

ANNOUNCEMENTS



DISCOVERY CLASS

SEPTEMBER 8TH | NEW HERE?

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 visit curreycreek.com/discovery.

SMALL GROUPS

GET CONNECTED | ADULTS

Do you want to live life together with others at Currey Creek? Do you want to grow in your walk with Christ? Contact linda@curreycreek.com, our Small Group Coordinator, to find a small group or for more information.

MISSIONS MONTH

JUNE | CREEK KIDS

This month we are focusing on our ministry partner in Nicaragua, the King of Kings Church. Our children will be participating in times of prayer, creating messages of encouragement, and sending greetings to our friends there. We will also be handing out offering boxes for our children and their families to fill and return on June 30th.

5TH GRADE BLESSING

JUNE 30TH | CREEK KIDS

Join us on June 30th for our 5th grade blessing for students and their parents. Middle School is a milestone and we will take some time to say a blessing over our 5th graders as a mark of their transition into Student Ministry.

FAMILY REUNION

AUG 25TH | 4PM-5:30PM | FAMILY

Come join other Currey Creek Church members as we celebrate and highlight what God has done in our church this year. We will enjoy fellowship together, begin elder nominations, renew membership and introduce fall ministries. This event will take place in the Worship Center and will conclude with a dessert social.

ROOTED BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAYS 6/9-7/28 | STUDENTS

Interested in keeping your students in Bible study this summer? We are offering an in-depth Bible study for incoming 7th through 12th graders. We will meet on Sundays in the Chapel June 9th through July 28th, from 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. Please RSVP to Kristene at kbrooms@curreycreek.com.

POLAND MISSION TRIP

JULY 15-30 | MISSIONS

We are taking a group of high school students from our Student Ministry to Wroclaw, Poland to put on an evangelistic summer camp for Polish students. We appreciate your prayers as we prepare and send these students into the mission field.

NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP

JULY 10-15 | MISSIONS

Please be praying for the Lord to go before our Nicaragua missions team. We have incredible opportunities this summer to bring one of our past women's bible studies in Colossians, translated into Spanish "Completo en Cristo: un estudio de Colosenses" to the women. They will also be assisting the King of Kings church in a 3-day VBS program for the children who live in and around the community of Comejen. We will be sharing the Gospel through three different parables, along with singing, crafts, small group time, and games.

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS

UPDATE | WOMENS CONFERENCE

Because of your generosity, we were able to fund 755 bibles to send to areas that are hostile to Christianity. Thank you!

ARMOR OF GOD

JUNE | CREEK KIDS

In June, our preschool and elementary classes will begin a study of the Armor of God. We are excited to dig into Ephesians 6:10-17 and learn to stand strong in our faith. June 30th will be the last day of elementary classes for the summer. Classes resume on August 18th, Promotion Sunday.

CREEK COUNTY FAIR

SEPTEMBER 21ST | CREEK KIDS

Save the date for Creek County Fair this fall on Saturday, September 21st! Join us for an evening full of live music, food trucks, game booths, and fellowship for all ages! For more info and volunteer opportunities, go to curreycreek.com/countyfair.

PRAYER REQUEST

CAMPS IN JUNE | STUDENTS

Please be in prayer for our middle school and high school students as they prepare to go to Camp Winiwaca and River Retreat this month! Pray that God would increase their love for Christ, increase their worship as we seek to exalt God, and equip our students to engage the culture around them.





I love to ponder how it would have been to interact and learn from the behaviors of Jesus during his time on earth. I would have loved to watch Jesus tell the fishermen to drop their nets and follow him – and then they actually did it! I would have loved to see people’s reactions to Jesus’ personality. Would they have thought Jesus was funny when he said, “It’s easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle” or when he said, “Why worry about the speck in your brother’s eye when there’s a 2x4 sticking out of your own!” Did they laugh and if they didn’t get it, did he allow for an awkward pause for his words to soak in? I think he probably had brilliant comedic timing!

To study the behaviors and teachings of Jesus is fascinating, and one thing in particular has been sticking out to me lately – how often he got away to rest and pray. The Gospel of Mark shows Jesus moving from event to event at an unbelievable pace, but gives us great detail of Jesus stepping away from the chaos nine times to retreat, rest, and pray. Mark 6:45-46 tells us, “Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After leaving them, he went up on a mountain to pray.” In context, Jesus had just fed 5,000 people. You could say he was very well known and incredibly busy, so it would have made sense that Jesus would have marked that event as successful and move on to the next town. But not Jesus, he knew the importance of resting. So, he dismissed the crowd, took a walk up a mountain, and prayed. I wonder what that walk up the mountain would have been like? I can imagine Jesus walking by himself, perhaps slowing down, calming his heart as he looked over the Sea of Galilee, and began to pray.

This is a great lesson for us today. Wayne Muller wrote in a recent article on rest saying, “I’ve visited the large offices of wealthy donors, the crowded rooms of social service agencies, and the small houses of the poorest families. Remarkably, within this mosaic there is a universal refrain: I am so busy. It does not seem to matter if the people I speak with are doctors or daycare workers, shopkeepers or social workers, parents or teachers, nurses or lawyers, students or therapists, community activists or cooks.”

It seems as though we are moving at such a breakneck speed, that while we might take some time off, even our vacations are similar to our work: busy. I wonder sometimes if we are actually resting during our time off. You might be taking vacation, but are you taking off from work for vacation? From our look at Jesus, are we actually resting our soul through prayer during our time off?

As we step into another summer, let’s take some time to retreat like Jesus did. Consider your time away as a time to pray, rest, recharge and trust that God really does have everything under his control. You might be thinking, this sounds great but where do I begin? As I struggle through the same question in my own heart, two things stand out:

1. TRUST

The good news for the believer is that we do not have to earn anything from God. If we are in Christ, our eternity is secure. God has promised to never leave or forsake us. Given those truths, we must first acknowledge that God knows what is best for us – even in the area of rest. If Jesus prioritized rest, then we should trust that we surely need it as well.

2. PRAY

There was a purpose when Jesus took time away and it always led to prayer. Never underestimate the importance of prayer in our time of rest. The enemy will be quick to fill our mind with lies. Lies like, “It will all fall apart without you” or “If I don’t check my Instagram, then how will I know if my vacation is better than everyone else’s?” Friends, let’s trust that God has everything under control and pray that our hearts would be encouraged in being a son or daughter of the most high God – that brings true rest.

-Jared Patrick
Associate Pastor | Currey Creek Church

WELCOME
TO CURREY CREEK

I am very glad that you are with us today! I am also grateful that you have given of your time to come and hear from the Lord. It is Currey Creek’s desire to be a church that makes much of the Lord Jesus Christ, that is actively living out the Gospel message in our community and around the world, and that is effectively making disciples of Jesus. We remind ourselves of these goals through the words Exalt, Engage, and Enrich. We exalt God in worship, we engage the culture with the gospel, and we enrich the Christ-follower.

In order to fulfill this mission we create multiple environments and opportunities. Our Sunday morning worship times are when we gather as believers to express our gratitude in worship. There are many local, regional, and global ministries that Currey Creek partners with in order to provide our members with opportunities to share the good news of Jesus Christ to a hurting world. We equip our members to serve Christ through Bible study venues such as Creek Kids, Upstream, Creek Institute and Small Groups. If you would like to learn more about any of our ministries, please head over to Creek Connections in the main lobby or visit us online at curreycreek.com.

We hope you find great information in this first edition of Creek Life. May it help you stay connected and enrich your life!



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