



FALL MINISTRY GUIDE

2024



Cottonwood Creek
— CHURCH —



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Membership Workshop

3rd Sunday of Every Month
12:15 p.m. | Chapel

Learn what we believe, who we are as a church body and how you can become part of the Cottonwood Creek Church Family!

Text **MEMBER** to **77978**

Prayer Service

Tuesdays | 6 - 7 p.m.

Join the Cottonwood Creek Family for a weekly time of prayer in B122-124. If you would like to speak to someone about a prayer need, text the word **PRAYER** to **77978**, and someone from our staff will contact you.

Baptism Sunday

For more information and to register, Text **BAPTISM** to **77978** to register.



Message from Pastor John Mark

I am thrilled to invite you to join us for an exciting season of activities and events here at Cottonwood Creek Church. Our fall activity guide is filled with opportunities for every member of our church family to connect, grow and serve together. From uplifting worship services and engaging bible studies to fun-filled family events and meaningful service projects, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Let us come together to celebrate this fun season, deepen our faith and strengthen our community bonds. We look forward to seeing you and your loved ones at these upcoming events!

Blessings,
Pastor John Mark

A banner for 'Midweek at The Creek' featuring a collage of people in a church setting. The text is overlaid on a gradient background.

MIDWEEK AT THE CREEK

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

FAMILY DINNER • KIDS EVENTS • MIDWEEK SERVICE
CARE GROUPS • STUDENT NIGHTS • MINISTRY ACADEMY
& OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Text **MIDWEEK** to **77978** to learn more!

Midweek at The Creek

Join us at Cottonwood Creek for a time of fellowship over a meal, worship, activities and informative classes. The evening begins with dinner at 5:30, followed by other events at 6:30 p.m.

Worship

Midweek | 6:30 p.m.

Saturday | 5 p.m.

Sunday | 8:30, 9:30
and 11 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

Each week there is a time of study and fellowship. Experience this biblical community, grow deeper in your faith and build each other up in biblical truth.

A dark banner with a white-bordered box containing the text 'MEN'S BIBLE STUDY'.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | 6 a.m. | Atrium

A banner for 'The Gathering' featuring a collage of young adults in a church setting. The text is overlaid on a blue and green gradient background.

The Gathering

Tuesdays | 7 p.m.

If you are looking for a place to connect with other young adults and build community through discussion, worship and fun, The Gathering is the place for you!

THE GATHERING

YOUNG ADULT SERVICE
TUESDAYS | 7 P.M. | CHAPEL

TEXT GATHERING TO 77978 TO CONNECT



Preschool

Kid Care Preschool is a weekday preschool providing care, early education, biblical instruction and growth opportunities for children ages 18 months - 5 years (as of 9/1/2024).



Kid's Day Out

Our Kid's Day Out program is focused on building critical social skills through hands-on learning experiences including fine and gross motor activities, centers and outdoor play.



Transitional Kindergarten

For young 5-year-olds not ready for conventional kindergarten, transitional kindergarten prepares children for academic success with age-appropriate learning activities focused on early reading and writing skills.



Scan here for more information or to register your child.

Text **KIDCARE** to **77978**

FALL FESTIVAL

GAMES | CANDY | FOOD TRUCKS | COSTUMES

SATURDAY
OCT. 26

4-7 P.M.
FREE

Fun for everyone! It's 3 hours packed full of fun games, inflatables and food trucks. Costumes welcome!



Text **FALL** to **77978**

AWANA

Aug. 25 – May 4
Sundays 4 – 6 p.m.
Age 3 – Grade 12

Awana engages kids in their faith journey with exciting Scripture memorization, bible study, games and engaging group sessions.

Midweek Activities

Aug. 14 – May
Wednesdays | 6:30

Lil' Praise

Age 3 (by Sept. 1) – Kinder
Fully Potty-Trained

A fun night of worship, bible activities and interactive lessons on God's Word.

Detonate

1st - 5th Grade

Kids will have a blast forming deep friendships, understanding God's plan, rejecting cultural lies and growing in their love for Jesus.

Parenting Classes

Habit Formations
Evergreen Parenting

Helpful courses to equip parents in leading and discipling their household.



Creek Kids

Children and families love our Creek Kids Ministry. Just ask them! We would love to have your kids join us. Children of all ages can come interact and fellowship with others their own age while learning about the Lord. They will be introduced to Biblical principles and taught how to walk through life pursuing God. Our mission is to love, serve and reach families to help lead the next generation to real faith in Christ.

Preschool

Birth - Kinder

Elementary

1st - 5th

Worship Services

Fun opportunities at all Sunday Services for Birth - 5th grade



For more details and to learn more about our Creek Kids Ministry, scan this code!

Text **KIDS** to **77978**



Donuts & PJs

Sunday, Nov. 3

It's the end of Daylight Saving Time, so get ready to fall back! Be sure to wear YOUR pajamas for donuts!

Parent/Child Dedication

Parent/Child Dedication is a special opportunity to dedicate your child to the Lord with the support of your Cottonwood Creek Family. Text **DEDICATE** to **77978** to register your family.

Creek Kids Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 15

Let's celebrate THE BIRTH of our Savior Jesus Christ during our regular Creek Kids service times with special activities and a treat.

One Way Class

3rd Sunday of Every Month | 8:30 a.m. | Gym

This class is for Kinder - 5th grade kids who have received Jesus or have questions about what this means. This class is for parents and children to attend together and is a prerequisite to child baptism.





Creek Student Ministry

Creek Student Ministry (CSM) brings together students from all backgrounds and equips them to discover and live out God's purpose for their lives. If you are a 6th - 12th grade student, we look forward to meeting you and having you be a part of our community!

There are several ways to get involved with the Creek Student Ministry. Your student can join us on a Sunday morning or a Wednesday night!

Text **HIGHSCHOOL** to **77978**

Text **MIDDLESCHOOL** to **77978**



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Young Adults Ministry

The Young Adults Ministry is made up of people in various life stages between the ages of 18-30. It's a time of connection, community and worship as we grow in our relationship with the Lord.

The Gathering

Tuesday | 7 p.m.

Chili Cookout

Tuesday | Oct. 15

There is no better way to celebrate the cool weather than with a Chili Cookout! Bring a friend and enjoy some great food and fellowship!

Text **GATHERING** to **77978**



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Friendsgiving

Tuesday, Nov. 11 | 7 p.m.

We will be having our annual Friendsgiving this year! We ask that you provide a side/dessert, and we will provide the Turkey! This a great way to get connected with a strong group of friends, as well as some great food!

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Creek Men

The Men's Ministry has several events and groups for men to get involved in!

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

Join us in the Atrium for coffee and bible study. It's a much-needed boost during the week, so make plans to join us this week!

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A Man Christmas Party

Be sure to join us for this festive time of fellowship. There will be breakfast, giveaways and games.

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Text **MEN** to **77978**



**MIDWEEK
AT THE CREEK**
AUG. - MAY

Family Dinner

Aug. 14 – May

Wednesdays | 5:30 p.m.

Dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. each week. Enjoy a family-style meal before Midweek activities. There is no registration but the cost is \$5 per-person or \$20 max per-family to support this awesome ministry!

Financial Peace University

Wednesdays

Beginning Aug. 14

6:30 p.m. | A207

Take control of your money with Financial Peace University! This 9-week class uses biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt and make your money work for you!

Equipping Christ's Disciples

Begins Aug. 14

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.

Equipping Christ's Disciples is a ministry for men, women and teenagers to learn discipleship foundations in interactive small groups. Participants develop consistent discipleship practices, becoming effective disciples and mentors. Graduates are ready to lead future small groups.



Midweek at The Creek

Midweek at the Creek is a time for anyone and everyone to gather at Cottonwood Creek for the opportunity to fellowship over a meal, worship, participate in fun activities, attend informative classes and grow deeper in their relationship with God.



For more details and to learn more about Midweek service, scan this code!

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Biblical Citizenship

Begins Aug. 14
Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.

Feeling frustrated by politics? Seeking solutions and hope? God's Word has the answers. Discover the timeless hope revealed in Daniel 11:32: *"The people who know their God shall stand firm and take action."* Join our Biblical Citizenship class to learn more!

[www.patriotacademy.com/
coach/register/8763](http://www.patriotacademy.com/coach/register/8763)



Constitutional Defense of Your Family and Freedom

Begins Sept. 25
Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.



Fresh Start

Begins Aug. 14
Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.

Fresh Start is a 6-week course designed to help you jump-start your relationship with the Lord. Learn six essential habits to stay connected to the Holy Spirit for wisdom, strength, encouragement and understanding God's Will.

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Vertical Marriage

**Aug. 14 – Sept. 4
Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.**

Join us on this 4-week journey of relatable video sessions and dynamic group discussion to learn the secret to a healthy marriage!

Text **VERTICAL** to **77978**



Midweek Worship

6:30 p.m.

Need a Wednesday pick-me-up? Join us for Midweek Worship! We gather in the Cottonwood Creek Chapel to worship, pray and hear messages from our Midweek Pastor, Dr. Justin Hillhouse.

The Prodigal

**Begins Aug. 14
Wednesdays | 6:30 - 8 p.m.**

Do you have a wayward child or other loved one rebelling against God and creating chaos in your life? Our discipleship curriculum provides the tools, resources and community to guide you during this trial.

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Love and Respect

Wednesdays | Sept. 13 - Nov. 13

Love and Respect is a 10-week study that offers valuable insights into the ways couples can build a stronger and more loving relationship.

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Before We Say "I Do"

Begins Aug. 17
Saturdays | 8:30 a.m.
\$75 per couple

This one-day premarital class will equip you with a strong foundation for your marriage through the Word of God, life experiences, self-assessments and couples mentoring.

Text **IDO** to **77978**

Marriage Weekend

Saturday, Sept.
7 – Sunday, Sept. 8
5 p.m. Saturday & 8:30,
9:30 or 11 a.m. Sunday

Dr. Eggerichs, author of Love and Respect, will be here to speak to us about marriage. The first two sessions will be on Saturday evening, and the third session will be on Sunday morning.

Text **LOVE** to **77978**



Creek Marriage

Our marriage ministry strengthens marriages through mentoring, studies, support groups, couples' events and premarital classes by helping you build your marriage on the foundation of God's Word.

Love and Respect

Wednesdays | Begins Sept. 11

Love and Respect is a 10-week study that offers valuable insights into the ways couples can build a stronger and more loving relationship.

Text **RESPECT** to **77978** for more information or to register.



For more details and to learn more about our Marriage Ministry, scan this code!

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Fall Expo

Aug. 15
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Friendship matters! Join Creek Women for a night of community and connection. Bring a friend, make a friend and learn about our groups. Ice cream floats and drinks will be provided.

Fall Retreat

Nov. 1 - 3

Chickasaw Retreat Center.
Space is limited.

Text **REST** to **77978** to learn more and register.

Creek Women

Our desire is to engage with women in every season of life and strive together to build lives and families that put Christ first in everything that we do. We do this by offering bible studies and events throughout the year. We have several Women's Life Groups, a Book Club and Care Groups that meet on campus. We are excited to announce a new Mom's ministry launching this Fall.



For more details and to learn more about our Womens Ministry, scan this code!

Women's Bible Study

We are always offering studies for our ladies to participate in!



Text **WOMEN** to **77978**

Imani Milele African Children's Choir

Sunday, Sept. 1 | 6 p.m.

The Imani Milele African Children's Choir from Uganda will perform a free concert, showcasing their talent in praise of the Lord—don't miss this unique event!

House Build

Sept. 27 & 28

This is an exciting opportunity to join us as we build a house in one day to take to a family in need in the Rio Grande Valley.

Text **HOUSE** to **77978** for more information or to register.

Chiapas, Mexico Mission Trip

Sept. 29 - Oct. 4

With Ministry Builders and Pogue Family Missions, we are traveling to Chiapas, Mexico to build a church. The cost is \$800 which includes airfare, transportation, room and board

Text **MEXICO** to **77978** for details.



Creek Missions

The Missions Ministry supports several local, national and international ministries as well as over 20 missionaries serving nationally and internationally.

The Gift Weekend

Nov. 9 & 10

Join us for various service opportunities at Cottonwood Creek Church, including meal packing, blood donations, a winter coat drive, hair donations and Christmas card making for our missionaries.

Text **THEGIFT** to **77978** for details.



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Text **ONMISSION** to **77978**



Rio Grande Valley Fall Mission Trip

Oct. 12 - 18

Travel to the Rio Grande Valley to deliver the house that was built on campus to a deserving family.

Text **FALLMISSION** to **77978** for more information and to register.

REACH/3 Circles Training

Learn to share the Gospel with anyone you meet in just 3 minutes. You can also serve by doing outreach visits in the community.

Text **REACH** to **77978** to register and learn more.

Missions Spotlights

Each month the Mission's Ministry will highlight various ministries and ways to get involved. Some spotlights for the fall include: candy collection for Fall Fest, cancer blankets and Santa for Seniors. Check out the Missions Webpage for more information.

India Golfing Mission Trip:
Text **INDIA** to **77978**

Belize Mission Trip: Text
BELIZE to **77978**

Kenya Mission Trip: Text
KENYA to **77978**



Potluck After Church

Aug. 18

Service Project at Amazing Grace

Month of Sept.

Friendsgiving

Nov. 23 | 6 p.m.



Creek Singles

We are a community of single men and women of all ages, pursuing a relationship with Jesus by living out God's purpose for our life at Cottonwood Creek Church.

For more information, please contact Jeston Katebe:
Jeston.katebe@cottonwoodcreek.org.

Adult LifeGroup Classes

LifeGroups provide an opportunity for people of similar interests to walk in biblical community. LifeGroups allow for deep friendships to be made, and to encourage one another to love and serve the Lord. Classes are available for college age through senior adults. Classes meet on campus Saturday nights, Sunday mornings and at various times in homes across the community.

Text **GROUP** go **77978** to connect with a LifeGroup today.





Cottonwood Creek Connections Team

The Cottonwood Creek Connections team serves first-time guests and those ready to take the next step by joining a LifeGroup or a specific ministry. We have opportunities to serve as Greeters, Parking Attendants, in Medical/Safety and more! Serve as often or as little as your schedule permits.

Text **SERVE** to **77978**



LifeGroup Leader Training

As our church grows, we aim to connect new guests in biblical community by training new leaders and expanding LifeGroups. Monthly Life Group Leader Training over five months equips you to confidently lead in our LifeGroup Ministry.

Our next LifeGroup Leadership Interest Meeting will be August 18 at 8:30 a.m.

Text **EXPLORE** to **77978** to register.

Concerts Coming to Cottonwood Creek this Fall!



IMANI MILELE CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERT

A special opportunity to see a Ugandan children's choir perform!

Sunday, Sept. 1 | 6 p.m. | Worship Center



REND COLLECTIVE

THE FEEL-GOOD FOLK SHOW

NOV.
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Allen, TX

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Creek Worship

Creek Worship is a vibrant, high-energy team dedicated to sharing the Gospel through heartfelt and joyful music. Whether you're interested in singing with the Mega Worship Team or playing an instrument in the band, there's a place for you to serve and grow with us. Join us in creating uplifting worship and become a part of our musical community.



Carols at the Creek

Dec. 8 | 6:30 p.m.

Get in the Christmas spirit with us as we sing holiday tunes together!



For more details and to learn more about Creek Worship, scan this code!



Text **WORSHIP** to **77978**

Elevate Foundations Volleyball

Sept. 9 – Nov 4

1st - 2nd Grade: 4 - 5 p.m.
Cost: \$99

Academy Volleyball

3rd - 4th Grade: 5 - 6:30 p.m.
5th - 6th Grade: 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Cost: \$179

Elevate Pickleball Academy

Saturday, Sept.
7th – Oct. 19th

1st - 2nd Grade: 9 - 10 a.m.
3rd - 4th Grade: 10 - 11 a.m.
5th - 6th Grade: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Cost: \$50
Limited spots in each group.

Local Sponsorship Opportunity

Creek Sports is looking to sponsor practice or game day snacks for some local recreational teams.

To partner with us, Text **SNACKS** to **77978**.



Creek Sports

Creek Sports utilizes the platform of sports to create opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus in our sports-driven culture. Opportunities exist for all ages to be involved in soccer, volleyball, basketball and more! For more information, contact Nathan Quillan:
Nathan.quillan@cottonwoodcreek.org



For more details and to learn more about our Sports Ministry, scan this code!

Text **SPORTS** to **77978**



Creek Care

The Care Ministry desires to help you successfully walk through a difficult time. We are here to serve your needs! Our ministry has personal counselors, Stephen Ministry, Celebrate Recovery, Marriage Mentoring programs and Care Groups specializing in cancer, divorce and grief.

Cancer Care

A cancer diagnosis can make you feel isolated, frightened, alone. But you are not alone. God is there with you, first and always. The Cottonwood Creek Cancer Care Ministry's mission is to offer God's hope and love for those facing the challenges of cancer.



For more details and to learn more about our Care Ministry, scan this code!

Text **CARE** to **77978**

Betrayal & Beyond

**Wednesdays Evenings
Beginning in Aug.**

Betrayal & Beyond offers hope, healing and peace in God's love for women affected by a spouse's undesirable sexual behavior.

Text **Betrayal** to **77978** to register.

Caregiver Support Circle

**3rd Tuesday of
Every Month
10 - 11:30 a.m. in B124**

This support group is designed to provide information, resources and strategies for those caring for Adults with Alzheimer's and Dementia

Evening Caregiver Support Circle

**3rd Thursday of
Every Month
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in B124**

We will provide a safe space to share concerns, experiences and support. An emphasis will be placed on self-care and collecting resources for the caregivers.

Celebrate Recovery

**Meets Every Monday
7 p.m. | The Chapel**

Celebrate Recovery is a biblical program that helps us overcome any hurt, hang-up and habits that we all struggle with. It follows a 12-step biblically based recovery process based on the actual words and loving power of Jesus Christ.

The Landing

**Meets Every Monday
7 p.m. | A212**

The Landing is a safe place for teenagers (6th – 12th grade) to find hope and freedom from their pain and addictions. At The Landing, we introduce students to the biblical recovery principles that lead you to hope and healing.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare is a meeting where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. Everyone's story is different, and you'll be accepted right where you are, in a safe place. During this 13-week, video-based support group program, you'll find helpful counsel to manage emotional turmoil and practical tools for decision-making

Text **DIVORCE** to **77978** for more information.



DivorceCare4Kids

DivorceCare4Kids provides a safe, fun place where your children will:

- Learn to understand their feelings
- Express their emotions appropriately
- Feel better about themselves
- Develop coping skills
- Be introduced to biblical concepts that will bring comfort

Email

Divorcecare4kids@cottonwoodcreek.org for more information.

Hope Circle

Mondays | 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Have you experienced infertility, miscarriage loss, or childlessness? We want to personally invite you to join our group to connect with other women who are also experiencing these same things. We were never meant to do life alone, so please consider joining us as we explore testimonies of women right here in our community, who have faced challenges with infertility, miscarriage and childlessness.

Text **HOPE** to **77978** to learn more.



Grace Groups

Grace Groups build community for individuals living with, or those supporting someone living with, a mental health struggle.

LIVING GRACE

Wednesdays | Beginning Aug. 14 | 6:30 p.m. A258

For adults who experience depression and/or anxiety.

THRIVE

Every other Thursdays | Beginning Sept. 5 Meets on Zoom

For adults who already have completed LIVING GRACE.

FAMILY GRACE

1st and 3rd Monday of Every Month Beginning Sept. 16 | 6:30 p.m. | B111

For adults who love someone that experiences depression and/or anxiety.



GriefShare

GriefShare is led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable GriefShare resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life.

Text **GRIEF** to **77978** to register and gain additional information.

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Sexual Integrity for Men

Lives and relationships are being destroyed by the effects of unwanted sexual behavior. You can take the first step today toward overcoming unwanted sexual behavior.

Text the word **PURE** to **77978**

Special Needs Connections

3rd Thursday of Every Month | 6:30 - 7 p.m.

The purpose of this group is to share information, love and support with families and caregivers of children with special needs.

Text **SPECIAL** to **77978** to register.

Stephen Ministry

We all experience Challenges in life. Times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care needed in a confidential manner.

Text **STEPHEN** to **77978**



Woven and Mended Orphan Ministry

Our mission supports and educates the church in caring for children through foster care, adoption and aiding orphans.

Text **WOVEN** to **77978** for more information.

Warriors of Faith

This ministry seeks to offer God's hope and love through spiritual, emotional and practical support to those who have served in the Armed Forces.

Text **WARRIOR** to **77978** for more info.

Uncommon Love

This ministry exists to support and encourage parents of kids (of any age) who identify as LGBTQ.

Text **UNCOMMON** to **77978** for more information.

Text **CARE** to **77978**



Creek 55+

Our mission is to establish a ministry providing diverse opportunities to serve, fellowship, grow and to find purpose for people in their later seasons of life.



For more details and to learn more about our Creek 55+ Ministry, scan this code!

Text **CREEK55** to **77978**

Pickle Ball

Most Saturdays

Text **PICKLEBALL** to **77978** to learn more and register.

Golf Outing

Last Monday of
Every Month

Arts and Crafts

Second Thursday of
Every Month
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Support Groups

Monthly Meetings

Everyone needs help at some point. Join our Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Circle, Caregiver Support group or our Special Needs Connection group.

Handy Neighbors

Monthly Meetings

The mission of Handy Neighbors is to help senior citizens and people with disabilities continue to live safely.

Need help around the house? Text **HANDY** to **77978**.



**WE CAN'T WAIT TO
SPEND THIS SEASON
WITH YOU!**





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