



Learning to live
&
love like
JESUS.

DECEMBER 2025

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you are here!*

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



CONNECT *with* CREEKSIDE



Newer to Creekside? A great next step is the Connect with Creekside Class on **January 11th, 2026!** We will serve you lunch in our community room, provide childcare, and spend some time helping you understand who we are as a church and how we can better partner with you in God's calling on your life. This is a great way for you to let us know that Creekside is your church home, connect more intentionally with pastors, and make sure you are linked into our communications and ministry opportunities.



What if the joy you've been looking for is outside your comfort zone?

The arrival of Jesus wasn't wrapped in comfort—it was wrapped in courage and costly obedience. This Advent, we'll follow the stories of those who first received the news: a doubting priest, a startled girl, a conflicted fiancé, and a series of astounded witnesses. Each had to step outside their comfort zones to experience the joy God had prepared. Could it be that the peace & joy we long for at Christmas is most deeply discovered in our willingness to say yes to God, even when it's uncomfortable?

Each Sunday in December holds moments you don't want to miss. From children's choirs and nativities, to advent candles, to communion, let worship shape your Christmas this year!



DECEMBER 21ST
KIDS NATIVITY & CHOIR



DECEMBER 24TH
CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION

ADVENT

These days, the word advent is synonymous with Christmas. Advent calendars—featuring everything from chocolate to Legos to whiskey—fill store shelves to count us down to a day of celebration and gift-giving. Few stop to consider what this now-seasonal word actually means.

Advent literally means “to come.” Before Christ, the term heralded the arrival of emperors. But after Jesus ascended to heaven, it became connected to His promised second coming. It wasn't until the 6th century that the word advent became associated with Christ's nativity. Since then, Christians have held these two ideas together: Christ came—and He is coming again.

By the way, that's why it's so fitting that our Bible reading plans take us through the book of Revelation in December. And this is a great time to make a plan for engaging Scripture in 2026. Check this column monthly for more details!

In more recent centuries, Christians began marking Advent with the lighting of candles and the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. Here's what you can expect at Creekside this year:

NOVEMBER 30 – HOPE

We will light the first candle of Advent, remembering the hope with which the world awaited Christ's first coming—and stirring our own hearts to long for His return.

DECEMBER 7 – PEACE

We will light the second candle, remembering the peace Christ brought to our hearts in His first coming, and the peace He will bring to the world when He comes again.

DECEMBER 14 – JOY

We will light the third candle, remembering the joy of shepherds and angels, even as we rejoice in all He has done and all He has promised to do.

DECEMBER 21 – LOVE

We will light the fourth candle, marking Love—for love entered the world on that first Christmas morning, fills our hearts by His Spirit, and will be the law that governs Creation when He comes again.

CHRISTMAS EVE – CHRIST

And last but not least, we will gather to light the Christ candle. Christ was born into our world. May He be born anew in our hearts, so that He will find us ready when He returns.



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

Exploring the issues: Anger

Anger isn't useless—it serves a purpose—but it can become our go-to emotional outlet if we're not careful. When it takes over, we have to learn how to manage it in healthier ways. Common signs of struggling with anger include relying on a raised voice, getting impatient quickly, using sarcasm to make points, and feeling like people only listen when you get aggressive.

How do we find recovery?

Through a relationship with Jesus Christ ad 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.

Upcoming Events

CR Christmas Party:

12/07 @ 6:00pm

Christmas Day Open Share Night:

12/25 @ 6:00pm

12-Step Study Groups

Men's - Startying January 2026 (See Randy)

Women's - New Sudy To Be Announced!

ELECTIVES

Starting January 2026



Living comes with losses, great and small. No matter the nature of yours, join Missy Nicholas & Greetta Russell for this course on navigating griefs in ways most likely to lead toward life and growth.



Enrich Your Marriage is a six-week class designed for couples who want to grow closer, communicate better, and strengthen the foundation of their relationship. Using a curriculum that's been trusted for decades, we'll explore healthy communication, conflict resolution, finances, spirituality, and navigating stress together. Whether you've been married for years or are just getting started, join Neil & Julie Oldham for highly practical tools and shared insights to help your relationship thrive.



MENS BREAKFAST

We will take a break from the Mens Breakfast for the month of December. We will resume in January 2026, so be ready for more inspiring testimonies, biscuits 'n' gravy, coffee and fellowship!

YEAR-END GIVING



As we approach the end of 2025, thank you for your continued generosity toward the Kingdom and the ministries of Creekside Church. To ensure your end-of-year gifts are counted for 2025, please make sure they are **postmarked by December 31.**

If the church office is closed when you stop by, you're welcome to place your donation in the **black mailbox located to the right of the office entrance.** And remember—**online giving** is always a simple and reliable way to make sure your gift is received in time.

Thank you again for your faithfulness and support. Your generosity is making a real difference!

1:1 project

1:1 partners local churches with the foster-care community, helping us meet real needs for children, foster families, and parents working toward reunification. Last month we were honored to hear from Ryon Moore during our Sunday service, who helped us see the incredible potential the Church has to show love and support through simple, meaningful relationships.

If you haven't yet signed up to be part of this ministry but would like to receive updates about tangible needs—or serve on the delivery team that brings items directly to families—please use the QR code below.

Jason and Emily Dickinson are coordinating Creekside's efforts with 1:1 and will be in touch as opportunities arise.



CHRISTMAS AT CREEKSIDE

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

Sunday, November 30 . 6pm

Join us as we kick off the Advent season with the lighting of our church campus! At 6:00 p.m., we'll gather for a festive countdown as the building comes alive with Christmas lights. Afterward, enjoy a cozy evening in the lobby with warm beverages, sweet treats, Christmas music, and a simple opportunity to send encouragement to those who faithfully serve our city.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF CHRISTMAS

**Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17
6pm**

Join Darrell Moore for this 3-week video series in which Pastor Terry Feix will explore archaeology related to the accounts of Christ's birth. Discover how the account of the birth of Jesus is consistent with what we know about the history of that period.

JINGLE JAM

Wednesday, December 3 . 6pm

You're invited to a Christmas party big enough for the whole family! At Family Jam, kids get to bring their parents to church for a festive and faith-filled celebration. Join us for youth-led worship, high-energy games, and a joyful retelling of the true meaning of Christmas. After our interactive service, stick around for cookies and cocoa!

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Thursday, December 11 . 11:30am

Come enjoy a joyful afternoon in the Community Room with a delicious lunch, Christmas games, seasonal music, and a special performance by the Pryor High School Jazz Choir. Bring a friend along! It's the perfect chance to gather with longtime friends and meet new ones.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CAFE

Saturday, December 20

Visit the Heritage Café on Saturday morning, December 20, to enjoy live Christmas music and warm drinks in a beautifully festive environment. Look for kid-friendly activities like story times and cookie decorating, and keep an eye out for a chance to grab a photo with Mr. and Mrs. Claus! Heritage Café will share more details as the day approaches, so be sure to follow them on social media.



SOUNDS OF SEASON IN THE BELL TOWER

Sundays in December

Enjoy special music and breakfast treats in the Bell Tower each Sunday...

December 7 . 8:30am

First Sunday Christmas
Hymn Sing

December 14

Flute Ensemble

December 21

Brass Ensemble

December 24

Harp Music

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24 . 2pm & 4pm

Make worship the heart of your Christmas celebration. Invite friends and family to join you for one of our Christmas candlelight services as we lift our voices and honor the One at the center of the season—Jesus.





LIFE APP: GOD GAVE US JESUS

Christmas is such a special time of year. It's filled with wonder and excitement! There are so many things to see and do at Christmas that it's easy to miss what Christmas is all about. That's why we want to use shapes that preschoolers already know to help them remember the most important thing they will ever know: God gave us Jesus.



LIFE APP: MAKING A PLAN & PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

God didn't need cable news or social media to broadcast the greatest birth announcement of all time. Instead, God sent an angel to Mary and to Zechariah and a full-on angel choir to the shepherds. And then, because no-big-deal, God placed a brand-new star to share the news with the wise men. Throughout history, the extraordinary news of Jesus' birth has been spread in every way imaginable, which is why we're shouting it out through this month's theme: "Extra! Extra! Celebrate the Good News of Jesus' birth."

SAVE THE DATE

Wed, Dec 10th 6-7:30 pm: Class Christmas Parties & last night of Wednesday Night Programming for 2025.

Wed, Dec 17th: No programming (Christmas Pgrm. Dress Rehearsal)

Wed, Dec 24th: Christmas Eve Service Childcare for ages 0-3yrs.



Jingle Jam: December 3rd @ 6pm.

It's the most WONDERFUL time of the year... and we're throwing a party for the whole family! Join us for Music, games, cookies, and a powerful reminder of what Christmas is all about. Save the date and invite your family!

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING DEC. 31ST



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



STUDENTS

at CREEKSIDE

Grades 6 - 12



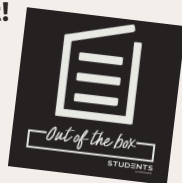
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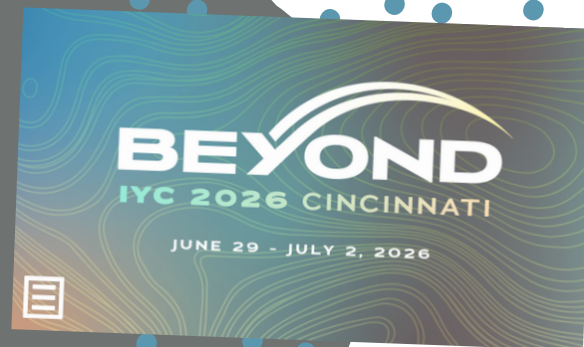


Our **Sr. High students** are closing out the year in style with their **Christmas Party on December 17th @ 6:00pm!** We'll have food, games, prizes, and plenty of Christmas cheer as we celebrate the birth of Christ and the community He's built in Creekside Students. Invite a friend, wear something festive, and don't miss this great night!

We'll leave the church at 6:00 PM on 01/09/2026 for a powerful overnight event themed "At the Feet of the King," where students from across Oklahoma will gather to learn from Jesus and grow in His presence. Along with worship and teaching, the night will be filled with games, food, and late-night fun your student won't want to miss.



Get ready for an unforgettable night! Our Jr. High Christmas Party is **happening December 10th at 6:00pm**, and it's packed with games, Christmas treats, and festive fun with friends. Encourage your student to bring someone new—this is the perfect night for laughter, joy, and celebrating the season together!



Join us for the International Youth Convention in Cincinnati, where thousands of students gather for powerful worship, teaching, a meaningful service project in the city, and an unforgettable day at Kings Island. We'll stay at the Hyatt Regency and make fun stops along the way, including the St. Louis City Museum—current 8th–12th graders can sign up now at the early bird rate to save their spot!

Dec. 3rd



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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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.

Sundays @ 9:00 am

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



Learn about...
Next Step Groups
Formation Groups
Recovery Groups
Community Groups

FORMATION GROUPS

70+ Creeksiders have experienced these gender-specific groups made up of 3-5 friends who study Scripture together. **Anyone can start one and the New Year is the perfect time!**

Contact neil@pryorcreekside.church

OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT

🕒 Mon. - Thurs. from 9am - 4pm

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BIBLE STUDIES

9:00 am

Seniors Bible Studies

Coy Alexander - Conference Room

Ken Spencer - Room A

Young Adult Marriage Study

Randy Kersker - Cafe

WEEKLY TIMES

SUNDAYS

GROUPS

9:00 am

WORSHIP

10:30 am

KIDS & STUDENTS

9:00 am - Small Groups

10:30 am - Large Group (Students w/ Adults)

WEDNESDAYS

KIDS & STUDENTS

6:00 pm - Large Group

THURSDAYS

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

DINNER

5:45 pm

LARGE GROUP

6:30 pm