

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

Explore God

The 7 Big Questions - Why does God allow pain and suffering?

Job 1 & 2 (page 346-347 in the Auditorium Bible)

Job *"was the greatest man among all the people of the East"* (Job 1:3).
God said, *"There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil"* (Job 1:8).
God told Satan, *"everything he has is in your power"* (Job 1:12).
Job's wife said, *"Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!"* (Job 2:9).
"In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing"
(Job 1:22, 2:10).

Pain and suffering connect us with: The Greatest People

"The most beautiful people are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths... Beautiful people do not just happen." Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

"Christianity has always insisted that the cross we bear precedes the crown we wear... Carry it until the very cross leaves its marks upon us and redeems us to that more excellent way which comes only through suffering." Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Although the world is full of suffering, It is also full of the overcoming of it."
Helen Keller

How has/is suffering bringing out the greatest in you?
"we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope" (Romans 5:3-4).

How has/is your suffering bringing out the greatest in others?

The Greatest Power

"We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed"
(2 Corinthians 4:8-9).

"Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him" (1 Peter 5:8-9).

The Greatest Purpose

"our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all" (2 Corinthians 4:17).

Our struggles connect us with Jesus!

"He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:32).



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 7 Big Questions - Why does God allow pain and suffering?

January 27, 2019

TODAY



to move your vehicle to the east parking lot after worship.

Join us **TODAY** after the 10 AM Worship Service in the Rich South cafeteria for a **Soup and Salad Bar**. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the Soup Bar. **You may park on the east side by the cafeteria entrance (flag pole D20)**. You will have time

CHILDREN



The Wave is a mid-week program for children ages 6-11 (1st-5th grades), meeting from **6:15-7:30 PM** on the **2nd & 4th Wednesday**. Contact the Church Office at 708.672.6515 for more information.

YOUTH

The Well meets every Sunday from **6-8 PM** at The Well, 4840 W Court ST, in Monee. All MS & HS students, in 6th-12th grades, are welcome.



Our annual **Winter Retreat** to Wisconsin Dells is **February 15-17**. \$100 includes transportation, housing, 4 meals, & Kalahari Water + Amusement Park ticket. Bring \$ for 3 fast food meals. \$50 holds a spot or you may pay the full \$100 at

<https://livingcreek.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/56/responses/new>. Limited scholarships are available. Call/email/FB message Josh or Jacki if you have any questions. The deadline to sign up is February 8.

GREATER THINGS



The Greater Things fund balance is \$35,769.

PRAY FOR THE GRIEVING

Please pray for the family of Mickey Grubermann who passed away on January 23. There will be an open house/visitation (kid-friendly "fun-eral" per Mickey's request) on Saturday, February 2, from 1-4:30 PM, followed by a Celebration of Life service at 4:30 PM at Faith Movers, 425 Exchange ST in University Park.

LOOKING AHEAD

The next **Prayer Night** is **Tuesday, February 5**, at **7 PM**. Join us for an evening of prayer at the Church Office. **Open to all**.



Sunday, **February 17**, we will begin **Family2Family (F2F)** box collection for World Compassion Network (WCN). There will be a different packing list this year compared to previous years. More details will be shared in the coming weeks. The boxes must be returned to Rich South by Sunday, March 17.



GriefShare is a positive, uplifting and caring group that offers encouragement as you deal with the emotions and challenges that come when a loved one dies. You will learn valuable information about facing your new position in life and renewing your hope for the future. It's not so much about death, it's about life. We will meet Thursday evenings, **7-9 PM, March 14- June 13** at the Church Office. Sign up in the foyer on March 3 or March 10, or contact Gene Kieपुरa at 708.404.0427 or gkieपुरa@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Diane Stanley and Randy Mitchell who were united in marriage on January 19, in Florida.

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 28**. 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, February 9** 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**. For more information or to volunteer, call Jeremy Parrish at 815.409.9298 or Keith Rauwolf at 708.897.1428



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. 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.

