

Taste the Goodness of God
Psalm 34:8, Matthew 5 - 7
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Taste is one of the senses that we use regularly. Whether it is coffee in the morning, a sandwich at lunch or a great multi-course meal in a restaurant, we all understand the value of taste.

Key Verse: *"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him"* (Psalm 34:8).

Big Idea: We all undergo different seasons in life, some are mountaintop and others are valley times. Regardless of the season, God's goodness can be counted on.

Our tongues can taste:

Salty / Sweet / Sour / Bitter / Umami

What does it mean to taste God? How do you experience him?

Looking for his goodness in challenging times:

Spreading salt:

Challenge: Spend time with God. Spread some salt. Look for ways to sense his sweet presence.

Passage to read: Mathew 5 - 7

October 4, 2026



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Welcome to Living Creek!

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



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 are partnering with **World Compassion Network (WCN)**. Since 2002, WCN has provided global disaster and poverty relief. Currently, they are still providing relief for uninsured victims of the recent local area storms and building relief for single moms in Honduras. To offer your financial support, designate your giving to WCN and indicate in the memo which relief you choose to support. More information about his mission can be found on our website under the Ministries tab.

October is **Pastor Appreciation** month and Living Creek has been blessed with awesome ministers: Worship & Youth Minister Josh Rutledge, Elementary Children's Director Becky Moses, 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.

We have purchased 300 new chairs for the worship area of our new building. To date we have received donations to pay for **152 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Well meets **TONIGHT** from **6-8 PM** at 4840 W court ST, in Monee. Session 4 is *Becoming Who You Already Are*.

BIBLE STUDY

Jesus' Life and Ministry: A Study of the Gospel Book of Luke began on **Saturday, October 3**, at **11 AM** via Zoom. Contact Caroloretta Tucker at carolorettatucker@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.

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 September was \$9,889. The Welcome Home fund balance is \$237,687.

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 via our website at livingcreek.org > Contribute or by texting **GIVE** to 833.245.8300.

What's your Next Step?

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

Communication Card

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! Fill out a Communication Card 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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