



# Creekwood Connections



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August 2009

Attached is the Creekwood Connection August Newsletter

Worship 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning  
[Romans 5:1-11](#)

The Message - Holy Buckets

Special Music - [Heal the Wound](#)  
[Point of Grace](#)

## Dear Creekwood Family

The weeks of summer can become pretty hectic. We love the opportunities summer affords, but sometimes in the rush to include all the things we want to do we begin to long for quiet moments and the reassuring voice of God. Do you sometimes find yourself asking yourself what it means to experience God?

H. G. Wells wrote, "At times in the silence of the night, and in rare, lovely moments, I experience a sort of communion of myself with Something Great that is not myself."

Paul Tillich said, "We experience moments in which we accept ourselves, because we feel that we have been accepted by that which is greater than we. It is such moments that make us love our life, that make us accept ourselves, not because we are good, but because of our certainty

of the eternal meaning of life."

Only at rare moments does the deeper and vaster world come through into conscious thought. It is then that the door to the invisible world silently swings open and something of the wonder and greatness of the spiritual universe flashes upon the soul.

Jesus offered his disciples such rare moments when he invited them to "come apart with me for a while to lonely (quiet) place where our souls can be restored from the stresses of the season." (My paraphrase).

The Celebration of Holy Communion can be such a time as that. Jesus invites his modern-day followers to join him at His Table to experience anew his presence which forgives, restores, and renews. Even though we are surrounded by dozens, or hundreds, of

people in worship we are called to be alone with Him so that we can be energized by his presence to go out into the world again to live fully and completely glorifying him in all that we are doing."

Pennie Beauchamp has a powerful sermon for us Sunday, and following her message I will invite you to Come to the Table to be refreshed!

Gratefully,  
Mike Haynes

**SPECIAL BLOOD DRIVE benefitting Bill Lankford, Thursday, July 30 5:00-9:00pm Room 106/107.**

Open the Attached to read Creekwood Connection August Newsletter

## Creekwood On The Road

While you are on the road this summer...

*Keep Creekwood in your prayers  
Keep up with your giving  
Keep your Frisbee with you*

Be creative in your pictures with your Frisbee (like Flat Stanley) and submit information to Dawn Tanner at [dm\\_tanner@hotmail.com](mailto:dm_tanner@hotmail.com) to post on the "Creekwood On the Road" blog <http://creekwoodumc.blogspot.com>.



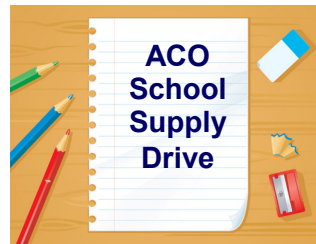
Lance & Lauralee Campbell went to West Marin County, CA. (near San Francisco) for their nephew's wedding on June 20th. Look at that view!

## Mission Opportunities



**Habitat for Humanity Needs Your Help!** Creekwood will be participating with other area

churches on a Habitat for Humanity House Build beginning in September. The house will be in McKinney and will go to the Saucedo family. Volunteers with ALL skill levels are needed to assist with the build. Stop by the Worship Center today to get more information.



Each year ACO distributes school supplies to help those children and families who might otherwise not be able to afford the basic needs to start the school year. **Supplies due this Sunday!**



**It is time to Re-Enroll in the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Program.** Enroll today and every time you shop at Kroger and use your enrolled Kroger-Plus Card, Kroger will contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases to Creekwood. Simply take this bar code to a Kroger Store to enroll. This money will be used for the missions of Creekwood.

## Women of Faith-August 21-22

This exciting 2-day event is a mix of laughter, music, and stories that will touch your heart. Bring your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors-any woman you know who needs a new perspective . a new enthusiasm . . . A Grand New Day.

Join Steven Curtis Chapman, "American Idol" finalist Mandisa, Nicole C. Mullen, Sandi Patty, Lisa Whelchel (from TV's "The Facts of Life"), Sheila Walsh, Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Luci Swindoll, and more!

Over the course of the two-day event you'll hear fabulous music, watch stirring drama, listen to hilarious and heart-tugging stories, and join thousands of women in worship. **Tickets online for \$75 at [www.creekwoodumc.org](http://www.creekwoodumc.org)**

**LAST CALL  
FOR TICKETS!!!**  
Contact Kelli  
Froman at [kfroman@mac.com](mailto:kfroman@mac.com)

## Creekwood C.A.R.E.S.

Whether you feel called to pray, to care, to cook, or to sew, Creekwood U.M.C. wants to show that we care. Creekwood C.A.R.E.S. is a ministry that offers a place for members to serve and be served. Contact Kim Tedford at [ktedford@creekwoodumc.org](mailto:ktedford@creekwoodumc.org) to learn more.

**\*Prayer Pagers:** The Prayer Pager Ministry offers pagers to those suffering in various times of crisis. A family member or friend may call an assigned number to a

pager and simply enter his or her zip code. Within minutes of the call, the pager gently vibrates and displays the sender's zip code, letting the recipient know (**feel**) that another prayer has been offered on the recipient's behalf.

Betty Thompson recovering from broken hip. Prayer pager 1.888.685.3419\*

Dan & Kim Wicker's friend, Greg Vinez, radiation treatment. Prayer pager 1.888.715.6745\*

Paige Owens in hospital on bed rest. Prayer pager 1.888.980.2241\*

Ken Perry, confined to a wheel chair because a progressive disease that has made him a quadriplegic. 1-888-706-4782\*

\*How to do:

1. pray
2. dial number
3. Wait for beeps
4. dial in zip code and press #



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Accepting  
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## Confirmation Fall Class

Confirmation Class for 6th-8th graders  
Begins September 11-12 - Get to Know You Retreat

Parent/Student Information Meeting  
Sunday, August 23 - 12 noon

Confirmation classes for 6th, 7th and 8th graders will kick off in September with a Get to Know You Retreat, Sept 11-12 at Sabine Creek Ranch. This 9 month study helps students understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and how we live that out every day of our lives. If you would like to know more about confirmation class at Creekwood, contact Youth Pastor, Chuck Church [chuckchurch@creekwoodumc.org](mailto:chuckchurch@creekwoodumc.org) or Senior Pastor, Reverend Mary Beth Hardesty-Crouch [mcrouch@creekwoodumc.org](mailto:mcrouch@creekwoodumc.org), or come to the Confirmation Information Meeting for parents and students on Sunday, August 23 at 12 noon in WC 106/107.



## Pond Work

Did you see the construction equipment on the property again? Big dirt diggers were deepening the pond and spreading the dirt over the southwest field. Discussions on our existing pond began several years ago. These discussions centered on maintenance, aesthetics and usefulness.

It is identified on our master plan to construct buildings and structures around the pond. The current parking lot drains to the pond as well as the majority of the undeveloped property. Before establishing a budget a study was done to determine if the pond could capture enough water and hold it to be used for irrigation. The current irrigation system requires 2,100,000 gallons per year in a normal weather year. It was determined that the pond, once it holds water, could provide a source of water other than city water to irrigate the current phase as well as future phases.

The current irrigation system was designed and installed to use the pond as the primary source of supply but also allowing conversion to city water at any time as needed. Currently we are using exclusively city water.

The funds for this project have been in place for two years, but because excavation requires a dry pond bottom, the timing has not been right to start the project. July of 2009 was about as good as the conditions could be for such work. The majority of the excavation has been completed, under budget and we are in the process of studying options to seal the bottom to insure it will hold maximum water capacity.





## Moms N More

Social outing for all moms or dads with preschool age children

Celebration Park on August 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00.

We will play, chat, discuss future meetings.  
Contact Kim Voorhies at 972-747-8129 for more information.



Do you have a child **going into kindergarten** this fall? If so, your child should attend a class designed to help get them ready for the transition to Explorers Bible study and Big church. **Big Church ABC** will be on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in room #105 for any children entering kindergarten. This class will go over how to act in worship, using the children's notebooks, how to listen to sermons, scripture reading, communion and other typical events of a worship service. If you have any questions or would like more information contact Beth Darr at 214.544.8050 ext 123 or [bdarr@creekwoodumc.org](mailto:bdarr@creekwoodumc.org). Children will be promoted to the next grade level on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We look forward to having your child join the Explorers program at Creekwood.

## Bridgeport Methodist Camp

Written by Jeremy Darr and Travis Cantwell

This year was the first year that some kids from Creekwood have gone to Bridgeport. Bridgeport is a five day/ four night camp on Lake Bridgeport. Travis Cantwell and I were the two kids that went. Camp was really fun it had a lot of cool things to do. One of the things I liked the most was the mountain biking. There were a lot of other awesome things like...

Swimming      Archery  
Newsletter    Outdoor games

**but those are just a few of the amazing events.**



About seven at night they have worship down by the cross. The first night you actually watch the sun set. It looked pretty.

Something that was also cool was a rainbow that I got a picture of, wrote Jeremy.

Travis wrote, the lodging was good, the food was fine, and the activities were plain fun and better.

Bridgeport had everything from shaving cream fights to learning about God, and more. Every night we would go to the cross for evening worship, there I saw the most beautiful sunsets I have ever seen.

God is amazing and Bridgeport is the best camp ever.

If these stories sound like things you would like your child to experience, Creekwood will be sending children again next year to children's camp. Your child is eligible to attend children's camp if they have completed third through fifth grade. Look for details in January or February as to which week will be Creekwood's chosen week for 2010. If you are interested in more details, feel free to contact Beth Darr at [bdarr@creekwoodumc.org](mailto:bdarr@creekwoodumc.org).



## Men's Ministry Opportunities

### TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY

Meets on Tuesday mornings at 7:00 am at Mi Mi's Café in Allen. Studying scripture and how it applies to their daily lives, this group seeks to grow, support and encourage one another in their Christian Walks. Join them anytime! No child-care. Led by Brandon Pitts.

### MEN SERVING MEN, MEN SERVING GOD

Men's Breakfast Group meets every Saturday morning from 7:00-8:00 am in the Worship Center. Breakfast, short devotion and prayer. Led by Mike Russell.

## 2009 Gridiron Kick Off with Coach JB Puckett and Coach Tom Westerberg

**Sunday, August 16**

**5:00-7:00 p.m.**

- Hamburger and Hot Dogs
- All male and female members and non members of our church are invited youth age and older
- Each coach will be showing their 2009 season highlight film, give a short talk on last years season and challenges and expectations for the coming season then a short audience question period.

### Men's Dove Hunt September 4-5

Cost will be around \$150 plus lodging and meals. Deposit of 50% of hunting fee due upon scheduling.

Contact Barrett Owens at [barrett.owens@ymail.com](mailto:barrett.owens@ymail.com) for more information.



### MEN OF CREEKWOOD –

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***“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” - Proverbs 27:17***

## Thank you Creekwood

I am so delighted and thankful to share with you that Creekwood collected over \$2427 for HOPE Resource Center of McKinney during the baby bottle campaign! That is so wonderful! I just can't thank you enough for the support from your whole congregation! The total amount raised during this campaign was \$10,145.19! Thank you for blessing this ministry in such an extravagant way!

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On behalf of the Dallas Chryslis Board, I would like to extend our sincere thanks for the warm hospitality from Creekwood last weekend on our boy's flight.

We can't thank you enough for accommodating us at the last minute. We look forward to a long relationship between Creekwood and the [Dallas Chryslis Community](#).

In Christ,  
Katie Nowroth  
Board Secretary



Please pass along my thanks to your great group for labeling our moving postcards!!! I never dreamed you'd finish them so quickly. That was a huge help. I apologize for the scheduling mix-up, but it sure was a blessing for us.

Let me know when your group would like to work again and we'll make sure we're on top of it with the Re-sale Shop or have something for them we need done. In the future we'll have the food pantry open and need LOTS of help.

Many thanks,  
Marjorie

**MARJORIE B. VANESKAHIAN**  
*Director of Volunteer Services*  
Allen Community Outreach  
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[www.acocares.org](http://www.acocares.org)

**Youth Summer Mission Project**

## Stewardship Devotional

Want to be a published author? You are invited to contribute a short story or testimony for our very first Creekwood Stewardship Devotional. We have pre-selected topics and bible verses you can choose from, or you are welcome to write your own. If you are willing to share your heart and your story, please contact us by August 9<sup>th</sup>!

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## Creekwood Student Ministries

### Summer 2009 Service Project Schedule

August 11<sup>th</sup>  
August 13<sup>th</sup>

2009 Fill the Bus - ACO  
TBD

All students need to RSVP to let us know that you are coming. RSVP by contacting Chuck @ [chuckchurch@creekwoodumc.org](mailto:chuckchurch@creekwoodumc.org).

We need adults to come out and join us. If you can help contact Chuck @ [chuckchurch@creekwoodumc.org](mailto:chuckchurch@creekwoodumc.org).

For more youth information click: <http://www.creekwoodyouth.org/>

Sunday Morning Sunday School for upcoming 6th-12th graders at the Student Center 10:30 a.m.

## Youth Week! August 9-15

**Monday August 10th** - Middle School Swim Party at the Morningside Neighborhood Pool @ 10am. Free pizza and swimming.

**Monday August 10th** - Roughrider Baseball Game: Frisco Roughriders vs San Antonio Missions 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$15 and includes ticket, souvenir baseball cap,

and all you can eat burgers/ hotdogs/ chicken sandwiches. Bring the whole family! RSVP with Chuck Church to secure your tickets.

**Tuesday August 11th** - Fill the Bus service project with Allen Community Outreach at Boyd Elementary. Come help organize and separate donated school supplies.

**Thursday August 13th** - Game Night at the Student Center. Games, movies, and free food 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday August 15th** - High School Camp-out on the Creekwood Campus. Camp-out begins at 8pm. Join us for Sand Volleyball, Campfire, Food, Movies, and just to hang out!

**Sunday August 16th** - Mission Sunday. Wear your mission trip t-shirts from this summer and come listen to testimonies from our students who went on mission trips in both of the services.



## CYOUTHERE Kickoff

### August 26

### 6-8 p.m. at the Worship Center

**CREEKWOOD  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

Worship Times  
9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Sydney Gambrell 8/2  
Elyse Roehrig 8/3  
Clayton Foster 8/3  
Micah Harris 8/3  
Tom Tholen 8/4  
Travis Cantwell 8/4  
Milt Honza 8/4  
Tommy Tanner 8/5  
Mikenzie Carlo 8/5  
David Pabin 8/5  
Debbie Dodson 8/6  
Carole Dudich 8/6  
Amber Pitts 8/6  
Lynda Blaylock 8/6  
Pennie Beauchamp 8/7  
Allison Carr 8/7  
Nicholas Froman 8/7  
Rebecca Hemphins 8/7  
Lorraine York 8/8  
Logan Harris 8/8  
Zach Tomlinson 8/9  
Alyssa Whitmore 8/9  
Scottie Pabin 8/9  
Angie Koskovich 8/10  
Cissie Strietzel 8/10  
Barrett Owens 8/11  
Rodney Frye 8/11  
Nancy Wells 8/11  
Julie Honza 8/12  
Mary Margaret Wilhelm  
8/12

Mark Puckett 8/13  
Sydney Edgmon 8/14  
Jana Carmichael 8/14  
Scott Kaylor 8/14  
Neal Campbell 8/15  
Kendall Joiner 8/15  
Andre Smith 8/16  
Sara Genrich 8/16  
Diane Crane 8/16  
DJ Besel 8/17  
Christy Besel 8/17  
Ross Carevic 8/18  
Christopher Mays 8/18  
Gemma Wright 8/19  
Karen Schmidt 8/19  
Kailer Strietzel 8/19  
Nora Weyand 8/19  
Harrison Broyles 8/20  
Connor Church 8/20  
Austin Crisler 8/22  
Tanner Brooks 8/22  
Scott Pitts 8/22  
Molly Frye 8/23  
Mary Morris 8/23  
Kathy Tomlinson 8/23  
Ed Mills 8/23  
Hailey Nowak 8/24  
Kelsey Rea 8/24  
Hayden Brewster 8/25  
Jim Genrich 8/25  
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Katherine Leffel 8/25  
Lana Owens 8/25  
Jo White 8/26  
Rachel Genrich 8/26  
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Trent Martelloni 8/29  
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Natalie Campbell 8/30  
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