

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

Dirt Matters What kind of soil are you? **The Hard Soil**

Mark 4:1-20 (page 684 in the Auditorium Bible)

All of us are like one of the 4 different types of soil: Hard, Rocky, Thorny, Productive.

How to avoid being the hard soil

Be Hungry

We have a hungry enemy (see 1 Peter 5:8). Don't let him steal your opportunity.

Beaten down
Independent
Unfeeling

Are you hungrier for God's word than the enemy is for you?
(See Matthew 4:4.)

"do not harden your hearts" (Hebrews 3:8, 15, 4:7).

Soften Up

"For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes"
(Matthew 13:15).

"Break up your unplowed (fallow) ground" (Jeremiah 4:3, Hosea 10:12).

"I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 11:19, 36:26).

What hard spots in your heart is God's Spirit trying to soften?

Sprout Up

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither — whatever they do prospers" (Psalm 1:1-3).

What do you think about day and night?



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 Hard Soil

May 5, 2019

TODAY



Sign up today for the **Ladies Brunch** at The Well on **Saturday, May 18, at 10 AM**. Join us for food and fellowship with other ladies (18+ years). Invite a friend or someone from church you want to get to know better. Food will be provided. Sign up in the foyer, RSVP on your Communication Card, or email Donna at dmiller@livingcreek.org.



Operation Christmas Child brings the good news of the Gospel & great joy through the power of a shoe box gift. **Today** through **May 26**, we will be collecting stuffed animals & toys. Also, you may make a donation towards the shipping cost of \$9 per box, payable to LCCC. Please stop by the table in the foyer for a list & more information or contact Pat at 708.205.8768 or patdabis@sbcglobal.net.

YOUTH

The Well meets on **Sunday, May 5 & May 19** from **6-8 PM** at 4840 W Court ST, in Monee. All MS & HS students in 6th-12th grades are welcome. **Note: May 19 is the last meeting until September.**



BACON Night (MS & HS) is **May 19!**



Registration for Summer Camps at Little Galilee is open. There's a camp for everyone from those entering 2nd grade to Adult & Family camps. Josh Rutledge will be at 2 weeks of camp this year. The HS1 camp for current 8th-12th graders is June 9-14. The JH3 camp for current 6th-8th graders is July 14-19 and is **already 2/3 full!** The cost is \$185 prior to June 1. The Youth Ministry budget will pay \$85 for each student who wants to attend. Wow! A week of camp for only \$100! Go to www.littlegalilee.com for more Information and to register.

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 Wednesday**. Contact the Church Office at 708.672.6515 for more information. **Note: May 8 is the last meeting until October.**

LOOKING AHEAD

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



We invite those who have begun attending, new members or regular attenders who haven't attended a **Next Steps Luncheon**. The luncheon will be on **Sunday, May 19, from noon - 2 PM** at the Church Office, 4820 W Court ST in Monee. We will cover the basic teachings at Living Creek and discuss the meaning of membership and becoming a follower of Jesus. RSVP with the number attending on your Communication Card, email Donna at dmiller@livingcreek.org or call the Church Office at 708.672.6515 by Monday, May 13.



Graduation Sunday will be **June 3** at the **10 AM** service. If you are graduating or have a child graduating from MS, HS or College, please note on your Communication Card or contact the Church Office by May 30.

MINISTRY



GriefShare meets Thursday evenings, **7-9 PM, through - June 13**, at the Church Office. Contact Gene Kiepora for more information at genekiepora@gmail.com.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

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 \$42,744.

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 with others, staff and leadership. 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



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, May 11** from **8-10 AM**. Hot breakfast will be ready at 8 AM, along with coffee, fellowship, and robust discussion.

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.

