

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KINDERGARTEN BLESSING

August 8 | 9AM

Creek Kids will be hosting Kindergarten Blessing on August 8th from 9:00-10:00. We invite all Creek Kids who are entering Kindergarten in 2021-22, as well as their families, to join us for breakfast and a special time of prayer and celebration honoring their Kindergarten. Register at curreycreek.com/kids.

DISCOVERY CLASS

August 8 after the 2nd Service

Discovery is a 1-hour membership class and introduction to Currey Creek's philosophy of ministry. Hear from our pastoral staff and ministry department heads on ways you can get plugged into Currey Creek! If you are brand new and are looking for an introduction to Currey Creek, this class is for you! Lunch and childcare will be provided. Register at curreycreek.com/events.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

August 15 after the 2nd Service

Please make plans to attend our first annual all-volunteer training. Join us for games, lunch, and fellowship as we prepare to serve together this fall. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Register by August 8 at curreycreek.com/events.

FAMILY REUNION

August 29 | 4:30PM

Join us August 29th for our annual Family Reunion! This will be a time for church members to enjoy dinner and fellowship together and stay informed about Currey Creek. We will hear about a new church constitution, renew membership, introduce fall ministries, and more. We will be meeting in the worship center from 4:30-6:00pm. Please RSVP at curreycreek.com/reunion by August 24th. (childcare provided with RSVP).

BAPTISM SUNDAY

August 15

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 by August 11th.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

August 22

Elementary and Student Ministry will promote according to their school grade level for the 2021-2022 school year on Sunday, August 22. We are looking forward to a wonderful year as we dig deeper in God's Word!

CREEK COUNTY FAIR

October 23 | 4:30pm - 8:00pm

Save the Date! Join us for an evening full of live music, food trucks, game booths, and fellowship for all ages! Visit curreycreek.com/events for more information and to volunteer.

CREEK KIDS SIDE BY SIDE

Sundays | 9:00am

Starting September 12th we will be launching a new ministry for children with special needs. If you're interested in Side by Side services for your child or in volunteering please visit our website at curreycreek.com/kids or contact Christy McDonald at christymcdonald00@gmail.com.

UPSTREAM WORSHIP ORIENTATION

August 22 | 9:00am

If you are a student who desires to serve in worship, come join us at our lunch and orientation for our middle school and high school Upstream worship team Sunday, August 22nd. You will meet all our leaders, volunteers, and learn what we are all about as a ministry. Please email our Family Worship Coordinator, Chase Tomerlin, for more information at ctomerlin@curreycreek.com

UPSTREAM KICKOFF

August 18 | 6:30pm

Upstream Kickoff for middle and high school students is Wednesday, August 18th! Join us from 6:30pm to 8:30pm for food, fellowship, worship, teaching and small groups!

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STUDENT MINISTRY

I never really had much interest in God as a kid. Everything changed for me when I was 15. I heard the good news for what felt like the first time on a student mission trip, and that was when 2 Corinthians 5:15 came alive for me. I realized that if Christ has really died for me, then I can no longer live for myself, my life now belongs to Christ.

I will never forget how pivotal the next 3 years of my life were. I remember my youth pastor, Wes Jones, pleading with us just to read our Bibles. He told me to start in Romans (not the best advice). I was confused at times, but I'll never forget the early mornings spent before school reading and journaling what I was learning about God from the book of Romans. I remember adults serving in the church, men like Jim Booth and Robert LoBasso who had full time jobs but showed up every week to teach us how to study the Bible and live as disciples of Jesus. I remember meaningful conversations in the church parking lot that I am sure they have long forgotten. I remember being in Jim's home and seeing the way he loved his family. I'm not sure those men will ever realize how great an impact they had on me. By God's power the speaker on that mission trip convinced me that I needed to repent of my sin and live for Christ, but it was the ordinary men in my home church who showed me what it meant to live as a disciple.

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I cannot tell you how much of a joy it is for me to now be serving in student ministry at Currey Creek. I truly feel I have the best job in the world. Seeing God move in the lives of our students has blessed me in ways I can't describe. 3 John 1:4 says, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." There is a real sense in which I feel this way toward our students. I'm proud of them. I love them. Nothing brings me more joy than seeing them grow in Christ.

Our goal is to raise up students who love the Lord and love others, know and abide in God's Word, take their faith home with them, develop Christian community, serve the church, serve the community and share Christ with others.

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Ultimately, our belief in the power of the gospel drives us to do what we do. We know and have seen that the gospel has the power to save and transform the students in this generation. That is why at Upstream we seek to provide gospel centered teaching directly from God's Word. We want to teach the timeless message of the Bible in a way that is understandable and applicable to students.

We also believe that parents are called to be the primary disciple-makers in students' lives. At Upstream, we seek to partner with parents to disciple our students. When the church and parents partner together to raise students in the Lord, there is no limit to what God will do. Every time we meet with students, we want to have a touch point with parents informing them of what we are talking about and simple ways they can take the conversation home.

Adult volunteers are vital to a healthy student ministry. With a group as large as ours, we lean heavily on our volunteers to lead small groups and disciple students outside the walls of the church. Our team of Upstream volunteers is made up of mature believers, godly and gifted men and women who love students and truly desire to make disciples.

Finally, we believe in the power of prayer. Students today face very unique challenges, but they also have an unmatched opportunity to shine the light of Christ to a hurting and empty generation. Would you pray with me for our students to trust Jesus for salvation, to live for him and him alone, to have the perseverance and devotion to continue to follow after Christ through thick and thin, and to have the boldness to share Christ with others around them?

In Christ,
Logan Talamas | Student Pastor



What I have personally witnessed during my twenty years in Boerne is a generation return to church after a period of avoiding church. They had been active in youth ministry, gone on mission trips, and even served in various ministries. Why then were they absent from church for a period? The painful (and partial) answer is their parents. I certainly don't mean these students had no personal responsibility for their neglect of the bride of Christ. But when parents don't live out their faith at home, when church is sporadic and optional, what type of example are they receiving? Dad and Mom, your actions speak louder than your words and louder than our Student Ministry most of the time. Dad and Mom, be authentic and faithful in your own spiritual walk. Encourage your students to build on what is eternal!

Student ministries used to be characterized by a competition with the entertainment world. Bigger was always better, weekly events needed to be louder and greater than the one before. The idea was to get in bigger bands, brighter lights and large crowds. Often the experience was nothing more than an emotional and spiritual rollercoaster for the students. I'm so grateful for our student pastors Logan, Cole and Kristene! They do a great job of bringing an authenticity to our student ministry. Our student ministry emphasizes a deeper walk with Christ, unity, friendships, and fellowship. Students are affirmed, supported and encouraged to develop deep relationships with other Christian students at a time and place in their life where peer approval is paramount. During the middle school and high school years, a growing relationship with Jesus Christ will propel them to a deeper discipleship through their college years, marriage, and even into parenthood. I'm grateful that our student pastors encourage our students to spend time with God the Father, to read his Word, and to listen to his voice.

It is so easy for our students to feel isolated from the rest of the church. Would you do me a favor? Take the time to encourage our Student Ministers! Interact with our Students! Introduce yourself and tell them how glad you are to see them. They are the next generation of Christian leaders both in the church and in the world!

Regards,

John D. Free

John Free | Senior Pastor