

**Why Should I Go to Church?**  
**Luke 2:49, Matthew 16:16-18, Hebrews 10:24**  
**Today's Message: Randy Roberts**

*"a time to tear down, and a time to build" (Ecclesiastes 3:3).*

**Why Do People Not Attend Church?**

Going to church was a religion, not a relationship  
There's too much hypocrisy  
They were hurt by the church  
Not allowed to be honest about their doubts  
To avoid confrontation  
They found a surrogate community  
They don't know what's at stake

*"Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49).*

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To identify as a follower of Christ  
*"What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?" (1 Corinthians 5:12).*

To be trained for victory  
*"I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize" (1 Corinthians 9:26-27).*

To stay encouraged in your faith  
*"let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24).*

To receive and share forgiveness  
*"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).*

How did Jesus handle church hurt?  
*"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5).*

**January 14, 2024**



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**Welcome to Living Creek!**

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

*Helping people follow Jesus*

**Living Creek**  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Our **mission focus** for the month of January is **International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES)**. IDES exists to meet physical & spiritual needs of suffering people throughout the world in the name of Jesus. We pray for their partnerships and their continued fire relief efforts on Maui, Hawaii. For more information, visit our website under the Ministries tab or go to [ides.org](http://ides.org).

**2024 Bible Reading Guides** are available on the table at the entrance.

### **PRAY FOR GRIEVING**

Please pray for the family of Al Austin, Billie's husband. A memorial service will be held at 10 AM on Wednesday, January 17, at Leak & Sons Funeral Home, 18400 S Pulaski in Country Club Hills.

Please pray for the family of Mary Houston, Moe Cabrera's mother-in-law.

### **SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

**WANTED: Online hosts** for the **9:45 AM** Worship Service. Hosting may be done onsite or from home. Contact Kat at [kzimmerman@livingcreek.org](mailto:kzimmerman@livingcreek.org).

**WANTED: Livestream Videographers** with a basic understanding of shot composition and how to use a tripod, to operate a camera for our **9:45 AM** Livestream Worship Service on a rotating schedule. For more information, contact Brad Podowski at [brad@bpvideoplus.com](mailto:brad@bpvideoplus.com).

### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

**The Well** does not meet tonight. We meet again on **January 21** from **6-8 PM**.

#### **Winter Retreat**

**February 16-18** - at Little Galilee Christian Camp in Clinton, IL for **MS**. We leave on Friday, February 16 at 3:30 PM and return on Sunday, February 18 by 3:30 PM. Cost is \$60 (includes transportation, and all meals and events at the camp) + 2 meals.

Register at <https://littlegalilee.campbrainregistration.com/>

### **FINANCIAL UPDATES**

Our weekly budgeted need for the General Fund is \$9,509. The average weekly giving for December was \$10,835. The Greater Things fund balance is \$519,306.

### **STAY INFORMED**

Get the latest information on upcoming events, news, and closings or cancellations. Make sure we have your current information.

- For text updates, text LIVINGCREEK to 833.814.7741 to join.
- Make sure we have your current email address.
- Like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/livingcreekchurch](http://www.facebook.com/livingcreekchurch).
- Go to our website at [www.livingcreek.org](http://www.livingcreek.org).

## **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](http://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](http://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](mailto:rroberts@livingcreek.org) or call the Church Office at 708.672.6515.

### **What's your Next Step?**

Find it at [www.livingcreek.org](http://www.livingcreek.org) > Welcome > Your Next Step.

### **Worship Service Experiences**

- **Livestreaming** at 9:45 AM on YouTube
- **Online** at [www.livingcreek.org](http://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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