

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT MINISTRIES

All of our Adult Ministries kicked-off this past month, but you are still welcome to join! Visit our website, curreycreek.com/adults, to see all of our offerings for this Spring in our Women's, Men's, Creek Institute and Small Group ministries.

DISCOVERY CLASS

Sunday, February 20th

If you are new and looking for an introduction to Currey Creek and our philosophy of ministry, this one hour membership class is for you. Hear from our pastoral staff and ministry department heads on ways you can get plugged in at Currey Creek. We will meet in the Worship Center right after the second service. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Please register at curreycreek.com/events

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sunday, February 20th

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.

BCF INTEREST MEETING

Sunday, March 6th

For anyone interested in learning more about Currey Creek's next church plant, Bergheim Christian Fellowship, please plan to attend the informational meeting on March 6th in the upstairs gathering space. Registration is encouraged. www.curreycreek.com/missions/plant.

BABY DEDICATION

Sunday, March 20th

Creek Kids will be hosting Baby Dedication during both services. A reception will be held between services for families and their guests to attend. Please visit curreycreek.com/kids to register your child.

FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, March 26th

4:00 - 6:00pm

Join your Currey Creek Family at Joshua Springs Park and Preserve for the annual Creek Kids Family Picnic. Creek Kids will provide the food for everyone. Please bring lawn chairs, fishing poles, sports equipment and a dessert to share. The picnic will be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. For more information please visit curreycreek.com/kids

CAMP WINIWACA

June 18-22nd

Middle School Upstream will be heading to Camp Buckner from June 18-22 in Burnett, TX for a week of worship, teaching, fellowship and fun. Camp Winiwaca will be an unforgettable week! Check out Curreycreek.com/camp for more information and a highlight video from camp last year.

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EXALT

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CURREY CREEK WORSHIP'S DEBUT RECORD

Music is powerful. Nothing captures the combination of deep emotion and thought like music. It can motivate us as we strive to accomplish a task. It can comfort us in our lowest moments. Have you considered how much of our Bible is comprised of songs? David's Psalms, Mary's song. We wonder if some of Paul's praises in his epistles were actually songs. Certainly, nations will surround the throne of God and sing as revealed to John in his Revelation.

It has been my distinct pleasure to walk alongside Isac and the worship team as they have composed and produced worshipful and reverent music for the Currey Creek family. They have incorporated theology and phrases that are heard here, thus making music that is an outflow of the ministry of this church. "Give us ears to hear, give us eyes to see, give us minds to know your truth." John often prays this prayer over us and in our worship team's song "Even Though", this prayer is sung as a bridge. What a gift to this body of Christ to sing songs that incorporate our very DNA!

We are so proud to be able to release these songs to you now. Many hours have gone into not only the writing, rewriting, and production of the music, but also the legal and logistical hurdles to make music public. We're thankful for those along the way who have given us wise counsel. It is our sincere hope that you will stream these songs and allow them to lead you in worship of our eternal King and be encouraged by them.

For Christ and His Kingdom,



Eric Cate



ISAC GUAJARDO



BEN KNUDSON



DERIAN GUAJARDO



CHASE TOMERLIN

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE TEAM

When did the idea to create a record emerge?

Isac: When all of this started it was not with the intent to make a record. It started with us feeling the call to song write for our local church. It was and is a daunting task. A few years ago Ben and I attended a worship leader conference put on by Passion City Church. While there we sat in on a songwriting breakout session that changed everything for us. The speaker said, "if you treat songwriting like a hobby it will be a hobby." Ben and I looked at each other and were immediately convicted, we both knew we were being lazy with our songwriting. From there we would meet once a week to labor over songs, tearing them apart and putting them back together. Before we knew it we had over 12 song ideas that had potential. It was at that point when we began creating a cohesive work of 6 songs, the Exalt record. With the prayer and oversight of the pastors and elders the record came to be. We are really proud of it and our prayer is that it ministers to our local church family.

How long have you all been writing and working on it?

Chase: We've been writing these songs for the past several years. In more recent years, as we all have grown in our faith and with our church family, we've come together to revise and retune these pieces with the church in mind, and they have certainly transformed to the songs that they are today.

Who all has had a part?

Ben: Isac, Chase, Derian, and I all collaborated together on the lyrics and music of Exalt. Our producer Michael Guillot recorded and mixed the record in 2 different studios. Joe Causey of Voyager Mastering completed the final masters of each song.

What is your creative process like?

Ben: We like to work on individual

song ideas separately, then come together for writing sessions where we refine the lyrics and subject of the song. After that, we'll write some instrument parts and play through them together on stage, it helps us to hear where the song might go. Once we're happy with the whole idea we'll record a rough mix on stage to have if the song eventually goes to the studio.

How do you all go about writing music and lyrics? Does one come before the other?

Chase: Generally the lyrics come before the music, but not always. Sometimes we would come together with a chord sequence or a melody that's sweet to sing to that may inspire us to write a refrain along with it. Or sometimes we'll even turn a song completely upside down and take a risk, which is what Ben did with the drums to Warrior when originally it was much slower. So the business and driving rhythm of the drum and bass seemed to compliment underneath the slow and steady melody of the song. But the lyrics take priority and the music we craft around it simply helps enhance and embellish the theme of that particular worship song.

What was the recording process like?

Isac: Honestly, the recording process was tough. It was so much fun but at the same time so taxing. We rented out a studio in the Southside of San Antonio owned by our previous worship pastor, Jake Kreifels, and had 5 days to record 5 songs. That is a hard task, usually it takes three days to record a single song. Our producer, Michael Guillot, who we flew down from Nashville is the guy who made the record come to life. He brought out the best in us while also being constructively critical. We definitely felt the pressure in the studio to play everything perfectly! Michael is special. He graduated from Champion High school in 2014 and played on the Upstream worship team as well as the

adults teams. At the time he was a fun young kid who was an aspiring Worship Leader. He went on to ACU where he was a big part of The Well (a church we support) and began his journey as a producer. Long story short, there we were in the studio taking orders from a kid who I taught how to wrap a guitar cable. I was filled with joy and proud the whole time. This kid was now a married and an established man who helped make our vision come to life.

What is your heart behind the Exalt record?

Isac: It has always been our motive to write songs that can be sung by our church family. Our hope is that these songs encourage and lift up the body as they are listened to or sung corporately. In an age where there is so much worship material available, we were not trying to reinvent the wheel. We simply wanted to write Biblical worship songs for the church.

What do you wish to communicate most?

Derian: I would like for the goodness, sovereignty and perfect love of God to be communicated through the songs. My hope is that these songs can help people enter into authentic worship wherever they are.

Anything else you would like to share?

Isac: For us ministry will always be first. When we set out to song write we wanted to do it with excellence but not at the expense of our ministries. So, we have no timeline to release another record or even if one will be recorded. That is not the point. We will continue to song write and present the songs to the church during corporate worship and if the pastors and elders believe that we should record another project then we will definitely do it. It is all in the Lord's hands and we trust our pastors and elders. We are grateful for the opportunity to be able to present this record to you.

Exalt will be available to stream on all platforms beginning February 13, 2022.