



LIVING WATER AT CREEKSIDE

Reaching Up † Reaching Out † Reaching In

Mar/Apr
2010

He Is Risen!



Good Friday Service
Friday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm

Easter Services
Sunday, April 4th, 8:00, 9:30 & 11 am

CS I: Christianity Seriously Investigated! by Chuck Peterman



Chuck Peterman
Minister

A preacher's kid named Jim returned from college and declared to his dad, "there is no God." His dad was shocked and inquired how he came up with that. "Real scholars and intellectuals know the truth about the Bible. It's just one of the myths in the world. You are a Christian because you were brought up Christian. In the same way, Muslims are Muslims because they were brought up Muslim. Buddhists are Buddhists because that was their upbringing. They're all following one myth or another. Evolution proves that there is no need for God, so I think you are all silly." The dad replied, "Son, you are not an intellectual. What you are saying is foolish. An intellectual is one who studies both sides of the issue, then makes an informed decision. You have not studied the claims you have just made. You're merely quoting other men who have not studied the claims that someone else made to them." His son, Jim, reminded him

he was brought up Christian and knew exactly what they believed and that they had blind, ignorant faith—not based on fact. The dad emphatically told him he was wrong and to examine the evidence. He said, "Your assertion that evolution proves there's no need for God is false. You need to study both sides of the argument. Seek out those who are not evolutionists and ask why they are not. You will discover evolution is a theory not everyone buys into. There are many non-Christian scientists who do not agree with the evolutionary theory. Even many of those who are evolutionists still believe God created the universe through the process of evolution."

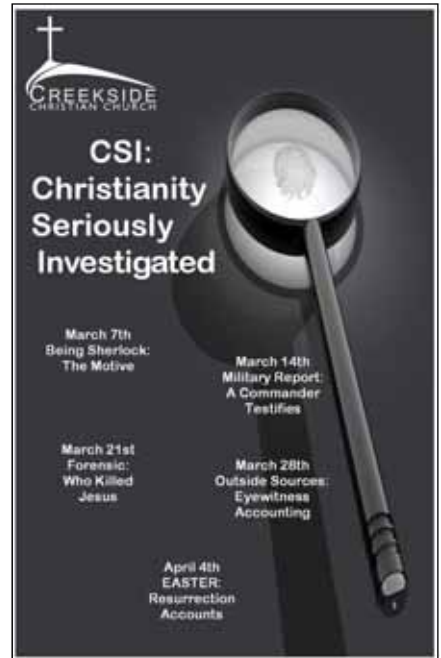
The son began to seriously study history, science and both sides of the issue in his rant away from God. A few years after graduation, after coaching wrestling and teaching in the public school system he could not ignore the evidence any longer. Within a few years of quitting his job as a teacher, in 1998 he began preaching his new-found convictions and started a church in Idaho that has become the fastest-growing church in America reaching 8,000 in ten years. (ref. **Church is a Team Sport, Jim Putman, p. 192**).

We will start a new series, CSI: Christianity Seriously Investigated, beginning March 7th and continuing through Easter. I hope everyone will use this opportunity to examine the evidence of Christianity.

CSI: – Christianity Seriously Investigated

- Mar. 7: Being Sherlock: The Motive
Acts 2:22-2:24
- Mar. 14: Military Report:
A Commander Testifies
Matt. 27:50-27:54
- Mar. 21: Forensic: Who Killed Jesus
Matt. 26:1-26:5
- Mar. 28: Outside Sources: Eyewitness
Accounting Acts 26:25,26
- April 4: EASTER: Resurrection
Accounts 1 Cor. 15:1-8

*Be Blessed,
Chuck*



Our prayers are like pipes, through which water is carried from a large mountain stream to a town some distance away. Such water pipes don't *make* the water willing to flow down from the hills, nor do they give it its power of blessing and refreshment. This is its very nature. All they do is determine its direction. In the same way, the very nature of God is to love and to bless. His love longs to come down to us with its quickening and refreshing streams. But He has left it to prayer to say where the blessing is channeled. He has committed it to His believing people to bring the living water to the desert places.

The Prayer Team



Student Ministry by Ric Huxford

Student Ministry is Fired Up!

Our student ministry programming is up and running at full speed ahead. Our 7-8 grade students meet at 9:30am in Modular 114 and the High School students meet in Modular 114 at 11:00 am on Sunday morning. Our High School students also meet on Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in Modular 114. The 7-8 grades meet Wednesday 6:30 - 8:00 pm for small groups. Sunday Night Live is for the 7-8 grades on Sunday evening from 5:30 - 7 pm. Hope to see you there!!!



Ric Huxford
Student Minister

Believe 2010 - March 12-13

Believe is a two-day event for 7-8 grade students. It is packed with high-energy worship, Biblical teaching and one-on-one interaction. **Believe is the event you don't want to miss!** There is still time for you to register, so don't delay--contact Ric soon. We have already sent in our early bird registration, but you can still go if you let me know asap.

High School Lock-In - March 26

Be sure to sign up at the youth table and invite your friends. This will be an awesome night of fun and fellowship ... so don't miss it!!! More details to come!

News from Haiti

What a trip! My wife, Debbie, got word on Friday, January 22nd that a medical team from Savannah Christian Church was leaving on Saturday, January 23rd at 10 am to travel to Haiti. They wanted to know if we could go because they needed a pharmacist and a counselor. I called Chuck and asked if I could take a week or two of vacation, not knowing exactly how long we would stay, and he allowed me to take it, even on such short notice. On Friday, my son Caleb and I finished collecting the clothes, food, etc ... from Walgreens stores throughout Jacksonville. We delivered two trucks full of items to the Haitian Church down on Commonwealth Ave. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all who contributed items here at Creekside to fill a container for Haiti and especially to store manager Kevin Dougherty, at the San Jose and Racetrack Walgreens, for

offering their stores as drop-off points for donations. Not only did we fill a container, but when Caleb and I made our drop-off on Friday, they were working on filling a second container.
THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!!!



We landed in Cap Haitian, north of Port Au Prince at the top of the island. We ministered to over 1,000 people while in Haiti. The need is great in Haiti and at times overwhelming. Our team included two emergency room doctors, one general surgeon, one eye surgeon, one orthopedic surgeon, one anesthesiologist, one neurologist, four nurses, one pharmacist and three

others who counseled and kept supplies going to the doctors. Approximately one-fourth of our patients were earthquake-related and the rest were folks in trouble from car wrecks, infections and accidents. We worked tirelessly every day and the people just kept coming. We also worked out of a gymnasium building about 150 yards from the hospital. We took 16 tubs of supplies with us for our incredibly talented team to use. God did some awesome things through this team and many lives were saved. Please continue to pray for the Haitian people. The needs are great and although help and food are getting through, they need a leader in their country who loves the country and the people more than they love money. Pray for a Godly man or woman to rise up from among the people and lead that country out of its poverty and pain.

In Christ's Service, Ric

Good Friday Service: "The Room Upstairs" by Vicki Moody

April 2nd - 7:00 pm

On Good Friday we will present a drama which is set in the upper room where Jesus and His followers gathered to celebrate the Passover on the night in which He was betrayed. The service will be centered around an actual Jewish Passover Seder, one which Jesus might have led that night which involves the Last Supper. Thus, those in the audience become not only observers, but also participants in the event. At times, the audience

will be called on to respond in word, song and action.

The cast of this drama includes Jesus Christ, the 12 disciples, the upper room owner's wife, son and servants. All those who attend will experience the teachings of Jesus Christ as He prepared His disciples for what was to come. There will be bread, meat, herbs and grape juice served, so it is important that you make reservations to attend. (This ceremony is not intended to serve as dinner, so be sure to make dinner arrangements.) Please sign up on

Sundays or Wednesdays in March, or call the church office by Sunday, March 28th.

For more details, or to volunteer to be a part of the presentation, please contact Vicki Moody at 303-3554 (cell), 522-1125 (home) or email at moodyv@live.com.

*In Christ's Service,
Vicki*

Mission Work In Haiti by Kathy Cope

Beginning in January 2010 Creekside committed to support Grace for Glory Ministries. We specifically designated funds to be used for the ministry work Grace for Glory does in Haiti. Haiti, the poorest country in the western hemisphere, is located approximately 750 miles southeast of Florida and just to the east of Cuba. Haiti occupies the western third of the island of Hispaniola, which it shares with the Dominican Republic. Haiti is an Indian word meaning "mountains" and is made up of extremely mountainous country. The highest mountain in Haiti (Chain de la Sel) is almost 9,000 feet above sea level.

Our giving through Grace for Glory Ministries provides support to the El Shaddai Children's Home and El Shaddai Christian School located in Dessources Village, outside of Port-au-Prince. We provide monthly food orders of rice and beans, which helps to feed the children of El Shaddai, the staff and many local people living in

Dessources. We also provide cereal and milk for over 100 village children who attend the El Shaddai Christian School.

The recent earthquake that hit Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas of Haiti proved to be difficult for the children and staff of El Shaddai, the



people of Dessources Village and the Haitian people in general. Food supplies have been difficult to order and deliver. By the grace of God, there were no serious injuries in Dessources Village, although many

lost their homes. Before the construction of the El Shaddai Children's Home in 2005 there were no Christians in Dessources Village. Now, many Christians in Dessources continue to meet nightly to praise and worship God and thank Him for sparing their lives. Our God is mighty to save!

As God opens doors and prepares the way, Grace for Glory Ministries travels to Haiti to minister at El Shaddai and to teach and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They hold services at the El Shaddai church and in surrounding areas. They also disciple Christians through men's and women's Bible Studies, conferences and retreats. Tracts are distributed and Bibles written in French and Haitian Creole are provided. Let us continue to trust God that a great harvest of souls will be added to His Kingdom.

*In His Service,
Kathy*



Join The Worship Ministry by Marcel Murray

I started at Creekside Christian Church back in October of 2009. Since then, you who call Creekside "home" have made my transition as Worship Pastor a wonderful and rewarding experience. For that, I thank all of you. But, I need your help.

I would like to expand our worship ministries and I need some of you to step up and get involved in the worship arts. We have some wonderful volunteers at Creekside who serve alongside me every week as lead worshippers. I know there are many more of you still sitting out there who either play an instrument, sing or have the ability to help with the tech ministry. My question to you is: "What are you waiting for?"

We need your help and we need your creativity! I'd like to see our worship choir grow to at least fifty individuals. Have you ever thought about singing? Has God nudged you recently or in



the past? Are you waiting for a special invitation from me, the worship pastor?

[Well, here's your invitation!](#)

I need your help to make His praise glorious! Would you consider becoming a member of the worship ministry?

I'm already planning for Palm Sunday, Good Friday and the Resurrection Sunday Celebration! We need more voices to join us and make that day one of great celebration. I have some great choral music planned and I just need the voices to pull it off. You don't have to be perfect. You just have to be willing to make a joyful noise!

This is a great way to get involved! Not only am I looking for some willing vocalists, but I'm also in need of some more instrumentalists.



Do you play an instrument? Would you like to dust it off sometime soon? Well, I



need your help. We have wonderful people serving currently. They sometimes need a break. I don't want to burn out any of our volunteers, so with your help, we can build a team of vocalists and instrumentalists.

I'm also looking for individuals to assist with our drama ministry! Vicki Moody is an incredibly talented director of our drama ministry. We need more gifted men and women to



join her in an effort to bring the Gospel to life through drama. We're already planning a Good Friday Drama service and various dramas/skits throughout the year. Are you willing? I need your help!



Marcel Murray
Worship Minister

I also need more volunteers for the tech ministry. You know – the people who run sound, lights and



operate our computer-based software during the service. Do you have a willing, teachable

spirit? Do you have an eye for detail and a keen ear? We will train you and help you gain the confidence needed to succeed in this position. Are you willing? Are you able? I need your help!



By now, you should be getting the point that we need to step up and step into ministry. This is not the time to be on the sidelines. I need your creativity. I need you in the game! Join the wonderfully-gifted people at Creekside in making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Thanks,
Marcel

Children's Ministry Update by Debbie Freeman

It is always exciting to minister to God's kids, but things have gotten even more exciting in the past few months! We were blessed to move into the modulars this January and teachers and students alike are enjoying having extra space! Lions and Bears are also excited about their new room (in the building) and Lambs and Butterflies are hoping to become two classes as soon as we find the necessary teachers. We continue to grow numerically, so every extra inch of space is a blessing from God!



Awana makes Wednesday night exciting, and we are looking forward to competing in the Awana Games and Sparks-a-Rama on March 27th. Our teams will compete against teams from other churches. The excitement will take place at University Christian, and you're invited to come out and cheer on our kids!

May 26th will be the last Awana meeting for this year, and our awards night. Clubbers will receive awards for attendance, finishing books and other accomplishments. You are welcome to join us and see how much our clubbers have learned this past year!



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Children's Ministry Update by Debbie Freeman

Family socials continue to be a highlight for everyone! New Year's at Noon was a fun way to celebrate a new year (complete with an inflatable slide, hats, noisemakers, confetti and a countdown to noon!) and the Father-Daughter dance was a celebration of our daddies and their daughters. Look for more family socials coming soon!

Jesus said to "let the little children come to him," and we pray that is what every class and event is doing!



Debbie Freeman
Children's Minister

*In Christ's Service,
Debbie*



Ordination of New Elders January 2010



David Francis Brian Paul Mike Boe





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Sunday Service Times

9:30 am Worship, Adult and
Children's Bible Study
10:30 am Connection Time
11:00 am Worship, Young Adults and
Children's Bible Study

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Creekside's Women's Ministry
Invites You to Step into

Sweet Life Café

Where Women Savor Time With God

Join us for our Women's Retreat

Location: Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village

Date: March 19th & 20th

Cost: \$165 person (lodging, food & conference)

Visit the registration table at back of auditorium!

**"A Great Commitment to the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40)
and Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) will make a great church."**

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