



The Cross Creek Update

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Good Morning Church,

It is great to pinch hit for Chuck again. I have to tell you that it is fantastic to work with him. Please pray for Chuck, Sheree and their family as they are on **vacation** (also pray they catch their limit in fish everyday).

Plus, as I write this newsletter our Costa Rica mission's team just got back in town, arriving in Orlando late Tuesday afternoon. Thank you for your prayers for Shane and our Youth Team. Please **mark July 26** on your calendar - Shane, Dan Macferran and our youth will lead worship that day and share highlights from Costa Rica.



Worship has been especially sweet the last few weeks as Chuck led us through a series on "**Scandalous Grace**." Last Sunday, he taught that "Jesus is attractive to messed up people." The attraction - He accepts people regardless of their past and He puts their shame on Himself. The Good News - Jesus loves and saves those that place their faith in Him.

The question for us - are we attractive to messed up people?

Although it is only the middle of summer and you are still in vacation mode, sliding down the lawn on your "slip and splash" and barbecuing your favorite foods - I want you to also get excited about our **Fall kickoff of Life Groups** (where a group of 10 to 16 people meet in homes or the church for worship, Bible study, fellowship and prayer). It is the primary place where everyone can get connected and cared for. This Fall we are going to be studying **The Prodigal God** by Tim Keller, pastor of Redeemer Church in NYC. This is going to be a phenomenal study - a time to understand how God reaches out to flawed, broken and searching people - like you and me.

If you are not in a **Life Group** or would like more information please contact me, 925-817-0115 or email: jan@crosscreekchurch.us

I want to reiterate Chuck's **prayer request** from last week - please remember Larry Ballowe, Mike Allen, Melanie Simpkins, Sue Moccio, Debbie Fowler, and all their families in your prayers. And with them all we look forward to when the Kingdom of God comes in all its fullness and the things that are broken will be broken no more.

Pounding the keyboard for Chuck,

Jan

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 14-27
Pastor McArthur
vacation

July 16
CC Playgroup-Beach
10:30 AM

July 17
M2M Coffee Club
6:30 AM

July 19
Pastor Jan Preach

July 26
Youth Sunday
Testimonies & Video

July 27-Aug 2
Kelly Redway
vacation

July 28
Ladies Night Out
Salads & Games
6:30 PM

August 7-18
Shane Fowler
vacation

LIFE GROUP LEADERS WILL HAVE TRAINING JUL 19, 26, AUG 2 & 9 AT 9:30 AM!

EDUCATION HOUR!

The Education Hour meets every Sunday at 9:30 AM.
The following classes are being offered.

ADULTS:

Summer Series (thru Aug 30): Essential Values: Understanding the Four Values of Cross Creek (Worship, Community, Nurture and Restoration)

July 5-19, Bill Croysdale and Bill Koerner will teach on the 2nd Value: **Community**.
This Sunday they answer the question: **What is the Biblical model for Community?**

STUDENT MINISTRIES:

"FUEL" The igniting of new life with God's story. "The Lounge" - RM 202

CHILDREN MINISTRIES:

Our Spring curriculum focuses on teaching children to trust & obey God, understand the importance of His word, and know how to respond to Jesus. - Children's Wing

WHAT'S A LIFE GROUP?:

Life Groups are the primary place where you are known and cared for at Cross Creek. Composed of 8 to 16 people, Life Groups meet in homes throughout the area and at the church. Life Groups meet for worship, Bible Study, fellowship and prayer. Please consider joining one of our Life Groups.

Nine Reasons to Join a Life Group: Reason 3: Life groups help you apply the Bible to everyday life

Have you ever been in a classroom setting in school and wanted to stop the teacher and say, "But what about...?" or "I don't understand," then our Life Group's are for you! In a Life Group you can ask questions, participate in a discussion of the text,