

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 (birth through 3 years)
in the Dance Studio, to the left of the Auditorium stage
10:00 AM - Bible Classes (4 years - K) in room B111
10:00 AM - Children's Worship (grades 1 - 4) in room B109
10:00 AM - Pre-teen Worship (grades 4 - 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

Happiness in Unlikely Places When Persecuted

Matthew 5:10-12 (page 659 in the Auditorium Bible)

**How can a Christian leap for joy when facing persecution?
When our Light is Exposing Darkness**
"persecuted because of righteousness" (verse 10).

Have you ever been punished for doing good?
"But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God" (1 Peter 2:20).

"They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you" (1 Peter 4:4).

When our Loyalty is Putting Jesus First
"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me" (verse 11).

Is it obvious to people who know you that Jesus is first in your life?

"it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ" (Philippians 1:13).

When our Life is Joining a Legacy
"for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (verse 12).

Are you living a life detached from this world?
"the world was not worthy of them" (Hebrews 11:38).

"great is your reward in heaven" (verse 12).

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



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:



When Persecuted

August 25, 2019

TODAY



We will be collecting for **FAME Cardboard Pharmacy through September 1**. A list of needs and a donation container is available in the foyer at a display table.

YOUTH

August 25 - End of Summer Bash - MS & HS

We will leave The Well at **6 PM** to travel to the Rauwolf home for a pool party. We'll provide the food & drinks. Bring a swimsuit & towel. We will return to The Well at **8 PM**.

September 8 - The Well Kickoff - MS & HS

CHILDREN



Aloha Sunday is **TODAY**. Children will advance in their classes.

- 8:30 & 10:00 AM - Lily Pad/Puddle Jumpers (birth through 3 years) in the Dance Studio, to the left of the Auditorium stage
- 10:00 AM - Tadpole Park (4 years - K) in room B111
- 10:00 AM - CreekSide (grades 1 - 4) in room B109
- 10:00 AM - Rapids (grades 4 - 6) in room B106

Family Sunday is **September 1**. Children will worship with their parents. The nursery will be open for children age 3 and under.

BRING A GUEST

Living Creek will make a donation in honor of each family who visits for the first time. The guest survey will allow them to select one of these four local ministries.

- The Pantry of Rich Township - Food Pantry
- Open Access - Clothing Ministry
- PADS - Emergency Shelter
- PASS - Pregnancy Care Center

CELEBRATE RECENT DECISIONS

Baptisms on **August 18, 2019**

Caden Buxton	Amelia Chastain
Milla Contrertas	Naomi Contrertas

LOOKING AHEAD

In **September** we will begin the *I Love My Church* message series. If you have any home maintenance needs you aren't physically able to take care of or if you have any specific skills or abilities you would be willing to use to bless others in the Living Creek family, please indicate on your Communication Card. You may also email Donna at dmiller@livingcreek.org.

The next **Prayer Night** is **Tuesday, September 3**, at **7 PM**. Join us for an evening of prayer at the Church Office. **Open to all**.



The **Ladies Fall Brunch** is **Saturday, September 21, 10 AM - Noon** at The Well.

GRIEF SHARE



Are you grieving the loss of a spouse? Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear. Find help at a **Loss of a Spouse** seminar, **Sunday, September 22, 1-3 PM** at the Church Office. For more information or to sign up, contact Gene Kieपुरa at genekieपुरa@gmail.com.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES



We all enjoy juice, coffee, and eating snacks, as we fellowship between Worship Services. **Coffee Café** is looking for volunteers. This is a **great opportunity to serve!** Sign up on your Communication Card.

Living Creek serves with **Open Access** to serve the community with clothing 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 more information about where to serve on other Saturdays.

GREATER THINGS



The Greater Things fund balance is \$60,294.

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, September 14** 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.

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.

