

## When Opportunity Knocks

John 5:1-9  
Lance Hurley

Opportunities come our way on a daily basis. The key to taking full advantage of them is having the right perspective/mindset as they approach. The man Jesus encountered at the pool of Bethesda provides valuable lessons for each of us as we consider next steps into future adventures. Sometimes the biggest obstacle to embracing opportunity is looking back at us in the mirror.

**Theme:** The mindset we use when viewing opportunities will determine whether we accept or reject the opportunities ahead.

**Jesus' question:** *"Do you want to get well?"* (verse 6).

**Things that get in the way of choosing opportunity:**

- Getting stuck in my routine
- Getting stuck in my head
- Getting stuck in my predicament

**Jesus changes our perspective:** *"Get up! Pick up your mat and walk"* (verse 8).

- The man chose to respond to the voice of Jesus

### Challenge:

Embrace the changes ahead as a church.

Examine yourself for "sticky" places.

What step do you need to take in response to what Jesus tells you?

### Other passages to consider:

Hebrews 11, James 2:14-26, Genesis 12:1-9

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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

## TODAY

Join us for **Pre-Service Prayer**, **15 minutes before each service**, in the Church Office Conference Room.

This month, we highlight **FAME** as our mission of the month with two opportunities to support them: 1) Financial gifts to their "Yes" Project fund and 2) Collection drive of Vitamins - Children's chewable & adult multivitamins (NO gummy vitamins, they melt) with an expiration date of one year or longer. FAME is sending help and hope in the name of Christ to the world's most vulnerable through medical evangelism. To learn more, visit [livingcreek.org](http://livingcreek.org) > Ministries > Our Missions > FAME Partners in Medical Evangelism.

We are purchasing 300 new chairs for the worship area of our new building. To date we have received donations to purchase **123 chairs**. Would you like to help with a donation to the **Chair Fund** to welcome "**someone new**"? A suggested donation is \$70 for each chair. Be sure to choose "Chair Fund" when giving online or write "Chair Fund" in the memo of your check or next to "Other" on your giving envelope.

## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES



**Building Prep Volunteers are needed!** Many hands make light work. Sign up to help with the move into our new building by scanning this QR code or signing up at the table by the window.

**Volunteer** on **Tuesday through Thursday evenings, September 1-3, 5:30-8:30 PM**. Contact Heather at 708.207.0673 (**preferably by text**) to schedule so she knows who's coming and what task to assign you. Also, if you're available during the day, contact Heather.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### **SUMMER CALENDAR**

**TONIGHT - Back to School Bash - MS & HS**

Come hangout from **6-7:30 PM**, at The Well, 4840 W Court ST, in Monee.

## STAY INFORMED

We have a **New Number for Announcements!** Text **JOIN** to **708.300.1404** to receive the latest updates on upcoming events, news, and closings or cancellations.

## FINANCIAL UPDATES

Our weekly budgeted need for the General Fund is \$9,576. The average weekly giving for July was \$10,173. The Welcome Home fund balance is \$316,294.

## 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](http://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](http://livingcreek.org) > Contribute or by texting **GIVE** to 833.245.8300.*

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

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



### **Communication Link**

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](http://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

#### **Ministry Center/Office**

4820 W Court ST, Monee, IL 60449

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

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