

Nine Months
Luke 1:26-38, Luke 2:1-7
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Why does God make us wait?

God Is Present in Your Waiting

"The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you'" (Luke 1:28).

Know God's favor.

"Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God" (Luke 1:30).

Have you found evidence of God's presence?

"You will conceive and give birth to a son" (Luke 1:31).

Live with anticipation.

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1).

God Is Fulfilling Promises Through Your Waiting

"The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you'" (Luke 1:35).

God needs you in this moment.

Moses, Gideon, Esther, Mary, and You!

Prove that anything is possible.

"Everything is possible for one who believes" (Mark 9:23).

How is God fulfilling promises through you today?

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

God Has a Plan for Your Waiting

"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them" (Luke 2:6-7).

How is the wait helping you be prepared?

Trust His unique plan for you.

We all wait differently.

Joseph, Mary, Elizabeth, Isaiah, David, Abraham, even creation.

"We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time" (Romans 8:22).

"The hopes and fears of all the years, Are met in thee tonight."

December 22, 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

TODAY

We will collect **Benevolence Funds** through **TODAY** 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.

2025 Bible Reading Guides are available on the table at the entrance.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

There will be two services on **Christmas Eve**. Both services will be the same: **4:30 PM** (livestream) and **6 PM, with Birth-PreK Worship provided at both services**.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Well *does not* meet tonight. We will resume on **January 12, 2025**.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Our weekly budgeted need for the General Fund is \$9,560. The average weekly giving for November was \$11,422. The Greater Things fund balance is \$542,944.

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 facebook.com/livingcreekchurch.
- Go to our website at livingcreek.org.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 23, Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25.

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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