





Welcome to the Creekside Connection Class! While Creekside Church has only been in existence for a few years, we believe this church has always been in the heart of God. God has placed us where we are, for such a time as this, to reach this community and the world with the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. While there are many challenges that folks in our community and surrounding area face, the greatest need is spiritual. God's desire is not for a reformed person, but one who is transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

As you begin to discover what Creekside Church is all about, the Holy Spirit of God, may prompt you to make a commitment to partner with Creekside Church in the days ahead. God will certainly make His will clear to you. Listen, and obey, if God speaks to your heart in this way. Those of you sitting in this group today are an answer to the prayers of many people, including myself.

Please feel free to contact me at any time to discuss privately and join in prayer as we seek the Lord's guidance. My door is always open!

Love in Christ,

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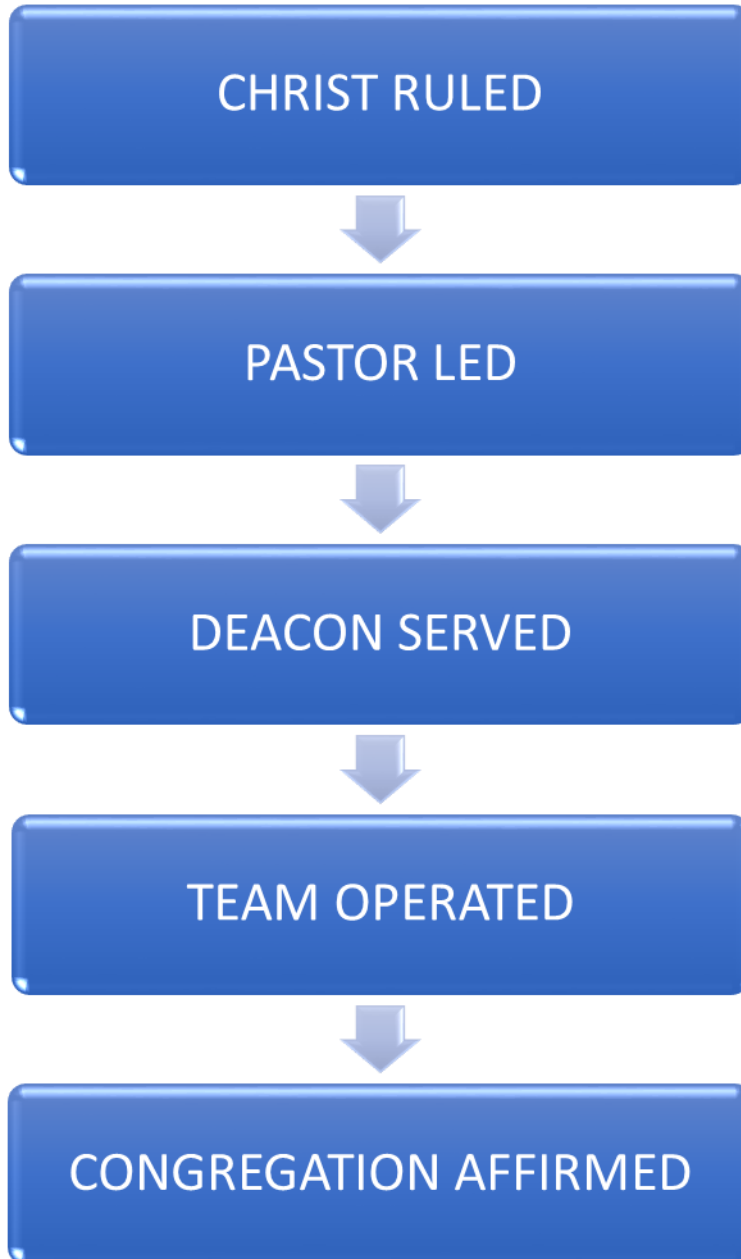
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Leadership Structure





Core Values

What is important to us?

Bible

- We value faithful teaching/preaching of God's Word
- We value prayer both corporate and individual
- We value praise and worship

Intentional Prayer

- We value evangelism/missions
- We value belonging to a community of believers
- We value meeting the physical needs of people as a means to minister to their spiritual needs

Worship

Early Church (Book of Acts) As Our Example

Servant Evangelism

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Community Transformation

~Acts 2:42-47





Mission

Why do we exist?

At Creekside Church, we believe that God has made it clear what He wants His church to be about. We find that in what the Bible calls the two greatest commandments along with the Great Commission.

Jesus Himself tells us that the greatest commandment is to ...love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. (Matthew 22:37) A love for God, including His glory and purposes, should be the motivation for everything we do. At Creekside Church, we prioritize loving God above everything else in our lives.

Likewise, Jesus also tells us the second greatest commandment is to ...love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:39) The Lord makes it clear that if we don't have love for our neighbor we don't know the heart of God. The church is to love all people sacrificially, generously, and compassionately. After all, Jesus Christ loved us even when we were His enemies.

Lastly, the Lord Jesus clearly gave us our marching orders in Matthew 28:19-20—*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you..."* This means our mission at Creekside Church is clear!

*Creekside
Church exists
to help all
people become
fully devoted
followers of
Jesus Christ*





Strategy

How do we minister?

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→ God

- ◆ Having a Relationship with God through Jesus Christ
- ◆ Participating in Corporate & Private Worship
- ◆ Obeying God's Commands & Principles from the Bible
- ◆ Spending Time with God through Prayer

→ Each Other

- ◆ Studying the Bible Together
- ◆ Praying Together
- ◆ Holding Each other Accountable According to the Bible
- ◆ Encouraging Each Other through Word & Deed

→ Our Community & the World

- ◆ Sharing the Gospel
- ◆ Participating in Evangelism Projects Locally
- ◆ Going on Mission Trips (State, National, International)
- ◆ Giving to Support Mission Work Around the World





Membership

**Partnering together to reach Island Creek, Pike County,
Eastern KY & the World for Christ**

The local church is where believers can be nourished and strengthened; where they can use their gifts to encourage spiritual growth in others and provide accountability for that growth; and where they can partner together in communicating the Gospel to a lost world through word and deed. The best way to describe our relationship together is in the language of a covenant. Just as God framed His relationship with His people according to a covenant, so it is helpful for God's people to use similar language in our life together.

We do not believe that local church membership is necessary for salvation. However, we do believe that when a person is joined to Christ and to His universal body by the Holy Spirit through repentance and faith, he/she should also seek to be joined to a local expression of that same body here on earth (the local church).

By becoming a member of Creekside Church you are saying five things:

- I acknowledge the saving work of Jesus Christ in my life (justification) and that His desire is to change me from the inside out using relationships within the church as well as those whom He has placed in the leadership of this local fellowship (2 Peter 1:3-4; Hebrews 3:12-14; Hebrews 13:17).
- I commit myself to the process of growing more like Jesus (sanctification) and acknowledge that I cannot do this alone; I must rely upon the Holy Spirit to use God's Word and the relationship with God's people as vehicles for that growth (2 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 10:24-25).
- I covenant myself to this local body through its teaching, worship, ministry of prayer, and fellowship with other imperfect saints, who are in the process of being transformed by God's grace (Acts 2:42-46; Ephesians 2:8-10).
- I wholeheartedly support this church's commitment to the Great Commission and I desire to share the story of Jesus within my sphere of influence as well as relationally engaging my neighbor(s) for God's glory (Matthew 28:18; Acts 1:8).
- I commit myself to serving this local church according to my spiritual gifts, abilities, and passions, as well as supporting its ministry through a stewardship of my material resources (Romans 12:6-8; Philippians 4:11-19).



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Membership Covenant

I confess my faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and it is my sincere desire to serve Him faithfully as a member of this local church. By the power of the Holy Spirit I will order my life according to the Scriptures and will endeavor to follow Christ and witness to others so that they may believe. I will abstain from any activity or lifestyle that is forbidden or strongly discouraged by the Bible that could be a stumbling block in reaching this community and the world for Christ. I purpose to promote the Lord's work through this local church through the giving of myself and my resources, to preserve the unity of this church and to encourage others to love and to good works so that in all things our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified.

Steps to Church Membership

Step 1: Any person may offer himself as a candidate for membership in one of the four following ways.

- By profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and being baptized by immersion, or
- By promise of letter of recommendation from another Baptist church of like faith and practice, or
- By statement of conversion experience and Scriptural baptism by immersion following conversion, or
- By restoration after dismissal.

Step 2: Make known to the congregation of Creekside Church your desire to become a member at any worship service or gathering of the church.

Step 3: Participate in the Creekside Connection Class

Step 4: Meet with the pastor (or another member designated by the pastor or approved by the church) and discuss their testimony, baptism, and desire to partner with Creekside Church; also confirm agreement with the Statement of Faith and membership covenant.

Step 5: Prospective members will be presented to the congregation at a regularly scheduled or special called church member meeting.