



Learning to live & love like JESUS.

NEW HERE?

*Welcome. We are glad
you are here!*

Scan the code to download our
Creekside App.

Fill out the Connect Card so we
can know you were our guest
and follow up with you!



New to Creekside and wondering
what's next? START HERE is a quick,
15–20 minute meet-and-greet
designed to help you take your next
step toward connection at Creekside.
Meet some of our pastors, learn a little
more about our church, and discover a
next step that's right for you.

Join us Sunday, September 13,
immediately following the worship
gathering at the front of the Sanctuary.
No registration needed—just come on
up and Start Here!

NEW SERIES STARTING SEPTEMBER 13



Loneliness and disconnection are everywhere. Even
when we're surrounded by people, many of us still long
to be known, understood, and connected in a deeper
way. We were made for shared life—but meaningful
relationships rarely happen by accident.

The New Testament gives us a picture of community
where people are more than familiar faces in the same
room. They share life together. They make room for one
another, know and are known, rejoice and suffer
together, hold what they have with open hands, and
become partners in something bigger than themselves.
In our new six-week series, Shared Life, we'll explore how
Jesus invites us to move beyond simply asking, "Who is
making room for me?" and instead become people who
create belonging wherever we go.



SEPTEMBER 13TH
PRAYER SUNDAY



SEPTEMBER 20TH
COMMUNION SUNDAY



SEPTEMBER 27TH
BABY DEDICATION

Every Week @THE CREEK

FALL ELECTIVES

WEDNESDAYS @ 6PM

WASHED IN THE WORD



Join pastors Neil and Lori for an 8-week journey through a few Old & New Testament books of the Bible. You'll receive a journal, learn a simple Bible study method (SOAP), and gather midweek with others to reflect, connect, and grow. No experience necessary - just bring your questions and a desire to hear from God's Word.

Registration is \$5 for journal.

Practicing the Way



Join pastors Neil and Lori for an or this 8-week course called Practicing the Way. It is designed to help get you started on the journey of spiritual formation, help you get unstuck if you've stalled out, or just guide you into taking your next step. Ultimately, its goal is to train you to live as an apprentice of Jesus: to be with Jesus, become like him, and do as he did.

Registration is free.



This 8-week women's study offers insight and practical ways to grow in your communication with the Father.

(There is an second group meeting option for this course on Thursday mornings at 9:30am)



CELEBRATE RECOVERY EVERY THURSDAY

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-Centered Recovery Program. It is a safe place to discover healing and restoration from hurts, habits & hang-ups. We encourage you to come and check out the large group gathering to learn more about how Celebrate Recovery works and what it's all about.

Thursday Night (at a glance)

5:45 - Meal in Community Room

6:30 - Large Group Worship & Testimony

7:30 - Open Share Groups

*Childcare is provided - 5th Thursday's of the month will be an extended time of worship and connection with God.

Want more information?

Contact the Church Office at 918.825.1062

How do we find recovery?

Through a relationship with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Higher Power, and working the 8 principles and the Christ-centered 12 steps, we can find freedom from our hurts, habits and hang-ups.

This Month

September is National Recovery Month. It emphasizes that with the right resources and support, recovery of all kinds is possible. Recovery from substances, compulsive behaviors, relationship issues, and more.

At Celebrate Recovery, we share stories every month that highlight the life-changing power of Jesus Christ. We gather to support and encourage one another in our own roads to recovery.

In John 16:33 Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble, but take heart - I have overcome the world."

WEEKLY TIMES

* SUNDAY MORNINGS

9am - Adult, Student, & Kids Small Groups

10:30 am - Adult & Student Worship, Kids Large Group

* WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6pm - Kids & Students Large Group, Adult Electives
RETURNING AUGUST 19!

* THURSDAY NIGHTS

5:45pm - Dinner

6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery Large Group



Bell Tower ECHOES

SUNDAY HYMN SING

Sunday, September 6 @ 8:30am

We invite you to join us on August 2nd at 8:30am, for a Hymn Sing. We will gather in and around the bell tower and lift our voices to some of the most beloved and timeless hymns of our faith. Coffee and pastries are served, and we will conclude our singing in time to attend Community Groups at 9am.

BELL TOWER BLESSING

Historically, church bells have rung to remind us to lift our eyes to heaven and our hearts in prayer. Each **Wednesday at 10:00am**, we gather beneath our historic bell for a time of blessing and prayer.

PRAYER TEAM HUDDLE

Following the Bell Tower Blessing, our intercessory prayer team gathers for self-guided prayer around the building, asking for God's presence to be deeply felt at Creekside and interceding for the needs of our church family. All are welcome to join the prayer team any week you are available.



Gather at the Table

THE SON OF MAN CAME EATING & DRINKING...

GUYS & GRIDDLES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
7-8am | Community Room

Our new Men's Breakfast is all about bringing guys of every generation together around the table. Come hungry as our "Griddle Guys" serve up plenty of pancakes, sausage, and bacon—and enjoy a relaxed morning of good food, conversation, and connection with other men at Creekside.

COUNTRY COTTAGE LUNCH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
Leaving Creekside @ 11:30am

Catch a ride in our new church van, carpool with friends, or meet us at Country Cottage in Locust Grove for a good meal and a great opportunity to catch up with old friends—and make some new ones! If you'd like to ride the van, just RSVP by calling the church office: 918.825.1062

WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
6-8pm | Heritage Cafe

Our new Ladies' Game Night invites women of all ages to come together and find a seat at the table! Enjoy a relaxed evening of laughter, games, and connection as we get to know one another. This month, we'll have a variety of dice games and dominoes, along with plenty of snacks and drinks. Come ready to play—and maybe make a new friend along the way!

CAFE SUNDAYS

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13 & 27
8:15am-10:15am

Plan a little extra time to grab a coffee and enjoy a pastry or burrito from the Heritage Cafe. Take it to class, or plan to meet friends in the cafe!

THURSDAY DINNERS

EVERY THURSDAY
5:45pm | Community Room

With the rising cost of groceries and the challenge of making ends meet, sometimes a warm meal can make a real difference. You're invited to join us for a free, warm meal around the table. Come as you are—there's a place for you.

CR BREAKFAST

ALL ARE WELCOME!
CR Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 12 | 8:30am
Lu's Eastside Cafe
CR Women's Coffee
Saturday, September 12 | 9am
Heritage Cafe

Council Corner

BY ZAC KEMP (SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS)



The Man Behind the Badge

On Sunday mornings, while most of us are focused on worship, fellowship, and catching up with friends, there is someone quietly paying attention to what is happening around us. Justin Allen serves as our church security officer, helping provide a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who walks through our doors. Justin is currently a Sergeant with the Pryor PD Investigations Division. But there is much more to Justin than the position he holds.

Justin grew up in Chouteau and has been married to his wife, Rikkee, for 20 years. Justin and Rikkee have three children, twins Bodee and Brenna (20), and Peyton (12). When he isn't serving at church, Justin enjoys golfing, spending time with his family, and considers himself a homebody.

When asked about his faith, Justin shared that there was a season when he questioned God's plan for his family. "Looking back now, we realize that God was working in ways we could not see or understand at the time. Even today, there are moments when we do not fully understand His plan, but we trust it. What we have come to realize is that God was preparing us. He placed some of His greatest blessings into our lives through our children. Through them, He taught us patience, understanding, unconditional love, perseverance, and faith. The lessons we learned through those experiences transformed not only how we viewed life, but also how we viewed God and His purpose for us."

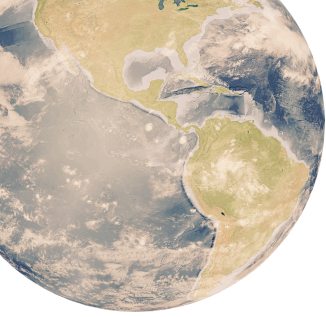
Justin is quick to point out that his role in church security has had an unexpected impact on him. "I began to realize that simply being present as a law enforcement officer could open the door to meaningful conversations and relationships that I never expected. It gave me an opportunity to see things from a different perspective and reminded me that being a police officer is not always about enforcing laws or responding to problems. Sometimes, it is simply about being present, being approachable, and having a positive influence on the people around you."

What Justin loves most about Creekside is the way this church family welcomed and accepted him and his family. He said that when he first started here in this role, everyone made him feel as if they had known him for ten years!

When asked how he would like people to see him, Justin said it this way, "I would rather people see me here as a member of this church who serves in security rather than an officer who happens to go to church here." Well said, Justin!

So, the next time you see Justin at Creekside, take a moment to say hello. Behind the badge is a husband, father, friend, and brother in Christ who considers it a privilege to serve his church family.





Creekside Cares

THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HERITAGE CAFE!

BY PASTOR NEIL OLDHAM

Our coffee shop has turned 3 years old and continues to make a difference in the two ways we prayed it would:

- First, in the lives of the women it employees.
- Second, in providing a wholesome and beautiful gathering space for our broader community.

The past year has been momentous, as the cafe moved from board-managed to staff-managed. Manager Mandy Ward has been doing a fantastic job and the cafe is seeing significant growth.

A newly formed Cafe Board also wishes to extend gratitude to Vicky Condray and Deanna Sharp—founding board members who came off this year. Their prayer and their hard work is why the cafe exists today!

Beginning this month, Heritage Cafe will open on second and fourth Sundays of each month. The support of our church on Sunday mornings is going to allow for much needed increases in the wages of cafe employees.

Check out the first of this month's "Top 3 Needs" if you'd like to help the cafe with some needed equipment purchases. Gifts toward those items can be given to Creekside Church and designated for the Cafe Fund.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this endeavor!



TOP **3** NEEDS

Get your serve on...

1

Cafe Needs

The cafe has some opportunity to expand through mobile catering at events. In order to help them grow in this area, they are working toward the purchase of a portable espresso machine (approximately \$1K) and an insulated food carrier (approximately \$250). If you'd like to contribute to these items, donations can be made to the Cafe Fund through the Creekside giving platform.

2

Supplies for Kids Ministry

It takes a lot to keep our Kids Ministry running, and we'd love your help! One simple way to give is by shopping from our ongoing Amazon Wish List.

From snacks, Bibles, and toys to classroom supplies, every purchase helps us create welcoming, engaging spaces where kids can learn about Jesus. Shop our Amazon Wish List anytime and help us care for kids well!



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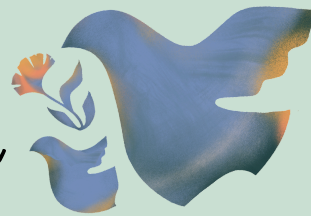
Computer Workers

We are looking for people comfortable with computers and technology to help run slides in our various environments. Our needs include both the Student worship environment on Wednesdays and our Adult worship gathering on Sundays.





Child Dedication Sunday, September 27th



We'd love to celebrate your family and partner with you as you lead your child spiritually. If you have a child under 3, scan the QR code to learn more about Child Dedication at Creekside.

Please sign up by September 20th.



This month, our Preschool & Elementary kids will be learning the Simple Truth: "I Am Valued." Through stories like Jesus and the Children, the Lost Son, Adam and Eve, and New Life in Jesus, kids will discover that they are deeply valued by God. They'll learn that God made them with worth, seeks them, made them on purpose, and sent Jesus for them. Our hope is that every child walks away knowing, "God values me!"

BIBLE BUCKS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS.



Each Wednesday, kids will have opportunities to earn Bible Bucks through participating in activities, memorizing Scripture, bringing their Bible, bringing a friend, showing kindness, and more! Throughout the semester, they can save their Bible Bucks and work toward something exciting. At the end of the semester, kids will have the opportunity to spend their hard-earned Bible Bucks at our exclusive Creekside Kids Store, which will pop up for a special shopping day!



This semester we'll be working to memorize Proverbs 3: 1-20 NIRV. In September we'll focus on verses 1-10.

WANT TO HELP SUPPORT CREEKSIDE KIDS?



Whether you'd like to help provide a snack, a Bible for a child, or new supplies for our classrooms, you can find ways to help on our Amazon shopping List. These are items we regularly use throughout the ministry, as well as things that help keep our spaces welcoming, fresh, and engaging for kids.

The Race

FOUR TEAMS. FOUR SEASONS. ONE MONTH TO MAKE IT COUNT.

The Race is four weeks of competition, connection, and spiritual momentum designed to help students start the school year strong. Students will earn points, invite friends, compete with their teams, and walk through Ecclesiastes 3 as we challenge them to take ownership of their faith and make the most of the season God has given them.

HOW THE RACE WORKS

THE GOAL

Take ownership of your faith, build community, bring friends, and start the school year with purpose.

THE POINTS

Earn points for showing up, wearing your shirt, bringing friends, team spirit, creativity, sportsmanship, Christlike character, serving, Community Groups, Scripture memory, Season Showdowns, and more.

THE PRIZE

The winning team earns its place on the Tank of Glory. One student will be named MVP of The Race and receive a Golden Ticket to a youth event.



Sunday nights are where the competition gets big. From 6:00–8:00 PM, students will face off in large team challenges with thousands of points on the line, making these some of the biggest opportunities of the entire month to change the standings.

Scan to follow the series, see weekly lesson titles, and view teaching content in the Creekside app.

SCAN ME!



WEDNESDAYS
UNTIL 8 PM

Sept. 2–23 • Student Ministries Only

STUDENTS
at CREEKSIDE

Grades 6 - 12

pryorcreekside.church/students
Instagram/Facebook
[@pryorcreeksidestudents](https://www.instagram.com/pryorcreeksidestudents)

Mark Your Calendars

CALENDARS FILL UP FAST!
SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS...

OCTOBER

10/4 - Shooting for Heaven Men's Event
10/11 - Pavillion Praise Night . 6pm
10/25 - Shooting for Heaven Men's Event

NOVEMBER

11/8 - Annual All-Church Meeting . 9am
11/23 - Deck the Halls Christmas Decorating . 9am
11/29 - Light the Night Advent Kick-off . 5:30pm

DECEMBER

12/9 - Soup & Carols Christmas Event . 6pm
12/10 - Christmas Luncheon . 11:30am
12/24 - Christmas Eve Services . 2pm & 4pm



Women's groups will meet at Creekside on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:00, starting September 15.

This year's study is the Book of Romans.
Register at join.bsfinternational.org

If you have questions, call Darlene Grace:
918-740-8338.



App Spotlight

DID YOU KNOW?

Creekside has a TV app now! Access Livestreams, Creekside Curriculum, sermons, and more.

Know someone who loves Creekside but can't join us in person? Help them get our TV app to make it easier to join us online.

FIND OUR APP Pryor Creekside Church

iOS | Android
Apple TV | Roku
...and more!

Community at CREEKSIDE

*Community Groups are a great place to connect.
These groups go deeper in discussion of the topics we teach in our main gatherings.*

Find a Group!

Scan the code to explore Community Groups & Bible Studies for various ages & stages.



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OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT

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CREEKSIDE SWAG STORE

Check out the Creekside Church Merch Online Store! Grab t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, stickers, and more to represent Creekside in style. Proceeds support our Family Ministries, helping us invest in the next generation. Shop now with the **GOLD** QR code!

