

ANNOUNCEMENTS



KINDER BLESSING

AUG 17TH | 10AM-11AM | CREEK KIDS
 All students beginning Kindergarten this fall and their families are invited for a time of prayer over new Kindergartners, as they begin this new milestone in their life. Be sure to register online at curreycreek.com/kidsevents.

VOLUNTEER LUNCH

AUG 11TH | CREEK KIDS
 Creek Kids invites all new and returning volunteers to join us for a time of prayer over our beginning fall semester and to hear new information on providing a safe, exciting, and excellent start for our kids on Promotion Sunday. Lunch and childcare provided. Please register at curreycreek.com/kidsevents.



UPSTREAM ON WEDNESDAYS

BEGINS AUG 21ST | STUDENTS
 Our fall Wednesday Night Upstream kickoff will take place on August 21st from 6:30-8:30pm. Middle School Upstream (6th-8th Grade) will be located in the Worship Center and High School Upstream (9-12th Grade) will be the chapel.

BUDDY TEAM

THIS FALL | 9TH-12TH GRADE
 With the return of Upstre(am) on Sunday mornings in the fall, the Buddy Team will be open to current 9-12th grade students. Middle School students who wish to serve may do so with their parents, and upon approval of our Creek Kids leadership team. For more information, visit curreycreek.com/buddy.



PROMOTION SUNDAY

AUGUST 18TH | KIDS & STUDENTS
 Elementary and Student Ministry will promote according to their school grade level for the 2019-2020 school year on Sunday, August 18th. Preschool children will remain in classes as promotion is based on their age. We are looking forward to a wonderful year as we dig deeper in God's Word!



COUNTY FAIR VOLUNTEERS

SEPT 21ST | CHURCH-WIDE
 Our 6th Creek County Fair is on Saturday, September 21st! Join us for an evening full of live music, food trucks, game booths, and fellowship for all ages! Want to join in on the fun and serve? We need help with face painting, game booths, serving food, and welcoming our families! Be sure to register at curreycreek.com/countyfair to be a volunteer!



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

BEGINS SEPT 15TH | 7:30AM-8:30AM
 A Man and His Work- most men work forty hours a week for forty years equaling eighty thousand work hours during their lifetime! It is not uncommon for men to work all eighty thousand hours and not give much thought to the reality that God created us to work for his glory. This semester we will focus on a book titled "The Gospel at Work: How the Gospel Gives New Purpose and Meaning to our Jobs." We would love for you to invite co-workers and friends to learn how we were created for and can find joy in work. Please note our new date and time for men's bible study!

STEADFAST IN CHRIST

BEGINS SEPT 11TH | WOMEN
 Join us this fall for our women's bible study on the books of 1 and 2 Thessalonians, beginning Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:30am on September 11th or Tuesday night, September 10th from 6:30-8pm. Written to a church enduring severe persecution, Paul wanted to not only ground the Thessalonians, but also grow and mature them in their faith in the midst of their suffering. He knew times of tribulation are also times of temptation to give in to compromise or discouragement. By reminding us of the truth about God and what Christ has done for us, Paul encourages us to stand firm and live worthy of our calling - no matter what life throws our way.

SMALL GROUPS

BEGINS SEPT 15TH | ADULTS
 Creek Institute Small Groups return on Sunday nights at 4:30pm starting September 15th. Free childcare is available from birth to 5th grade. Register online at curreycreek.com/small-groups. For placement in a small group, contact Small Group Coordinator- groups@curreycreek.com.

CREEK INSTITUTE CLASS

4:30PM-6PM | SUNDAYS
SIMPLICITY: Finding Contentment in a Busy Life- Beginning September 15th, join us for a five-week study on contentment. It's never our plan to complicate our lives, but it happens. We think a plate overflowing with activity, money or possessions will lead to a cup overflowing with joy and satisfaction, but contentment eludes us. When we quit filling our lives with everything else, simplify our lives, and focus on the one thing that matters most, we find the contentment we want, and it's all wrapped up in Christ, trusting and living simply in Him. You can register for this study at curreycreek.com/creekinstitute.



the art of belonging

Summertime brings about opportunities for vacations, summer camps, swimming at the beach, grilling in the backyard and time with family. Lots and lots of time with family. In fact, July was officially “National Family Reunion Month.” According to grouptravel.org, over 50% of families that hold family reunions have them every year or every other year. The most popular reason people have family reunions is to catch up with others, tend to immediate family needs, maintain closeness, discuss history and for personal rest and relaxation.

Family time is clearly important for our well-being. Families help develop our moral sense and build our emotional security. God purposely created us for relationship, to fellowship with Him and encourage others. We all have a role to play as a part of the body of Christ.

Years back, Jason and Michelle’s daughter Kylee had been attending the youth group at Currey Creek and the community she found there was such a great fit that Jason and Michelle were ready to make Currey Creek their home church family. As members, they knew they had a responsibility to give back to the church. John preached a sermon that struck a chord with Jason and Michelle, as they were contemplating on what contribution they could bring to the church family. He said, “You don’t have to do what fits in the box, do what fits you.”

The next day, Michelle called the church office and asked how she could help. She thought creatively and let the church know the days and times she was available, and the best opportunities to help would be when the girls were at school. She started out making copies, as she had done this to help out the teachers in school when her kids were younger. During one of the days she was helping, the need came up for help at a funeral service at the church. Michelle offered her talents as a food coordinator, and the rest is history! Michelle has faithfully helped the church with food needs at various events and women’s bible studies, and our very own church Family Reunion!

Jason took a different path to serving. With his schedule, the best opportunity to help was on Wednesday nights with the youth group. He was able to help as a small group leader for the junior boys and this opened up opportunities to help with grilling of the meals for the high school students. Jason also has used his grill master skills for our enjoyment at Family Reunion! As Jason continued to serve on Wednesday nights, Bret would challenge him to think about different ways to serve, including helping out at summer camp. This personal “ask” encouraged Jason to get out of his comfort zone and be obedient to the direction God was calling him to serve the church family.

With the modeling behavior of their parents, the Schuette’s three girls have also seen the need, and truly desire to contribute to the church family. The three of them have been blessed with great friends and Bible teaching in student ministry and give back in various ways. Payton and Paige have helped in Creek Clubhouse and have had the opportunity to babysit for the children of some of their leaders. They now are able to help out those who have poured into them. What a great example of the body of Christ in action! The twin’s service has now reached to outside the church walls. One of their youth group leaders is involved in Meadowlands and has encouraged the girls to represent the family of God to those in need. You have to show love to others first, and this can be seen through writing encouraging notes, praise, prayer, and treating others with respect.

Jason and Michelle are so grateful for the church family and truly see how the right people have stepped up from our church family to develop the character of their girls by sharing Biblical knowledge and showing how to deal with real life struggles. The girls have seen how a church family can function well, and in turn want to do the same.

With Family Reunion upon us, think and pray about how you can contribute to the church family. Find what drives you and start there! With everyone doing their part, we can function as God intended.



WELCOME

TO CURREY CREEK

Being late June, it is hot in Texas. Nowadays it is not so bad since I spend most of my time behind a desk in an air-conditioned office. But when I was a teenager my time was spent hauling hay for farmers and ranchers all over central Texas. On really big jobs we would gather hay in the field, stack it on a trailer, haul it to the barn and stack it there. Some days we would haul over a thousand bales. In order to haul that much hay per day for several days in a row, we would attach a bale-up machine to the trailer. A bale-up is a device that has a gear driven by the wheels to which a chain with teeth grabs the bale and pulls it up a tube and deposits it on a ramp above the trailer so that the workers don’t need to walk and throw the hay all by hand. The bale-up is a real time and labor saver when it is attached and functioning. Trouble is, they often were simply attached but not functioning because they tended to break due to the strain.

The metaphor of the church as a body is a powerful picture in the Bible of what membership in the local church ought to look like. Each member of the church is attached to the body as a whole and serves a function for the body. It is attached and functioning. For a member of a physical body to be attached, but not functioning would be an indication that the member is unhealthy, perhaps even atrophied. At Currey Creek we encourage our members to be attached and functioning. We want you to “sign up” to be a part of Currey Creek, but we also desire you to exercise your giftedness and function as a member of the body. Perhaps you have atrophied spiritually. We understand because we have all been there. We get it. May I encourage you to run to Christ Jesus? Some don’t function in Christ’s body due to strain. You are pulled in many directions. We get it. May I encourage you to run to Christ as well. Jesus asks us to trade our burdens for his, to take his yoke because his burden is easy and his load is light. We believe that Christ is the answer to whatever is hindering you from being attached and functioning.

This month’s focus is on the Schuette family. They are a great example of a family that is attached and functioning. Enjoy the article and may the Lord Jesus bless you and your family this year.

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