

ANNOUNCEMENTS

baby dedication
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
REGISTER YOUR CHILD AT CURREYCREEK.COM/KIDSEVENTS

HOW TO KNOW GOD'S WILL
A CREEK INSTITUTE STUDY

DISCOVERY CLASS
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BABY DEDICATION

OCT 20TH | 9AM & 10:30AM

Currey Creek has set aside Sunday, October 20th 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 October 13th to be a part of this special event!

CREEK INSTITUTE CLASS

SUNDAYS | 4:30PM-6PM

How to Know God's Will - Beginning October 20th, join us for a 5-week study on knowing God's will. The best life to live is the one lived according to God's plan for us, but how do we know what that plan is? God doesn't leave us alone to try and figure out how to live life. We can know God's will, and as we seek to follow Him, He graciously provides avenues for us to know and follow His will. Register at curreycreek.com/creekinstitute.

DISCOVERY CLASS

NOV 3RD | 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 CLASS

OCT 27TH | CHURCHWIDE

Baptism Sunday will be on Sunday, October 27th. If you have an interest in getting baptized, please call the church office at (830)755-8806 to set up an appointment with a pastor.

CREEK KIDS TOY DRIVE

BEGINS SUNDAY, OCT 27TH

Last year, Creek Kids teamed up with HCDBM to provide over 250 Christmas gifts for children in our surrounding areas. Let's be a blessing again! Please come by the Creek Kids table starting October 27th- November 17th and select one or multiple children to bless this Christmas!

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

ONGOING | CHURCHWIDE

There are great opportunities to engage in missions right here in Boerne! To learn more about Meadowlands, Hill Country Daily Bread, outreach to refugees, or Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center, please call the church office at 830-755-8806 or reach out to us via email at missions@curreycreek.com!

DRIVE-IN-MOVIE NIGHT

DEC 6TH | CREEK KIDS

Save the Date! Join us for an awesome night of family fun! Bring your lawn chairs, quilts and kids in PJ's to our back parking lot on Friday, December 6th at 6:30pm. We will be watching a family friendly movie and serving popcorn and hot chocolate! See you there!

ROOTED BIBLE STUDY

SUN 6:30PM-8PM | HIGH SCHOOL

Rooted is an opportunity for our high school students to hang out, connect with other students, and grow in their knowledge of God's Word and obedience to Jesus together. Come, bring your Bible, and join us on Sunday nights from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the chapel as we study the book of James!

CREEK + CARE

PRAYER AND CARE

It is a privilege to walk alongside each other and lift one another up. We would love to know how to pray for you or help in any way. Please email care@curreycreek.com or stop by the Connections Desk if you have a prayer request, know of anyone that would like to be visited in the hospital, might need a meal or help with simple tasks around their home.

WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES

KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING

Are you receiving our weekly church email that comes out on Tuesdays? If not, email us at info@curreycreek.com and we will add you to our mailing list!





JAKE & MANDI KELLEY

MISSIONARIES IN AFRICA

On August 18th, Jake and Mandi Kelley visited Currey Creek and led us through our Communion Service. Just eight months prior, Jake and Mandi were introduced to the church as a recent addition to our mission partnerships to the unreached people of remote Chad, Africa. Since then, they have been diligently studying French in Quebec as a necessary means of preparation for what awaits. This is not their first stint in Chad, and as I learned over lunch with them, their next journey comes with a new awareness of what God has taught them about themselves and about His sovereignty as their Sender.

When the Kelley's set out for Chad initially, they were doing so in the confidence that the Lord had equipped and called them to this great task. In fact, they felt that they had much to offer the people they were going to reach. Mandi expressed this sentiment in our conversation that as a pastor's daughter and a Christian as long as she can remember, being sent to the mission field was just the next logical step in her walk with Christ, as if doing so was the next rung on her spiritual ladder. They were ready for the task, equipped with the confidence in God and their understanding of His Word, and their readiness to share the Gospel. Then after a year in the country, they became pregnant with their third son.

When Benjamin was born, it was quickly apparent that he had a serious condition that was life threatening. He was rushed into surgery to repair a hole in his heart that, left unattended, would surely cost him his life. Today, Benjamin is a healthy active five-year-old, but the multitude of treatments and surgeries brought an abrupt end to the Kelley's Africa plans. The five years back in Texas left them wondering, "what is God teaching us through this?" Through all of the events of the last five years, what I heard the Kelley's tell me is that they have come to learn that their earlier understanding of God's provision and goodness were far too shallow, and that God needed to teach them so much more about themselves and who they are in Christ before He was ready to send them again.

I was blessed to be able to hear more about Jake and Mandi's story. What they relayed both challenged and encouraged me. I want to conclude with what they shared before leaving the church that day. As they prepare to make the journey back to Africa in December, they do so with an entirely different heart and mind than before. They remarked, "We are not uniquely gifted for [being missionaries]. We are not gifted in evangelism. We really have nothing to offer." In all of my years in the business world, this is not a compelling sales pitch to one of your sending churches, yet it is exactly what we should be looking for in every one of our missionaries! Indeed, Jake and Mandi have nothing in and of themselves to offer. Perhaps that's exactly why God has called them back to Africa. In their emptiness they can be filled by Him, used by Him, and poured out for Him. They have nothing to offer...except to say "yes". May we be of the same heart and mind for the building up of His Kingdom, and the glory of His Great Name!

-Eric Cate | Associate Pastor



Church Family,

The theme this month is missions. I will share a few highlights from the life of Adoniram Judson. He is a legend in the field of missions. I'll let his story speak for itself. I pray that you will consider his life and his passion for the unreached.

Adoniram Judson lived from 1788-1850 and was a missionary to Burma (now Myanmar) for almost 40 years. Before he left for the mission field, he fell in love with Ann Hasseltine. Knowing that he wanted to marry Ann, but also knowing the difficulties that they were sure to face being on the mission field, he wrote Ann's father a letter asking for Ann's hand in marriage.

"I have now to ask whether you can consent to part with your daughter early next spring, to see her no more in this world? Whether you can consent to see her departure to a heathen land, and her subjection to the hardships and sufferings of a missionary life? Whether you can consent to her exposure to the dangers of the ocean; to the fatal influence of the southern climate of India; to every kind of want and distress; to degradation, insult, persecution, and perhaps a violent death? Can you consent to all this, for the sake of perishing immortal souls; for the sake of Zion and the glory of God? Can you consent to all this, in hope of soon meeting your daughter in the world of glory, with a crown of righteousness brightened by the acclamations of praise which shall redound to her Savior from heathens saved, through her means, from eternal woe and despair?"

Adoniram spent many years suffering in Burma. His wife Ann described his imprisonment at the hands of the Burmese in terrible terms. Judson spent, "...20 long months and days in prison, half-starved, iron-fettered, and sometimes trussed and suspended by his mangled feet with only head and shoulders touching the ground..." Ann was beset with raging fevers and nursing a tiny baby that her husband had not yet seen. Ann died on October 24, 1826 at Amherst (now Kyaikkami), Burma, "...a victim of the long, dreadful months of disease, death, stress and loneliness that had been hers for 21 months." Their third child died six months later. Ann died while her husband was out exploring the province of Tenasserim in hopes of spreading the gospel. Judson labored for the gospel for 12 years to make 18 converts. He wrote a grammar of the language that is still in use today.¹

Judson would lose more children and his second wife Sarah Hall Boardman as she died in route to America after suffering a long illness. He would marry for a third time to Emily Chubbuck. Judson would spend 37 years in Burma returning only once to America. He spent 24 of those years translating the Bible into Burmese.² He died in route home to America on April 12, 1850 at the age of 61 and was buried at sea.

"A life once spent is irrevocable. It will remain to be contemplated through eternity... The same may be said of each day. When it is once past, it is gone forever. All the marks which we put upon it, it will exhibit forever... Each day will not only be a witness of our conduct, but will affect our everlasting destiny... How shall we then wish to see each day marked with usefulness! It is too late to mend the days that are past. The future is in our power. Let us, then, each morning, resolve to send the day into eternity in such a garb as we shall wish it to wear forever. And at night let us reflect that one more day is irrevocably gone, indelibly marked."

In Christ,

John D. Free
Senior Pastor | Currey Creek Church

1. Taken from Judson, Edward (1883). The Life of Adoniram Judson

2. Richard V. Pierard (Spring 2006). "The Man Who Gave the Bible to the Burmese"