

## Why Are There So Many Different Churches?

Acts 2:42-47, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Today's Message: Randy Roberts

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

### What Was Church Like For the First Christians?

*"All the believers were together and had everything in common" (Acts 2:44).*

*"Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea" (Revelation 1:11).*

A diverse group of people,  
united by the Holy Spirit,  
with one church per town.

### What Have Christians Divided Over?

*"For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?" (1 Corinthians 3:3).*

Doctrinal - What is taught?

Social - Who to fellowship with?

Liturgical - How to worship?

### What Should Christians Agree On?

*"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3).*

How do we stop autoimmune disease in the church, where we see other believers as enemies instead of part of the body?

*"serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself'" (Galatians 5:13-14).*

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Welcome to Living Creek!

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

Helping people follow Jesus

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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.

## **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** meets **TONIGHT**, from **6-8 PM**. Tonight's lesson is *Jonah and the Big Fish*. No matter the circumstances, God loves and cares for all people.

The **HS Winter Retreat** has been rescheduled for **January 26-28**. Therefore, The Well will not meet on January 28.

### **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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