

Threatened Peace
Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-23
Today's Message: Randy Roberts

December 10, 2023

Can you trust the Lord in troubled times?

The Lord's Plans Can Lead to Trouble

"Mary was greatly troubled at his words" (Luke 1:29).

A threat to your plans

"to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph" (Luke 1:27).

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD'S purpose that prevails" (Proverbs 19:21).

A threat to your reputation

"Joseph her husband was faithful to the law" (Matthew 1:19).

"We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ!" (1 Corinthians 4:10).

A threat to your solutions to trouble

"he had in mind to divorce her quietly" (Matthew 1:19).

Trusting the Lord Leads to Peace

Trust the Lord's favor and presence

"Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28).

Trust the Lord with the impossible

"no word from God will ever fail" (Luke 1:37).

Trust the Lord to use you

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled'" (Luke 1:38).

Trust the Lord to save the world

"he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).



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Welcome to Living Creek!

It's a joy to have you worshipping with us.

Helping people follow Jesus

Living Creek
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The **Elder Election** is **TODAY** after each service to approve the 3-year term of Brian Regnerus to begin January 1, 2024.

Our **mission focus** for the month of December is the **Chile Mission**. Pray for Jack & Janine Swanson, our missionaries in Chile and the continual development of the camp for children.

We will collect **Benevolence Funds** through **Sunday, December 17** for significant needs brought to our attention in our church and community.

Giving Envelopes have been printed and are available on the table at the entrance.

LOOKING AHEAD

There will be three services on **Christmas Eve**. All services will be the same. **9:45 AM** (livestream), **11 AM** with full Children's Worship & **6 PM** with birth-Pre K Worship.

Come join us for the next **Prayer Night** at The Well on **Tuesday, January 9** at **7 PM**.

PRAY FOR THE GRIEVING

Pray for the family of Clara Jacobson, Ronda Warren's mom. Services were in Kewanee, IL. Memorial gifts may be made to Feed the Children at feedthechildren.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The **Monee Community Kids Club** will resume on **January 31, 2024**.



Calling all K-6 graders! Come **Thursday, December 14**, for **Search for the Wiseman's Gold: A Christmas Escape Room**, from **5:30-8 PM** at the **Church Office**. Parents, while you get in some last minute holiday prep, we will eat pizza, solve puzzles, and find clues that guide us through the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. Sign up and choose pizza preference on our website at <https://livingcreek.org/childrens-ministry/>.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Well meets **TONIGHT**, from **6-8 PM**. Our Christmas party is **next week**. Join us for the annual "White Elephant" gift exchange. Why is it called a "White Elephant" gift exchange? Why not a "Green Camel" or a "Red Donkey" gift exchange? Don't spend any money, just wrap up a goofy gift to exchange. All the food will be provided. Come and have fun!

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Our weekly budgeted need for the General Fund is \$9,509. The average weekly giving for November was \$8,904. The Greater Things fund balance is \$518,434.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Smart Phone & Tablet Users can follow today's message and scriptures on the **Bible** app. Click on More > Events and Search for Living Creek to follow along.

Church Community Builder (CCB) helps us communicate and stay connected with others, staff and leadership. Visit livingcreek.ccbchurch.com to get involved and stay in the know!

The Lord's Supper and Giving

If you are a Christian, we invite you to join us in receiving the Lord's Supper (gluten-free communion is available). There are two stations in the back of the room. We use a two-cup system. The bottom cup contains the bread and the top cup contains the juice. We also invite you to continue in worship with your giving as a sign of support for our ministry.



You may mail in or drop off your gifts at the Church Office. Online giving is available by scanning the QR code or via our website at livingcreek.org > Contribute.

Baptism and Membership

Each week we invite people to reach out to the pastor for prayer or more information about baptism and membership. Email Randy at rroberts@livingcreek.org or call the Church Office at 708.672.6515.

What's your Next Step?

Find it at www.livingcreek.org > Welcome > Your Next Step.

Worship Service Experiences

- **Livestreaming** at 9:45 AM on YouTube
- **Online** at www.livingcreek.org
- **Children's Worship Service** at 11 AM at The Wave, 4854 W Court ST, Monee Birth - 5th grade
- **Worship Service** at 9:45 & 11 AM at The Well, 4840 W Court ST, Monee

Ministry Center/Office

4820 W Court ST, Monee, IL 60449

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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