

GENERAL INFORMATION

If you are a Christian, we invite you to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper. When the bread and juice are passed to you, partake at that time and then pass the trays.

Baptism and Membership

Each week we invite people to meet the pastor and other leaders after the service for prayer or more information about baptism and membership. This takes place in the middle aisle, between the upper & lower sections of the auditorium.

Cell phones

Please help us by silencing your cell phones. This will allow you to focus fully on your worship experience and allow others to do the same.

Sunday Mornings

8:15 AM - Living Creek Café open
8:30 & 10:00 AM - Worship Service
8:30 & 10:00 AM - Bible Classes (nursery through 3 years)
in the Dance Studio, to the left of the Auditorium stage
10:00 AM - Bible Classes (4 years-Pre-K) in room B111
10:00 AM - Children's Worship (grades K-4) in room B109
10:00 AM - Pre-teen Worship (grades 5-6) in room B106

For more information stop by the Welcome Center.

Offices

Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
4820 W Court Street, Monee, IL 60449
708.672.6515 Website: livingcreek.org

The Well is located at 4840 W Court Street in Monee.
(Note: this is not a mailing address.)

Personal Daily Worship

We have Bible Reading Guides and offer personal sessions on how to develop a prayer life. We want to help you develop a personal worship and prayer time. **2019 Bible Reading Guides** are available at the Welcome Center.

Small Groups

Small Groups meet in homes during the week for fellowship, care and spiritual growth. They provide a great opportunity to connect. **Want more information? Let us know on your Communication Card.**

Today's Message: Randy Roberts

Illuminating Christmas

The Truth about the Christmas Story

Luke 2, Psalm 98
(page 699-700 & 411 in the Auditorium Bible)

The birth of Jesus is God's gift for everything we need!

God's Plan - Perfect timing

"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born" (verse 6).

How is God's plan for you being revealed through events in your life?

God's Provision - Just what we need

"She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them" (verse 7).

Regardless of how much or how little you have, can you see how God is providing for you?

God's Peace - To those who can receive it

"on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (verse 14).

Are you at peace with God, with others, with yourself?

"even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy" (1 Peter 1:8).

How do you express unspeakable joy?



Our mission is to help people follow Jesus.

Welcome to Living Creek!

If this is your first time with us, please visit the Welcome Center to receive a gift and general information.

Please fill out the enclosed Communication Card to share any contact information, praises or prayer requests, and place it in the offering bag during the service.

Message Series:



The Truth about The Christmas Story

December 23, 2018

TODAY

TODAY we will have **family services** at 8:30 & 10 AM. Children's Ministry is available for ages 3 & under in the Nursery.



Giving Envelopes are available at a table in the foyer.

2019 Bible Reading Guides are available at the Welcome Center.



There is a **special video**, to share with your family on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or any time of the year, **available online at <https://vimeo.com/307367176> and on our website**. If you prefer a DVD of the video, there is a limited quantity available at the Welcome Center **TODAY**.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



Ushers needed! If anyone is interested in serving as an usher (male or female), please contact Bob Rossi at 708.712.5586 or r481@aol.com.

Open Access has 3 opportunities to serve the community with clothing. **Living Creek** serves on the **2nd Saturday** at St. Irenaeus Parish, 78 Cherry ST, Park Forest. The Closets are open from **9-11 AM**. Please come earlier to set up. Contact Pat Dabis at patdabis@sbcglobal.net or at 708.205.8768 with questions or for information about where to serve on other Saturdays.

GREATER THINGS



The Greater Things fund balance is \$30,266.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 24 - Wednesday, December 26, and New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1.

LOOKING AHEAD

The next **Prayer Night** is **Tuesday, January 8**, at **7 PM**. Join us for an evening of prayer at the Church Office. **Open to all**.



There will be a **Ladies' Movie Night** on **January 11, 2019**, at **7 PM** at The Well. Join us for an evening of fellowship, with a devotional by Jan Kiepura, and the movie *War Room*. Please bring a sweet or salty finger food to share, and wear comfy clothes. Drinks and paper products will be provided. Sign up on your Communication Card if you plan to attend.

YOUTH

The Well will resume on **Sunday, January 13** from **6- 8 PM**.



CHILDREN



The Wave resumes on **January 9, 6:15-7:30 PM**. If you would like to find out more, contact Mickey at mgrubermann@livingcreek.org.

PRAY FOR THE GRIEVING

Please pray for the family of Terry Ruble, Jan Kiepura's sister.

Please pray for the family of Kris Koranda, Mark's sister.

Please pray for the family of Linus (Len) Gauthier, Ryan Zimmerman's grandfather.

GROUPS



If you are interested in attending, hosting or leading a **Small Group**, please indicate on your Communication Card.

Join us for a **Monday Morning "Eye Opener" Men's Group**, led by Ken Chastain and Dave Dell. We meet **every other Monday at 6:30 AM** at the Church Office. Our next meeting is **January 7**. We are walking through the life of Jesus in Mark. Please contact Ken (708.912.7564 or livingcreek@outlook.com) or Dave (708.516.0814 or davedell@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please save the top row of seats in the auditorium and the parking next to the building for those with physical limitations.

Smart Phone & Tablet Users - You can follow today's message and scriptures on the Bible app **YouVersion** (LifeChurch.tv). Click on More, then the Events button. Search for an event and look for Living Creek to follow along.

Church Community Builder (CCB) helps us communicate and stay connected. It allows you to connect with others, staff and leadership. You can only get something out of it if you sign up for an account. Visit livingcreek.ccbchurch.com to get involved and stay in the know! Online giving is also available through CCB. Giving is accepted through checking account, debit/credit, one-time or repeating gifts. You can also access your own giving statement.

GROUPS (continued)



Brothers in Arms, Men Helping Men Follow Jesus, is Living Creek's Men's Ministry. Men (18+) come to The Well, 4840 W Court ST, on **Saturday, January 12** from **8-10 AM**. Hot breakfast is ready at 8 AM and fellowship is provided.

Cadets is a group for boys in 4th-8th grade where male mentors help them grow spiritually, mentally, physically, emotionally, and socially as they explore God's word and world. The group meets the **1st & 3rd Wednesday** from **September through May**. We are looking for **an adult male mentor** to serve with us in this ministry. Call Jeremy Parrish at 815.409.9298 or Keith Rauwolf at 708.897.1428 for more information or to volunteer.



Mom Time is a small group for moms. It will meet on the **2nd & 4th Wednesday** from **6:20-7:20 PM** at the Church Office, resuming on **January 9**. Please contact Kat Zimmerman with any questions at 989.513.2779 or katzimmerman@gmail.com.

Meditate on scripture as you move through stretching and strengthening exercises guided by a DVD. **Free early morning yoga stretching** with Bible principles on **Tuesday & Thursday** mornings from **6-6:45 AM** at the Church Office. Open to ladies ages 16 and up and all ability levels are welcome. If interested or have questions, call or text Becky Moses at 630.207.2866.

