

# Welcome To Creekside Community Church!

## Sermon Notes

April 6, 2008

Christianity 101: Paul's Letter to the Romans

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### Do Religious People Need Jesus?

Romans 2:17-29

## Information For Your First Time At Creekside

- Services meet on Sundays at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
- Please pick up a name tag at the Welcome Table.
- CDs of the service are available for \$3 at the sound table in the back of the room. CDs are free for first time visitors.
- Video of this weekend's service is available online at [www.creeksidecommunity.org](http://www.creeksidecommunity.org).
- Infants through fifth graders are invited to our kids' program located in the north wing of the building.
- Programs for Junior High and High Schoolers are available during the 10:30 service.
- Please join us between services for refreshments.

## Contact The Staff

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## Small Groups At Creekside

Contact the group leader to join a small group or receive information.

### Monday:

Henry and Sohini Chan: Promises of God  
(510) 639-0681  
7:00 p.m. in Oakland

Ron and Teri Arth: Matthew  
(510) 769-9567  
7:00 p.m. in San Leandro

Cambra/Assefa: Romans  
(510) 655-6220  
7:30 p.m. in San Leandro

### Tuesday:

Pat McQuillister: Women's Study  
Precept Upon Precept  
(510) 562-6297  
7:00 p.m. at Creekside

### Wednesday:

Amy Olson: Women's Study on Daniel  
(510) 357-4441  
9:30 a.m. at Creekside

Greg & Lori Arthur: Weapons of Warfare  
(510) 532-1211  
7:00 p.m. in Oakland

Bob Reinhart: Celebrate Recovery  
(510) 430-0607  
7:00 p.m. at Creekside

Dan and Toni Lewis: Living By Faith  
(925) 376-0259  
7:30 p.m. in Oakland

Jim and Deborah Palmieri: Luke  
(510) 632-2448  
7:00 p.m. in San Leandro

Craig & Laura Turner: Couples Study on  
Love & Respect  
(510) 638-1421  
6:30 p.m. in San Leandro

### Thursday:

Scott & Stacie Clausen: James  
(510) 638-8977  
6:00-8:00 p.m. in San Leandro

Katie Atwood: Women's Study on Daniel  
(510) 483-3134  
7:00 p.m. at Creekside

Nicholas/Nakayama: Genesis Part 2  
(510) 583-1743  
7:30 p.m. in Hayward

Joe & Jan Grijalva: Crown Financial  
Bible Study (510) 278-0627  
7:15 p.m. at Creekside

### Saturday:

Paul Bronner: Men's Study of Proverbs  
(925) 803-5028  
8:00 a.m. at Creekside

Jeni Engler: Women's Study  
Letter To The Corinthians  
(510) 352-8473  
7:00 a.m. in San Leandro

## This Week at Creekside

### Sunday, April 6th:

- Sunday Prayer Fellowship: Library from 8:45 -10:00 a.m. Call Judith Guerino at (510) 383 -9266.
- The Gospel According To John: Upstairs Conference Room from 9:00 -10:00 a.m. Call Bob Reinhart at (510) 430 - 0607.
- Prophecy in Judah: Upstairs Conference Room from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call Bob Knoll at (510) 614-0809 or Bruce McGregor at (510) 483-1185.
- 2 Peter: Adult Classroom from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call Russell Cull at (510) 521-1401.

### Monday, April 7th:

- Martial Arts Classes: 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 p.m. Call Chris Wallace at (510) 919-0314.

### Tuesday, April 8th:

- Adrenaline High School Group: 7:00-9:00 p.m. Call Richard Moore at (510) 430-0607.

### Wednesday, April 9th:

- Cox After School program: 1:30-4:00 p.m. Call Kathy Greer at (510) 430-0607.
- Celebrate Recovery 7:00-9:00 p.m. Call Bob Reinhart at (510) 430-0607.

### Thursday, April 10th:

- Martial Arts Awards Banquet: 6:30 p.m. Call Chris Wallace at (510) 919-0314.
- Catalyst Junior High Group: 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Call Richard Moore at (510) 430-0607.

## News and Notes

**Sunday Prayer Fellowship:** We would like to invite all our prayer partners to join us for group prayer on Sunday mornings from 8:45-10:00 a.m. in the church library. For more information, call Judith Guerino at (510) 383-9266.

**DVI Prison Ministry:** Creekside buys the Bibles given each year to more than 4,000 new inmates processed through Dueul Vocation Institution State Prison. Creekside also buys other things needed by the DVI Chaplain such as anger management workbooks, and sound equipment. To donate to the Creekside Prison Bible Fund, please call Sharon in the church office or simply write Prison Bible Fund on your check and place in the offering box.

**Celebrate Recovery Special Presentation: Wednesday, April 9th, 7:00 p.m.** SELF-EXAMINATION, ONE OF THE KEYS TO VICTORY. Celebrate Recovery offers special instruction on how to incorporate self examination into your daily devotional routine. We meet at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evening. Free childcare is provided. Call Bob for more information at (510) 430-0607.

### **Creekside Work Morning: Saturday, April 12th, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon**

Men and women are invited to join us for a work morning to take care of minor maintenance and cleaning around the building. Contact John Gilson at (510) 331-9268 or email [maintenance@creeksidecommunity.org](mailto:maintenance@creeksidecommunity.org) for further information.

### **Children's Dedication: Sunday, April 13th, 10:30 a.m.**

We will be doing a special children's dedication during second service on the 13th. of April. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, please call John Bruce at (510) 430-0607 or email [john@creeksidecommunity.org](mailto:john@creeksidecommunity.org).

### **Crave Progressive Service: Sunday, April 13th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

"What do you crave? Crave Meaning? Crave Truth? Crave Intimacy? Crave Life? Come find out what you crave. Creekside Community Church is starting a service of progressive worship for progressive people. We will serve food during the service to satisfy some of those cravings. Any questions please call Richard Moore at (510) 430-0607. No child care will be provided during this service. See you there!

### **Jones Convalescent Home: Thursday, April 17th, 10:30-11:30 a.m.**

Join the Creekside staff as we minister the clients and staff at Jones Convalescent Home through singing, games, and room visits. Call Kathy Greer (510) 430-0607.

### **Spring Serve: Saturday, April 19th, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon**

Join Creeksiders as we serve our city at the San Leandro Marina. We will be provided gloves and trash bags and work together collecting debris along the paths near the shoreline. Wear sturdy shoes. Sign up online for the Bar-B-Que following at [www.lovesanleandro.com](http://www.lovesanleandro.com) or contact Kathy Greer at (510) 430-0607.

### **Stepping Stones 5k run/1 mile walk: Saturday, April 26th, 7:30 a.m.**

Join Creeksiders and the community as we support Stepping Stones run/walk. \$30 to participate in the run/walk, or volunteer by assisting with registration, timing runners, or serving food. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a starting time of 8:30 a.m. Applications are available on the credenza under the information center in the mail lobby or go online at [www.steppingstonesgrowth.org](http://www.steppingstonesgrowth.org). Call Anthony Baca at (510) 860-2077.

### **Lunch On Us: Sunday, April 27th, Noon**

New to Creekside? Please join the Creekside staff for a relaxed and informal lunch on Sunday, April 27th at noon in the Student Center. We'd love to get to know you and for you to get to know us. Please RSVP to Sharon at (510) 430-0607 or email [Sharon@creeksidecommunity.org](mailto:Sharon@creeksidecommunity.org).

### **Singles Connection: Sunday, May 4th, at 11:45 a.m.**

Meet other singles at Creekside by joining us after second service for a bite to eat. We'll meet at 11:45 a.m. in the lobby. Call Janet at (925) 376-1745 for information.

### **Kids' Theatre Presents Cinderella: Friday & Saturday, May 9th and 10th**

The timeless fairy tale meets the magic of Disney in this adaptation of the treasured animated film. This is a wonderful show for the whole family, featuring songs, an exciting plot, and a cast of eighty talented first through fifth graders. Show times are Friday, May 9th and Saturday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 per person and children under 3 are free. Call Jenny at (510) 430-0607 to reserve your seats.

**Do Religious People Need Jesus?**

Romans 2:17-29

**Why is it hard for religious people to come to Christ?**

But if you bear the name "Jew" and rely upon the Law and boast in God, and know His will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law, and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth...

**Why do religious people need Christ?**

... you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal? You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God? For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," just as it is written. For indeed circumcision is of value if you practice the Law; but if you are a transgressor of the Law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. So if the uncircumcised man keeps the requirements of the Law, will not his uncircumcision be regarded as circumcision? And he who is physically uncircumcised, if he keeps the Law, will he not judge you who though having the letter of the Law and circumcision are a transgressor of the Law? For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh. But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God.