coffee and donuts, in your car or outside as we worship together and watch the sun rise on this glorious day.

• 8am | Auditorium*

Classic service

• 9:30 & 11:15 | Auditorium* & Venue**

Contemporary services

*AUDITORIUM SERVICES: music lead by the choir and orchestra.

**VENUE SERVICES: music lead by the Praise Band.

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

CHURCH SERVICES

- 8am | Classic
- 9:30am | Contemporary
- 9am | Venue doors open
- 9:30am | Venue
- 11:15am | Contemporary

NURSERY

- 8, 9:30 & 11:15am

Newborn to 4 yrs

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 9:30 & 11:15am
- Check-in: M-9 or
- South Wing/Main Bldg

SPECIAL NEEDS FOR KIDS

- 9:30am | B-4

PRETEEN MINISTRY 56'ers

- 9:30 & 11:15am | E-201

JUNIOR HIGH

- 9:30am | E-108
- 11:15am | E-205

(combined with High School)

HIGH SCHOOL

- 9:30 & 11:15am | E-205

SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 9:30am | A-1

INTRODUCE, INVITE, REPEAT... FOR RIDICULOUS.

HAVING LIVED IN A NEIGHBORHOOD for many years where we mostly saw our neighbors as they drove in and out of their garages—the garage door quickly closing behind them, I knew I wanted different for my kids as we moved into our most recent neighborhood four years ago.

Instead of being the ones waiting to be welcomed to the new neighborhood, we quickly decided to introduce ourselves. We teamed with another family to start a neighborhood volleyball night in the spring and summer, so we distributed fliers to all the surrounding houses. It started small, but quickly grew as each family invited their neighbors and friends and so on.

Since that first summer, our weekly volleyball group has grown with more

neighbors and friends attending; we consistently have multiple teams playing.

While the teens and adults play volleyball, the younger kids run around the park and play well until it is dark with no longer any light to play volleyball. We are making memories as families and neighbors our kids will carry with them and remember for the rest of their lives.

Because of the friendships made with our neighbors through these volleyball nights, we started an annual 4th of July celebration at the same park. The kids look forward to decorating their bikes for the bike parade, each family brings amazing dishes of food to share, we play family games and then end our night watching fireworks. It is one of the best nights of the entire year.



NEIGHBORLY HOSPITALITY

The simple act of inviting neighbors to play has opened doors to “ridiculous hospitality” as we “do life” with the families in our neighborhoods: dinners shared, lingering conversations in the driveway, meals made when someone is sick, car pools formed and many other moments to share God’s love.

I can’t help but smile in wonder at the strangers—now neighbors—who eventually have become friends, and even “family.”

STEPS TO ‘RIDICULOUS HOSPITALITY’ IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:

STEP 1 Break out of your shell and **INTRODUCE** yourself.

STEP 2 **INVITE** your neighbors and their families to the park for a game day or potluck. If there is food, they will come!

STEP 3 **REPEAT!** Once a week might be too much, so make it monthly or even annually. If just one family shows up, it will be worth it. **CL**



This issue's Family Activity is planned and written by DeAnna Gallerdo who is part of the Communications Team at Creekside, and mother of three.



PETER NEUMANN

Passionate about igniting people to worship Jesus, Peter Neumann leads as our Pastor of Worship Arts, a job God has been shaping for most of his life.

Growing up a missionary kid in Cameroon, Africa, Peter became a Christ follower when he was nine. Later, in the states, he began leading worship for his youth group; actually, he was "volunteered" by his friends. He reluctantly agreed, and God began transforming his heart and called him to full time ministry. This led him to recording his own music, producing music, and training other worship leaders. He has recorded seven albums and worked with others such as Lincoln Brewster, Jason Ingram, and Tommy Walker.

Peter met his wife Katie at youth Winter Camp where they both served. Married for 13 years, they have two boys, Ryan and Andrew. When Peter is not leading worship, he enjoys high altitude mountaineering and has summited many peaks in the Andes, Alaska, Cascades, and Ecuador's two highest peaks Chimborazo 20,700 ft and Cotopaxi 19,347 ft. He loves adventures with his family.

A few years ago, he launched Worship Expedition, a training program for worship leaders and teams. Additionally, he has taught at William Jessup University. Throughout the last 20 years Peter has been able to use his gifts impacting the many lives through worship experiences at camps, churches, conferences, and mission trips.

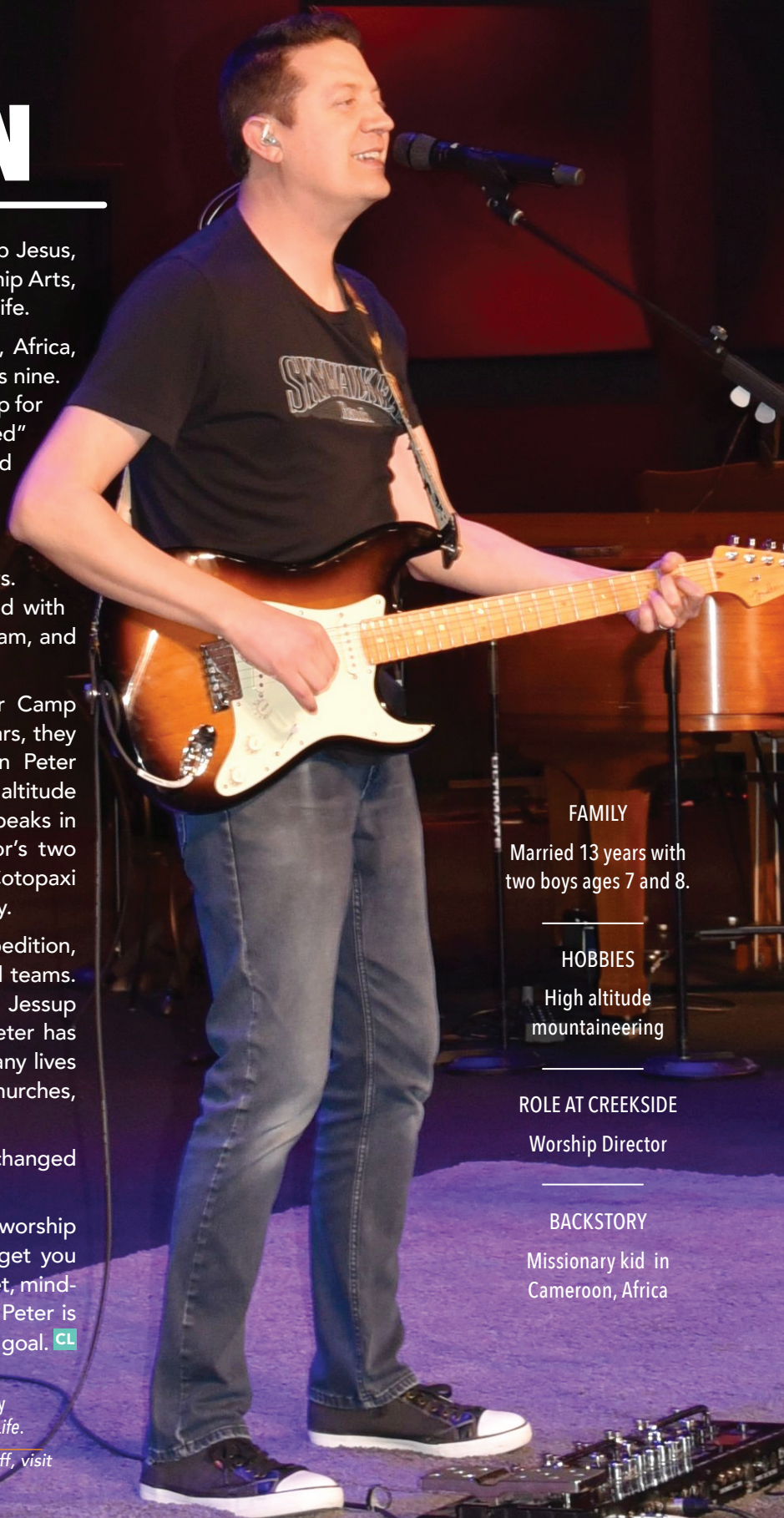
Above all Peter's desire is to see lives changed through the transformative love of Jesus.

Join us: if you would like to be a part of our worship team, Peter would love to meet you and get you connected. Our goal is to cultivate a heart-set, mind-set, and skill-set for everyday worship, and Peter is taking the lead as we work to accomplish this goal. **CL**



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For more about Creekside pastors and staff, visit www.creeksideeg.com/team/



FAMILY

Married 13 years with two boys ages 7 and 8.

HOBBIES

High altitude mountaineering

ROLE AT CREEKSIDE

Worship Director

BACKSTORY

Missionary kid in Cameroon, Africa

July 17, 24 & 31



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Take time together as a family!
Invite friends & neighbors!

3 Free events on Friday evenings.
July 17, 24 & 31

Look for more details to come in
the next issue of Creekside Life.
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Next Steps Journey

Fun, friendships, and a launch pad to take next steps in your relationship with Christ at Creekside: That's what Next Steps Journey is all about. Join us in May for this four-week journey, open to anyone who wants to learn more about Creekside and know God more.



Connect - May 3

Connect to God and to the local church. Learn about Creekside's history, our beliefs, and our leadership.



Grow - May 10

Grow in relationship with God and with others. Learn more about the Bible, prayer, and LifeGroups



Serve - May 17

Serve the local church. Learn to recognize and use your God-given hardwiring to volunteer in ministry.



Reach - May 24

Reach those who are far from Christ. Learn how to connect their story, to your story to God's story.



Summer 2020

Tuesdays 6:30-8:30pm

Are you looking for a way to grow in your faith this summer?

Creekside University is a series of summer courses to help you take that next step in your walk with Jesus.

Choose from four course offerings:

● **First Timothy to Revelation: The Rest of the Story**

June 16-August 4 | \$50 per person

Taught by Dr. David Nystrom, Professor at Western Seminary

Do you ever wonder how the rest of Jesus' story is advanced in the second half of the New Testament? Is Revelation sometimes a challenge to understand? This 7-week course will help you recognize the basic message of these books and how they can be applied to a life to be more like Christ.

● **Exploring God's Design for Sexuality**

June 16-July 28 | \$50 per person

Taught by Dr. Bev Wiens, Professor at Western Seminary

Has human sexuality and what God says about it been something you wanted to explore? Learn about this challenging topic from an expert Christian counselor who will point to God's design of sexuality and sexual expression.

● **Financial Peace University**

June 16-August 11 | \$99 per family

Taught by Dave Ramsey, Facilitated by Dean Cunday

Do you ever feel like there's too much month left at the end of your money? Or do you have big questions about your long-term financial health? This life altering resource will help you learn to manage the money God has entrusted to you.

● **Parenting with Love and Logic**

June 16-July 28 | \$50 per family | Facilitated by Lynn Dausend &

Paige McAtee, counselors at Community Counseling Center

Is there a manual on how to raise children well? Probably not, but these sessions are designed to help parents equip kids with character, compassion, problem solving skills and more!

Kids' Care is available at a nominal cost. Get more information and register for classes at creeksideeg.com/university



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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Auditorium: 8, 9:30 & 11:15am | Venue: 9:30am