



# 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!



## CONNECT *with* CREEKSIDE



**Newer to Creekside?** A great next step is the Connect with Creekside Class on **March 8th, 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.



# ORIGINS

The Bible contains some of the oldest stories ever told, condensed over many millennia into pure, concentrated truth. The origin stories in Genesis 1-11 still speak with power and relevance today. In these ancient words, we'll find foundational truths revealed through the accounts of creation, the fall, Cain & Abel, the flood, and Babel. Truths about who God is, who we are, and how the world works. Our origins aren't just ancient history—they're blueprints for a meaningful life, full of purpose and hope.

 FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>  
PRAYER SUNDAY

 FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>  
BAPTISM SUNDAY

 FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
COMMUNION SUNDAY

# Every Week @THE CREEK



**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**  
EVERY THURSDAY

## WEDNESDAY ELECTIVES



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



**How was Daniel** able to navigate the tensions between his faith and the politics of his time? How do his prophecies fit into the story? Daniel's life is a roadmap for our time, and his prophecies give us guidance for the future! Join Darrell Moore for a new Bible study video series by Pastor Terry Feix.

### Questions?

Email: [Neil@pryorcreekside.church](mailto:Neil@pryorcreekside.church)

**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:

#### Gambling

Characteristics of someone struggling with a gambling addiction may include, but are not limited to:

- My gambling makes me careless of the welfare of myself and/or my family.
- I have borrowed money, sold possessions, and/or committed an illegal act to finance gambling.
- I have been trapped in the illusion of "just one more time" or "this time will be different".

### 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.

### 12-Step Study Groups

**Men's** - Starting January 2026 (See Randy)

**Women's** - New Study To Be Announced!

## WEEKLY TIMES

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

- \* 9am - Adult, Student, & Kids Small Groups
- 10:30 am - Adult & Student Worship, Kids Large Group

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

- \* 5-6pm - Pre-ordered meal pickup
- 6pm - Kids & Students Large Group, Adult Electives

### THURSDAY NIGHTS

- \* 5:45pm - Dinner
- 6:30pm - Celebrate Recovery Large Group



# Bell Tower ECHOES

## 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.



## FIRST SUNDAY HYMN SING

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> . 8:30am**

**We invite you** to join us on February 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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...



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Every Wednesday evening, pre-ordered meals are available from 5:00–6:00 p.m. Simply place your order through our app by scanning the QR Code by Monday evening and enjoy a Chick-fil-A sandwich, chips, fruit, dessert, and a beverage. Meals are \$7 each.

We hope that these meals make Wednesday nights a little easier for your family and create a welcoming space to gather, eat, and fellowship together before evening activities.

## CREEKSIDE MEN'S BREAKFAST

Join us on **February 12<sup>th</sup>**, and on the second Thursday of each month at 8 am for biscuits and gravy and Charlie Spencer's Testimony. Come early for coffee and conversation.

## JAZZ & JAMBALAYA

Join us **Thursday, February 26** at 11:30 AM for our Vintage Senior Luncheon! Enjoy delicious jambalaya and live music from the Pryor High School Jazz Band. We'd love to see you there for a great time of food, music, and fellowship.

*ALL ARE WELCOME!*

## CR WOMEN'S COFFEE

Last Saturday of the month at Heritage Cafe - 9am

## CR MEN'S BREAKFAST

2nd Tuesday of the month at Lu's Eastside Cafe - 8am



**SUBMIT AN  
ONLINE ORDER!**





# Stories from the Staff

A SAFE PLACE TO BELONG (NICHOLE WEALLEANS - KIDS PASTOR)

**When we talk about** Kids Ministry, it's easy to picture goldfish crackers, fun crafts, and busy Sunday mornings. While those things may be part of what we do, they are not the heart of it. At its core, Kids Ministry is about creating a safe place, a place where children are seen, known, and valued. My heart is that by providing a space that is safe both physically and emotionally, we open the door for children to experience the life-changing work of Jesus. One of the clearest pictures of this happens on Thursday nights through Celebrate Recovery Kids. While I've had the privilege of serving in recovery ministries for children for over 10 years, this program is still fairly new at Creekside. Each Thursday, while adults are learning recovery principles, their kids are given the opportunity to learn those same principles alongside biblical truth in age-appropriate ways.

Over the last few months, a small team of leaders and I have had the privilege of watching this ministry be built from the ground up. It has been such a joy to see it grow from 2 kids, to 6 kids, and most recently to serving 21 kids in a single night. Seeing these numbers grow is exciting, but it also points to something deeper. It reminds us of a phrase we often use in kids ministry: "Connection over time creates belonging." When kids are consistently shown up for, listened to, and cared for, trust is built and belonging begins to grow. Each week, these children gather in small groups where they are invited to share what is going on in their lives, celebrating their "wins" and talking honestly about their "wrestles" from the week. In these moments, kids discover they are not alone. They begin to connect over shared experiences, encourage one another, and feel a true sense of belonging each Thursday night.

While Celebrate Recovery is often thought of as a place where adults come for recovery of hardships and struggles, our hope for kids precedes this. Our hope is to invite families into this idea of "pre-recovery." What if we could give children healthy tools, language, and support before a major challenge or hardship comes? What might it look like for kids to grow up knowing how to talk about their feelings, ask for help, and turn to God early on? And how might those seeds, planted now, shape the adults they become later?

This kind of impact is only possible when caring adults step in to create safe, consistent spaces for kids, and we would love for you to be part of helping make that possible. Would you be willing to step in as a listening adult and calming presence on Thursday nights, one Thursday a month from 6:30-8:30pm? Your presence can make a lasting difference in their lives and help plant the seeds of faith, resilience, and belonging. If you want to learn more about serving in this capacity, please reach out via email at [Nichole@pryorcreekside.church](mailto:Nichole@pryorcreekside.church) or call the church office.

## Council Corner

BY JUSTIN MCCUITION (2026 COUNCIL PRESIDENT)



**Church family, I'd like to introduce myself** to those I have yet to meet. My wife and I have attended Creekside (First Church of God) our entire lives, and we are now raising our family here. I have served on the church council for the past four years and am honored to now serve as president. Because this church has been such a constant in our lives, I do not take lightly the season we are in. During my time on council, I have clearly seen God at work—opening doors, growing hearts, and positioning Creekside for what He is calling us into next. God is actively shaping our church into a community rooted in love, faith, and service. We see His presence as hearts are renewed and lives transformed through worship, prayer, and His Word. He is drawing people closer, deepening their hunger for truth, and strengthening trust in His promises. Looking ahead to 2026, we anticipate continued growth, trusting God's guidance for the future. Grounded in faith and united in purpose, we are committed to growing spiritually, strengthening our community, and expanding our reach, confident that "the plans of the Lord stand firm forever" (Psalm 33:11).



# Creekside Cares

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

## PRYOR IMPACT CENTER

When subzero temperatures swept through our community, Creeksiders stepped up to serve alongside the Impact Center in a powerful way. During the height of the winter storm, 13 members of our church volunteered to work overnight shifts, helping provide supervision and care for a 24/7 shelter effort that became a lifeline for vulnerable neighbors.

The Impact Center, led by Janice Bell, normally functions as a daytime ministry—offering relief from outdoor temperatures, warm meals, showers, and laundry services. But as the storm intensified, the center transitioned into an overnight shelter to protect those with no heat or no safe place to stay. Over the course of the emergency response, the center housed upwards of 30 people each night, offering warmth, safety, and dignity in the midst of dangerous conditions.

In addition to hands-on service, generous Creeksiders donated food, paper goods, and essential supplies to support the mission during this critical time. These gifts helped ensure that guests were not only sheltered but also cared for in meaningful and practical ways.

We are deeply thankful for the partnership we share with the Impact Center and for the compassion shown by our church family. Together, we were able to play a small but significant part in protecting lives during an extreme weather event. In the coming months, we will continue exploring ongoing opportunities to support the Impact Center and its ministry to some of our most vulnerable neighbors in our community.

## TOP **3** NEEDS

*Get your serve on...*

**1**

### CR Kids Ministry

As our ministry continues to grow, we are looking for caring adults to step in as small group leaders and help keep our Kids Ministry a safe place on Thursday nights. For more information, email [Nichole@pryorcreekside.church](mailto:Nichole@pryorcreekside.church) or call the church office.

**2**

### Thursday Night Meal Team

Each Thursday evening we serve a meal to our Celebrate Recovery community. We are looking to staff one more team to serve on this rotation. Would you be willing to help in the kitchen one evening every 4-6 weeks? Sign up here!



**3**

### A/V Team Volunteers

Our A/V Team plays a vital role in helping people engage in worship each weekend and during student services. We're looking for volunteers to serve in areas like in-person audio, livestream audio and video, and projection for weekend services, as well as audio and projection for student services. No experience required—you'll receive training and coaching in the areas that interest you. Scan the QR code to sign up and be part of creating clean, distraction-free environments for worship.



# CREEKSIDE KIDS

Birth - Grade 5

[pryorcreekside.church/kids](http://pryorcreekside.church/kids)

Follow us on social media!  
@pryorcreeksidekids



## LIFE APP: JESUS LOVES ME!

There's nothing sweeter than knowing Jesus loves you. His love brings joy, peace, and the assurance that we are never alone—and it's for every one of us. All month long, we're sharing Bible stories with our preschoolers that show just how much Jesus loves them. In Matthew 19:14, Jesus says, "Let the children come to me" (NLT), reminding us that He desires to be close to every child. Our prayer is that every preschooler would know, deep in their heart, Jesus loves me.



## LIFE APP: LOVE - CHOOSING TO TREAT OTHERS THE WAY JESUS TREATS US

When you find a funny video or hear a great podcast, the first thing you want to do is share it. That's why this month's theme is "Like and Subscribe: Share the Love of Jesus." Kids will discover that there's nothing greater to share than the love and adventure of life with Jesus. They'll learn that God's love is for the whole world—and that this love led Jesus to come to earth and rescue us.



Girls in 1st-5th grade are invited to a Galentine's Brunch with Pastor Nichole on Monday, February 17, from 10-11am at The Heritage Café! Pryor schools are closed for President's Day! Scan the QR code for more information.



### JUICEBOX JAMS

A FREE celebration on **Friday, January 7th, from 9:30am-10:30am** in the Creekside Kids Area for parents & preschoolers (0-5) with music, movement & fun! Older siblings welcome!

## KIDS LEADERSHIP TEAM



We're launching a Kids Ministry Leadership Team for 4th & 5th graders to help them grow as leaders and serve in Kids Ministry. The first meeting is after church on Sunday, February 8. Parents, please scan the QR code to submit a waiver for your child to have lunch offsite at Mazzio's in Pryor with Nichole, our Kids Pastor.

SAVE THE DATE

**KIDS CAMP**  
For Completed 2nd thru 5th Grade - June 8th thru 12th at Camp Oakridge

**DAY CAMP**  
For Completed PreK thru 3rd Grade - June 15th thru 19th at New Life Ranch

# STUDENTS

at CREEKSIDE

Grades 6 - 12

[pryorcreekside.church/students](http://pryorcreekside.church/students)

Instagram/Facebook  
@pryorcreeksidestudents

JANUARY SERIES

# Love, ACTUALLY

**Love is one of the** most talked-about words—and one of the most misunderstood. In this series, students will look at the different kinds of love described in Scripture and learn how Jesus redefines love as something deeper than feelings, attraction, or popularity, inviting us into relationships marked by truth, commitment, and self-giving grace.



**Open to Juniors and Seniors** on Feb. 25th & 26th, Students attending will spend a night in the residential halls, participate in classes and chapel, tour the campus, get detailed information about admissions and financial aid, and meet current student leaders to discuss their campus experience. Attendees will also be eligible to receive a \$1,000 scholarship to MACU for their first year!



**Join us** at the International Youth Convention in Cincinnati for powerful worship, teaching, a city service project, and a day at Kings Island. We'll stay at the Hyatt Regency and stop at the St. Louis City Museum.



**This weekend conference** happening from Feb. 27th to March 1st is a leadership-focused experience for high school students who feel called to ministry or want to grow as leaders in their school, workplace, and community, with challenges that build spiritual habits alongside like-minded peers. Please note that the sign up cut off is Feb. 22nd!



**Our Student Ministry is** hosting its 5th annual Youth Rummage Sale, with all proceeds helping students attend summer events. Donations are being accepted at the Barn through March 3, setup will take place March 4-5, and the sale runs March 6-7 from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. Students and parents can sign up to help with setup or during the sale using the provided link—thank you for supporting our students and investing in what God is doing in their lives!

SAVE THE DATE

- Rummage Sale - March 4-7
- Graduation Sunday - May 17
- Summer Kick Off - May 20
- Boot Camp - May 31
- Youth Camp - June 1-5
- IYC - June 28 - July 4
- Jr. High Retreat - July 30 - August 2
- Back to School Bash - August 16
- Resume Programming - August 19

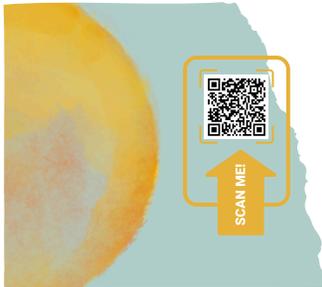
# Upcoming Events



## ASH WEDNESDAY

February 18th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Join us for our Ash Wednesday service as we begin the season of Lent together. This reflective gathering invites us to pause, remember our need for God's grace, and turn our hearts toward repentance, renewal, and hope in Christ. Through Scripture, prayer, worship, and the imposition of ashes, we mark the truth of the Gospel: from dust we came, and by God's mercy, we are made new. All are welcome—whether this is a long-held tradition for you or your first time experiencing Ash Wednesday. Come as you are. Take time to reflect. Begin the journey toward Easter with us.



## A CREEKSIDE RETREAT DAY

April 18<sup>th</sup>

**Step away to be renewed** during a guided time to rest, pray, and seek God in an unhurried setting. Through Scripture, silence, worship, and guided practices, this retreat offers space to be renewed, listen for God's voice, and reconnect with Him in a deeper, intentional way.



## RUMMAGE SALE

March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 2pm

We are gearing up for our annual rummage sale! Our student ministry is hosting this event, with all proceeds going to support their summer ministry experiences. You can help by **donating items anytime between now and March 3** at the church "barn." Then be sure to come shop the sale — and invite your friends and neighbors!

# 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.



"I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY"

## OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT

🕒 Mon. - Thurs. from 9am - 4pm

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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!

