

Which Soil Are You?
Matthew 13:3-13, 18-23
Randy Roberts

“I will speak to you in parables. I will explain things hidden since the creation of the world” (Matthew 13:35, NLT).

The Density of a Hardened Soul

“When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart” (Matthew 13:19).

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full” (John 10:10).

The Discouragement of Life’s Troubles

“When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away” (Matthew 13:21).

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“This means that God’s holy people must endure persecution patiently and remain faithful” (Revelation 13:10, NLT).

The Distractions of the Material World

“someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful” (Matthew 13:22).

“So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:18).

What are you producing?

October 20, 2024



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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



October is **Pastor Appreciation** month and Living Creek has been blessed with awesome ministers, Senior Minister Randy Roberts, Worship & Youth Minister Josh Rutledge, Elementary Children's Director Cole Bone, and Early Childhood Director Lisa Buxton. Whether it's a card, gift, or special offering, please let them know how much they mean to you and your family.

This month, we are featuring our mission partner **Central Africa Christian College** located in Zimbabwe, Africa. With no Bible colleges from the Christian Church/Churches of Christ in any of its neighboring countries, this missionary group seeks to fill the gap by training the hundreds who will reach the thousands.

To help support victims from the **recent hurricanes**, we are partnering with **IDES** (International Disaster Emergency Relief). Please designate your giving to IDES online, on your check or giving envelope.

Remember, you can check out the **building parameters** for our next location at livingcreek.org/our-future.

LOOKING AHEAD

Prayer is essential. It opens doors and connects our lives to our Heavenly Father. Please join the **Prayer Warriors** on Zoom, **Friday, October 25** at **noon** for a monthly prayer time. If interested to hear more, see Caroloretta Tucker or add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table near the door.

Are you looking to connect with other people your age? On **November 3**, after the 11 AM service, Josh & Jacki are hosting a free lunch for all those **18-30 years old**. Childcare will be provided. RSVP to Jacki at jackirut@gmail.com.

Come join us for the next **Prayer Night** at The Well on **Tuesday, November 5** at **7 PM**.

To register for this year's **International Conference on Missions (ICOM)** conference in Lexington, KY from **November 14-16** with a discount code, contact the Church Office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The **1st Annual Kidz Creek Olympics** will be held **TODAY** during the **11 AM** service for **K-5th grade**.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Well meets **TONIGHT** from **6-8 PM**. Our new series is **2Afraid2Ask** and tonight's session is "What is worship?"

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Our weekly budgeted need for the General Fund is \$9,560. The average weekly giving for September was \$9,142. The Greater Things fund balance is \$538,348.

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.

Have you joined our online directory: **Church Community Builder (CCB)?** Visit livingcreek.ccbchurch.com to take a look!

The Lord's Supper

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.



Giving

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.

What's your Next Step?

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



Our **Online Communication Card** is now available! Do you have a **prayer request, praise or comment?** Are you ready to take your **next step?** Would you like more information about **baptism or membership?** We'd love to hear from you! Scan the QR code to connect with us.

Worship Service Experiences

- **Livestreaming** at 9:30 AM on YouTube
- **Online** at livingcreek.org
- **Children's Worship Service** at 11 AM (Birth - 5th grade) at The Wave, 4854 W Court ST, Monee
- **Worship Service** at 9:30 & 11 AM at The Well, 4840 W Court ST, Monee

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