

2019

THE GREATER STORY

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CHURCH

welcome to

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OUTREACH
SUNDAY 10:00AM

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CONGREGATION
SUNDAY 10:00AM

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CONGREGATION
SUNDAY 10:00AM

UPSTREAM
SUNDAY 10:00AM



Dear Church family,

What a year 2019 has been! It has been a year of growth, giving, and participation. In the following pages you will see some highlights from our various ministries. We hope you are encouraged and inspired by what you read! I'm so grateful for our staff. All the events you support so well whether it be Church on the Square, Creek County Fair, Student Ministry events and camps, or mission trips, your staff does a fantastic job. Our discipleship environments are another area in which your staff excels. Each week our kids and students get to experience great Bible instruction led by staff members that put in the time and effort needed to make the content great and winsome. I think we have an exceptional staff!

Of course, none of this is possible apart from your participation and generous giving. By the time you are reading this we will have started using the new Children's building. Your faithful and generous giving has enabled us to greatly reduce our indebtedness, increase the rate at which we can pay off the balance of the loan, and provide a fantastic facility for our families. Your giving enables us to hire great staff members to meet the needs of a growing church.

Your giving sends out missionaries both here and abroad. It funds the propagation of the Gospel to areas of the world that are closed and opposed to the message of Jesus as the way, the truth, and the life. It clothes the naked, feeds the hungry, supplies the deficient, and encourages the broken. Never lose sight of these things! To us it may simply be money. To others those gifts make an eternal difference.

As exciting as 2019 has been, the Lord has even more in store for 2020! To be sure we will face new challenges. We will encounter new opportunities. We will need to continue to be strategic in our staffing, creative in our ministries, and vigilant in our preaching and teaching. I don't know everything that will happen in 2020. I really don't know what is just around the corner! I do however know WHO is around the corner, our faithful Lord and Redeemer. Knowing that, we can move forward in faith. I am grateful for you and it is a privilege to be your pastor.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John D. Free". The signature is written in a dark ink on a light blue background.

John D. Free

ELDERS

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2019 Currey Creek Elders



Hank Bussey



Eric Cate



Matt Dayoc



John Free



Stuart Head



Bobby Langenbahn



Jared Patrick



Travis Vaught



Rob Wainner



Peter Williams



Kevin Young

MEET THE STAFF

2019 Currey Creek Staff



John Free
Senior Pastor



Stuart Head
Associate Pastor



Jared Patrick
Associate Pastor



Alicia Harrild
Preschool Coordinator



Shellie Edwards
Nursery Coordinator



Kendall Ellis
Clubhouse Coordinator



Eric Cate
Associate Pastor



Bret Williams
Student Pastor



Logan Talamas
Associate Student Pastor



Kinleigh Knudson
Events Coordinator



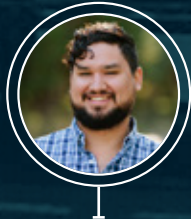
Deb Baez
Communications Director



Shelly Williams
Connections Coordinator



Kristene Brooks
Student Coordinator



Isac Guajardo
Worship Pastor



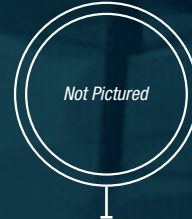
Ben Knudson
Worship Ministry Coordinator



Jenny Farias
Financial Assistant



Rachel Plank
Business Assistant



Matt Baxter
Production Coordinator



Chase Tomerlin
Family Ministries Worship Coord.



Keri Nash
Elementary Coordinator



Sara Williams
Early Childhood Director



**OUR NEW
30,000 SQ. FT.
CHILDREN'S BUILDING
IS COMPLETE!**

A TIME TO PLANT

It's hard to believe that over three years ago the plan was presented to begin a journey toward providing a more suitable space for our Creek Kids ministry, and that plan has now been realized! We couldn't be more proud of the quality and effectiveness of the new building and eagerly anticipate what the Lord has in store for the ministry that will take place within these walls for years, even generations to come. We also know this is more than a space for our children. Our middle school students will be able to take advantage of the space on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, and our adults will benefit from the space for Men's and Women's Bible Studies, Creek Institute classes, and small group meetings. It is important to thank God for many things as we turn this page in the history of Currey Creek.

First, we thank God for the professionals that he provided. RVK's creativity and persistence gave us a floor plan that fit Currey Creek, made the building look as though it had been constructed at the same time as our existing worship building, and did so in a way that balanced cost with quality. Better Built Enterprises oversaw our project from start to finish, many times having to navigate unforeseen issues and coming up with great solutions. Centennial Bank offered us an amazing loan that set them clearly apart from other bids. The Currey Creek staff has worked together to finish the spaces and ensuring that our church families get to enjoy the spaces while trusting us with their children. Finally, we're grateful for a church family that went above and beyond in giving to make this building a reality. To God be the glory!

CHURCH GENERAL

Financial Update:

\$2.8 MILLION

2019 Budget

\$4.1 MILLION

2019 Tithes

\$3.25 MILLION

2020 Budget

2020 Budget:

45% Personnel

8% Facilities & Operations

18% Ministries

11% Missions

15% Building Debt Retirement

2% Reserve/Discretionary

2019 Baptisms:

34

Total for the year

8

At Church on the Square

Membership Renewal:

1146

Adults & Kids in 2018

1029

Adults & Kids in 2019

Tithing Units:

462

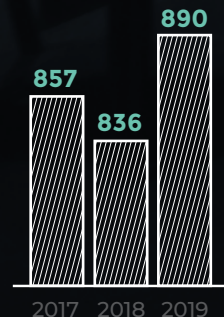
2018 Giving Units

473

2019 Giving Units

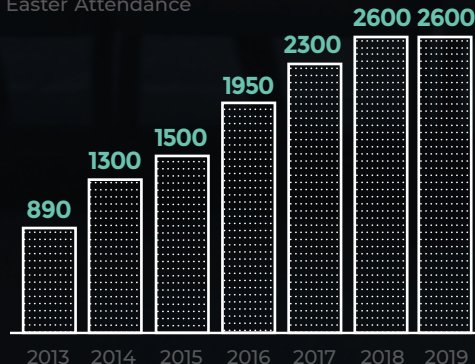
SUNDAY MORNING ATTENDANCE

Average (Adult)

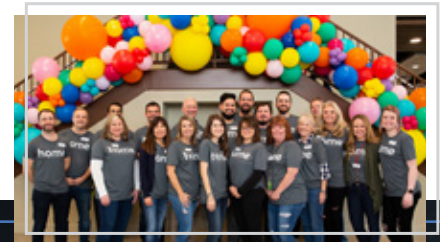


"CHURCH ON THE SQUARE"

Easter Attendance



We have a great staff that has served faithfully for many years!



CREEK KIDS

Creek Kids Ministry Update:

Creek Kids is blessed to have an amazing team of volunteers dedicated to teaching Biblical truths to our children. From babies to 5th graders, children hear the good news of the Gospel proclaimed weekly through worship, Bible teaching and small group time.

Throughout this past year, Creek Kids completed a study of the entire New Testament. The new school year signaled the beginning of a new three-year study of the Bible beginning in Genesis.

We love to see our Creek Kids take hold of God, His Word, and pursue a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our prayer continues to be that each child will:

"Love the Lord their God with all their heart, all their soul, all their mind and all their strength." Mark 12: 30

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Want to keep up with what is happening in Creek Kids?

Visit curreycreek.com/kidsbuzz

FUN
FACTS!



24
POUNDS
of gummy
bears served
during our
annual Drive-In
Movie Night



300
TOYS
donated to the
Christmas Toy
drive



HIGHLIGHTS

320

cards & notes written to
missionary families

72

worship songs sung
during our chapel time

65

children cared for
during Foster to
Adopt Night Out

67

pajamas donated to
The Vault Fostering
Community from
families who attended
Family Movie Night

150

pounds of items donated
for the annual mission trip
to Nicaragua

200

hot dogs served during
our First Annual Creek
Kids Family Picnic

14

children baptized
this year

Over 1000

people attended Creek
County Fair in 2019



STUDENTS

Our goal in Student Ministry is to make disciples of Christ who, in turn, make disciples. We have added Kristene Brooks to our staff, allowing us to better disciple our female students. Our weekly volunteers are being intentional in building meaningful, mentoring relationships with more and more students. Our older students are stepping up like never before to disciple kids who are younger in the faith. We are seeing the fruits of God's faithfulness and look forward to even more spiritual growth in 2020.

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1
COW TONGUE
made its
appearance
at an Upstream
event!



HIGHLIGHTS

49

adult volunteers served
over 200 students weekly

30

students served over 300
hours in local ministries
this summer

30

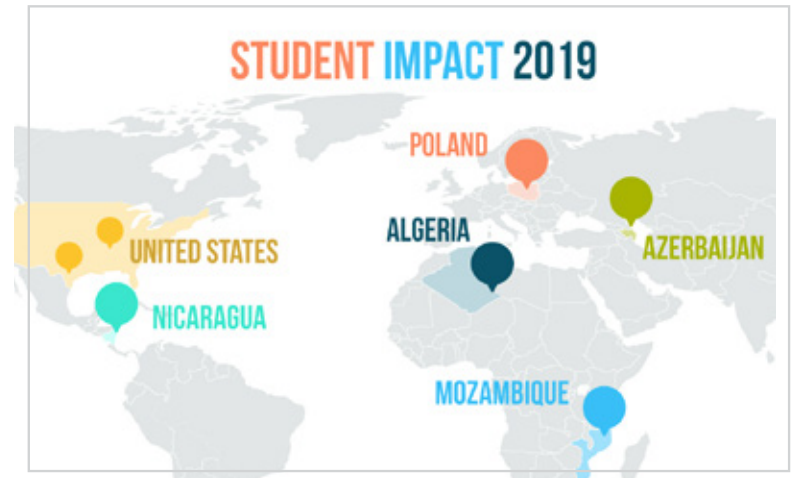
students served
internationally on
mission this year

12

students served
as Work Crew
at our MS
Camp Winiwaca

116

middle school students
joined us for middle
school Camp Winiwaca
(also, 11 HS Work
Crew & 27 adults –
154 people total)



ADULT MINISTRIES

Adult Ministries Update:

As we look back on 2019, we are amazed at the work God did through the ministry of Currey Creek. Our Men's Bible Study strategically moved to Sunday morning to reach men who commute to work during the week with 126 men registered! Women's ministry had a fantastic year with more women registered for Bible Study and events than any other year to date! Our *Women in the Word* event took our ladies through an intentional weekend on how to study God's Word and we had over 100 women attend! Our small groups worked through 1st Peter in the spring and a series through the life of Jesus in the fall. We added 6 new small groups as well! God has been doing some amazing things at Currey Creek and we cannot wait to see what he has in store for us in 2020!

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**CURREY CREEK
WOMEN'S BIBLE
STUDIES**
were translated
en español

HIGHLIGHTS

181

Creek Institute attendees

149

small group members
for Sunday nights

126

attended Men's
Bible Study

373

Women's Bible Study
attendance for spring and
fall, night and day studies

108

Women in the Word
event attendance

160

Spanish Women's
Bible Studies sent
to Nicaragua

763

number of Bibles
distributed by Voice
of the Martyrs,
made possible by
donations from the
Women in the Word
event in April



WORSHIP

Worship Ministry Update:

Every year we challenge ourselves to not be content and grow deeper in both our musical skill and spiritual maturity. In 2019 we saw that manifest. We are very grateful that on a given Sunday we can go with a full band while on others just have one instrument on stage and there be no difference in the authenticity of worship that we offer to our King. Our student ministry continues to flourish as we have more high schoolers and middle schoolers participating in worship than ever before. There have been Sundays where we have been blessed to have a worship team consisting of only high schoolers. As a worship department, we care about the spiritual and musical quality that is presented to our family. Our volunteers put in much time and effort to make sure that happens. We will continue to strive to serve with everything we have. We are dedicated to serving our family well.

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120 HOURS
is the average time
a volunteer serves



20+ STUDENTS
serving on our
worship teams

2019 HIGHLIGHTS



LIVE

worship in Creek Kids
has begun!



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Worship and Prayer
Nights are launched



MISSIONS

For many years, Missions at Currey Creek has been governed by a committee of church members who were uniquely qualified to serve in this capacity. That structure made an important transition to an elder-led structure in 2019. It is appropriate, as we finalize this transition, to recognize those who have had such an important contribution to Currey Creek's Missions philosophy. Troy Thompson, Rachel Plank, Marianne Ryan, Paul Williams, Suzy Caudill, and others have served alongside Jared Patrick and Eric Cate over the past eight to ten years. Bob Hudson and Steve Balthrop have been instrumental in our partnerships in Mexico, Sri Lanka, Nicaragua, and Moldova. Several others in our church have been effective advocates for other partnerships both locally and abroad. As we head into the new year, we are excited about new possibilities that very closely align with the Missions philosophy that this team drafted a few months ago.



A condensed philosophy could be stated this way: "The ideal missions partnership would be one that empowers indigenous church planters or pastors in regions where the Gospel is desperately needed in a way that both teaches and demonstrates the love of God and the salvation offered through his son, Jesus Christ to the community. Those partnerships must be theologically aligned with Currey Creek, well governed by local leadership and accountability, be able to effectively communicate their opportunities and struggles back to Currey Creek for prayer, pastoral, and financial support, and preferably be able to host teams from Currey Creek that can provide strategic and helpful aid to their cause. At the core is a desire to see evangelical churches planted or bolstered where the Gospel is either under communicated or non-existent.

This year, we will have exciting announcements to this end both locally and abroad. There are plans in the works for couples from Currey Creek who will be leaving to start churches and engage in foreign missions opportunities. There are new partnerships developing that will be announced soon. There are plans to add mission trip opportunities for Currey Creek to engage in. There are plans to deepen our existing partnerships. The outlook for missions at Currey Creek is both exciting and daunting. With the Lord's guidance and your support, our desire is to grow in a worldwide missional mindset that will be entrenched in every ministry of Currey Creek. We hope to Engage the Culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ which both Exalts God and Enriches the Christ follower.

FUN
FACT!



Eric traveled to

5 COUNTRIES IN 28 DAYS

to see potential missionary partnerships
& encourage current missionary partners!



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