

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DISCOVERY CLASS

FEB 2ND | CHURCHWIDE

Discovery Class is our 1-hour class introducing anyone to Currey Creek's philosophy of ministry and how to quickly get connected into one of our ministries. If you are looking for an introduction to Currey Creek, this class is for you. Please register at curreycreek.com/discovery.



BAPTISM SUNDAY

FEB 16TH | CHURCHWIDE

Baptism Sunday will be on Feb. 16th. If you have an interest in getting baptized, please contact the church office at (830)-755-8806 to set up an appointment with a pastor.



BABY DEDICATION

FEB 23RD | 9AM & 10:30AM

Currey Creek has set aside Sunday, February 23rd for families with babies and young children who desire to dedicate their children to the Lord and present them to the congregation for support and blessing. Register at curreycreek.com/kidsevents by February 16th to be a part of this special event!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

EARLY CHILDHOOD | CREEK KIDS

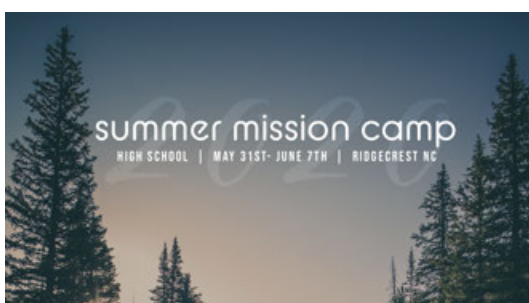
Creek Kids Early Childhood needs you! We are looking for parent helpers to support the teachers in their child's classroom in the 2's, 3's and 4's classes a couple times this semester. Please email Sara at sara@curreycreek.com to learn how to get plugged in.



SPRING SMALL GROUPS

BEGIN FEB 2ND | CHURCHWIDE

Interested in joining a small group at Currey Creek this spring semester? To register for a group please visit curreycreek.com/small-groups.



CAMP WINIWACA

JUNE 22-26 | MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are returning to Camp Winiwaca this summer! We will be packing up and heading to camp for a week of worship, teaching, and fellowship wrapped into a full-blown summer camp experience for our middle school students. Be sure to visit curreycreek.com/camp to register today. Please email studentevents@curreycreek.com to donate to our camp scholarship fund.

CREEK INSTITUTE

FEB 2ND | CHURCHWIDE

Join us on Sunday, February 2nd for a study on the Apostles' Creed from 4:30-6pm. The Apostles' Creed was born from the apostles' teachings and contains essential doctrines and beliefs that summarize the Gospel and the foundation of our faith. The scriptural truths contained in the creed enable us to build our Christian lives on good theology, with the knowledge that our faith is rooted in truth and a rich history. To register, visit curreycreek.com/creekinstitute.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

LIFE OF DAVID STUDY | WOMEN

There is still time to join "Becoming a Woman After God's Own Heart - Life of David Study" during our Wednesday morning and Wednesday night studies. Living in a culture where appearances are everything, it's easy to hide behind first impressions, picture-perfect profiles, or even good works. But we have a God who sees us and truly knows us...even when no one else is looking. And God wants one thing above all else - our hearts. Get ready to dive beyond the surface and deep into God's Word as we lay our hearts bare before Him, let Him transform us from the inside out, and dare to become women after God's own heart. To register, please call the church office at 830-755-8806.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

BEGINS FEB 2ND | MEN

Our Men's Bible Study "Unfolded: The Story of God" begins on Sunday morning, February 2nd at 7:30-8:30am. As we study the Bible, we can appreciate great heroes of the faith, but miss the point that they all point to the greatest hero, Jesus! Through video teaching, group discussion, and personal Bible study, you will encounter Christ in the biblical narrative and be challenged to join Him in His story. Register at curreycreek.com/men.

SUMMER MISSION CAMP

MAY 31ST-JUNE 7TH | HIGH SCHOOL

Join us May 31st through June 7th for our High School Summer Mission's Camp! We will be traveling to Ridgecrest, NC where we will share the love of Christ with the community through service, kids' ministry, sports and recreation, and evangelism. Our evenings will be filled with fun activities and powerful times of worship and teaching. To apply, please visit us online at www.curreycreek.com/studentevents.

MISSIONAL MOMENTUM



It has been nearly six years since I began serving in Missions at Currey Creek. Over that time, the church has had the privilege of learning about various ministries operating locally, nationally, and abroad. As the church grows, those opportunities only increase as we become aware of new ministries from members of the church and from contacts outside the church. The missions landscape can quickly be overwhelming when you consider not only the breadth of geography, human needs, Gospel availability and people groups, but also the variety of ministries purposed to address them. Over time we have realized that it is necessary to evaluate the ministries through a set of criteria important to Currey Creek instead of the individual ministries on their own. In doing so, we can remain true to what we believe God is calling Currey Creek to participate in and therefore create a cohesive set of ministries supported by the church. While saying “no” to some opportunities is difficult, it is sometimes the right decision for the church.

This past year has brought further clarity to the missional direction of the church. Our stated philosophy, particularly geared to foreign missions, is to partner with churches or organizations that are directly involved with church planting in parts of the world where the Gospel is under-communicated, and where service projects and benevolence can be extended through the ministry and oversight of the local church. When we find a church planter or organization that significantly aligns with this philosophy, we get pretty excited. For four weeks last Fall I donned my Currey Creek Missions hat and travelled to visit two of our existing missions partners and explore two new partnership opportunities. I was able to communicate to our elders that one of our existing partnerships and one of the new opportunities I explored have the potential to not only plant churches in difficult places where the Gospel is under-communicated, but to potentially do so on a repeated basis!

My hopeful expectation is that 2021 will bring opportunities to tell you about church planters being sent to difficult places in Uganda, India, and the Middle East. Plans are underway to partner with a church planter in Kosovo. Our existing partner organization in Nepal continues to train up and send out church planters in this Hindu nation. Our partner in Sri Lanka is training up leaders in thirteen churches. Our partner in Nicaragua is now overseeing five churches. We hope to see a new church planted in Chad, Africa.

After six years it appears that our missional momentum is hitting its stride and we couldn't be more excited about the future. But as excited as we are about our opportunities abroad, we are just as excited about our opportunities at home. In 2020, we will see some of our own being called and sent out both locally and abroad in what I hope to be a pattern for years to come!

For His Kingdom,
Eric | Associate Pastor

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The “Full Mention” Principle

In order to understand the Bible systematically, theologians developed the study of hermeneutics, which deals with the general ways for interpreting Scripture. The First Mention Principle is one of the many hermeneutical techniques that exist in order to interpret the Bible. Under the First Mention Principle the idea is that when God reveals his mind on a matter the first time it is mentioned in scripture, he will not change his mind later on. This means that the initial discussion of a subject has incredible importance since the original intent does not change. Another interpretive technique is called the Progressive Principle. This principle understands that God declares his mind more clearly as his word moves toward consummation. Finally, we have the Full Mention Principle. This principle concerns God revealing his full truth on a given matter that is important to our spiritual lives.

Let me give you an example of how all of this can work together. We read in Genesis 3:15 of a coming savior and Messiah who will defeat Satan that comes from the woman's 'seed'. This text is considered the first Messianic prophecy and therefore an example of a First Mention Principle. Later in Genesis 12 we read that from Abraham's 'seed' all the nations of the world will be blessed. This would be the Progressive Principle at work. Finally, we read in Galatians 3 that Paul declares the 'seed' mentioned in regard to Abraham was none other than Christ. This would then function as the Full Mention Principle. There are merits to this method of interpretation as well as some pitfalls. But careful exegesis (investigation of the original meaning of the text within its context) will prevent many potential errors in interpreting God's word.

In a similar fashion, God called me into church planting as a “First Principle” right after graduating from Southwestern Seminary. The course of my ministry was set in motion by this first action of God that sent me to New Mexico. That initial act has been developed through serving briefly at an established church before getting the opportunity to plant what would become Currey Creek 19 years ago. It has been through Currey Creek and its growth that I see the “Progressive Principle” in play. God, if you will, is revealing more of his mind regarding church planting and what that looks like for me. I've been the founding pastor of two church plants, been a part of planting a sister church, The Well in Abilene, and it has been a goal of mine for over 25 years to have a staff of young ministers that could grow to become missionaries and church planters.

What is left is the “Full Mention” principle. What will the full truth of church planting look like? How will the Lord bring it about? I look forward to experiencing this last step with you all! May the Lord God be praised as we see him go before us.

In Christ,

John D. Free
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