

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME HOME

JANUARY 1ST | CHURCHWIDE

Our new lobby has been intentionally designed for connection, with sitting spaces to visit with one another, places to watch the services on one of our TVs, a cafe area and a room to welcome our guests. Come on by, say hello, drink some coffee, visit in one of the sitting areas and reflect on the goodness of God by the cross!

### 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](http://curreycreek.com/discovery).

### VOLUNTEER TRAINING

JAN 26TH | CREEK KIDS

Creek Kids will hold an All-Volunteer Safety Training on Sunday, January 26th after the second service. This training is important for all volunteers to attend as we will be discussing safety procedures for the new building. Childcare will be available with registration.

### UPSTREAM UPDATES

UPCOMING EVENTS | STUDENTS

Wednesday Upstream resumes January 8th. Sunday Upstream resumes on January 12th. Rooted High School Bible Study begins Jan. 19th at 6:30pm. D-Now weekend is Jan. 30-Feb 2. For more information and to register, visit [www.fbcboerne.org](http://www.fbcboerne.org). For more information about these events, contact [students@curreycreek.com](mailto:students@curreycreek.com).

### BREAKAWAY

FEB 15-17 | HIGH SCHOOL

Join us for our High School Winter Retreat this February! We will have fun, grow in our relationship with Jesus and be prepared to be sent into our schools on mission! Spots are filling up! Visit [curreycreek.com/retreat](http://curreycreek.com/retreat) to register today!

### 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](http://curreycreek.com/camp) to register today! Please email [studentevents@curreycreek.com](mailto: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](http://curreycreek.com/creekinstitute).

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

BEGINS JAN 22ND | WOMEN

"Becoming a Woman After God's Own Heart - Life of David Study" begins on Wednesday, January 22nd from 9:30-11:30am and our evening study from 6:30-8pm. 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, visit [curreycreek.com/women](http://curreycreek.com/women).

### 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](http://curreycreek.com/men).

### GUEST SPEAKER

JAN 8TH | 6:30PM | LOUIS PHILLIPS

Join us on Wednesday, January 8th for our 2020 Upstream kickoff! We are blessed to have Louis Phillips of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries speaking on the topic of human sexuality. We will be combining middle and high school together in the Worship Center, and would love for parents and families to join us as well. See you at 6:30pm!

### 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](http://curreycreek.com/small-groups).





# adoption

*The deepest and strongest foundation of adoption is located not in the act of humans adopting humans, but in God adopting humans. And this act is not just part of his ordinary providence in the world; it is at the heart of the gospel. - John Piper*

On August 14, 2013 our son, Hudson, was born! Hudson loves birthdays so it is always fun to celebrate him every August. But my wife, Allison, and I were not there at the hospital the day our son was born. We did not know him then. It wasn't until nine months later, on May 29, 2014 that we first met our son. It was a day mixed with emotions. We were excited to meet this little boy who would be joining our family but we were also scared because we didn't know if he would be joining our family for a few weeks, a few months, or forever. Though we were filled with uncertainty and fear, we brought him into our home and loved him as if he were our own flesh and blood. We were able to adopt Hudson in 2015 and we thank the Lord for him every day.

Our story is one of many stories of adoption in our Currey Creek Church community. I am so thankful for a church that supports the foster/adoption community in Boerne and around the world. It was actually a former Currey Creek family's adoption story that encouraged Allison and me to explore foster/adoption for ourselves.

In learning more about fostering and adoption, I grew to realize that adoption is God's idea. Over and over in scripture, Paul talks about how we are adopted into the family of God. As we understand God's plan for adopting us, it helps us to understand the passage in James that says, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

This verse makes much more sense to us after we understand God's purpose and plan in adopting us. We should care for orphans because God cares for us. Plain and simple. The Church is often on the front lines of the pro-life movement, which we should be. But the Church should also be on the front lines of caring for the children in our community and world who are not being cared for. The Church should be the social workers, run the foster agencies, be the foster parents, adopt the millions of children needing homes around the world and the thousands needing homes in our own backyard. We should be the leaders of ALL THINGS ADOPTION! Why? Because we have been adopted by God. We have experienced a loving Abba Father saying "You are no longer an orphan. You are part of my family, a co-heir with my son Jesus."

If you have been praying, thinking, or talking about adoption with others, perhaps God wanted you to read this today. Seek the Lord and may He fill you with all peace, wisdom, and strength.

- Stuart Head | Associate Pastor



# welcome

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In the book of Ezra, chapter 3, we read an interesting account of the return of the exiles from the Babylonian captivity. After returning, the people embark on a building campaign to replace the temple that Solomon had dedicated to God. Once the foundation for the new temple was laid there was a mixed response from the people. The younger generation was ecstatic to have a place of their own to worship having been in Babylon most of their lives. The older generation, who had seen the grandeur of Solomon's temple, wept. What a strange building dedication! To have some people weeping while others were shouting praise made for a scene not unlike a football game! You see, some were celebrating the significance of the site while others seemed to be disappointed in the size.

One of the most memorable experiences of touring Jerusalem is a visit to the Western Wall of the Temple mount. It is better known as the Wailing Wall. The wall is made up of 45 stone courses but only 28 of them are visible above ground. The first seven courses seen above ground are from the Herodian period and are part of the original structure as are the 17 courses that are underground. One of those underground stones is nearly 45 feet long and is estimated to weigh 570 tons! It is believed to be one of the heaviest objects ever lifted by manpower. The remaining courses above ground are from two different Muslim periods. The four courses on top of the Herodian period are from the 8th century and the next 17 courses are from the 13-16th century Mamluk period. I believe most of this information is lost on those who have come to pray at the western wall. For, where the stones came from, or who laid them, or matters regarding fit and finish, become immaterial to the significance of the site.

Why all this talk about stones? As we open up the new facility, I want us to learn from each of these two stories. First, the significance of our new building is not found in its size. It is big! I want you to know we made the decision to build it this size based upon future capacity and certainly not to impress. Second, the significance is not found in its fit and finish. As one trained in building and design, I know first-hand that any aesthetic is subjective. The true significance of our new building is in its foundational purpose which is to lay the foundation stone of Jesus Christ in the lives of our children and to build upon the foundation of Christ in the lives of our students and adults. Paul writes,

"According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." - I Corinthians 3:10-11

I'm excited to have this new building used for its intended purpose and I know you are too! Thanks to all who gave financially to make it happen. Thanks to our staff who have worked extra hours to make it great. Thank you most of all to our Lord Jesus Christ for being our cornerstone.

In Christ,

*John D. Free*  
Senior Pastor | Currey Creek Church