



# The Creek Courier

Weekly Update May 6, 2022

*Loving God*

*Learning Together*

*Leading Others to Christ*

...He said to them, "But who do you yourselves say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. Matthew 16:15-18

Dear Church,

Does the Lord ever give up on us? Of course not. He persists. He is faithful to His promise to never leave us or forsake us. Our case-in-point is Simon Peter. The apostle is often used as an example of what not to do in the Christian walk.

By all human evaluation, the Lord had every right to turn away and depart from Peter. Fact is the apostle made many mistakes; here are just a few: He took his eyes off Jesus while walking on the water and was overcome with doubt (Matthew 14:22-33). He disagreed with Jesus when He came to wash his feet (John 13:1-17). He acted impulsively when he cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in the Garden of Gethsemane (John 18:10). He denied the Lord Jesus three times on the night before our Lord went to the cross.

Although Peter made many mistakes, he has also provided us with opportunities to learn what it means to move forward in the Christian walk. He was the only disciple with enough faith to step out of the boat and mount the waves. He was not afraid to ask questions of the Lord, such as when Jesus washed his feet. While he acted impulsively in the Garden, he was the only disciple who tried to defend his Lord when He was arrested. And He was the only one of the disciples who followed the Lord after His arrest.

The point is that Jesus is continuing to build His Church on confession by faith that **He is the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

Sometimes I feel like I am prone to make many mistakes in my walk with the Lord. And then He reminds me that just like Peter He expects me to press on, to keep moving forward. There is always more to learn, and He is always faithful to help us with that.

Peter fulfilled the Lord's commission, preaching the Good News and leading many to Christ. Praise be to the Lord that He is not done with us- and just like with Peter, great plans are yet in store for us!

-Bruce

## Graduate Sunday

May 22 has been designated as Graduate Sunday. We want to honor all our graduates. So that we don't overlook anyone, please provide us with the name of your graduate by calling the church office at 252-492-6000.

LifeGroups  
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship  
10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship  
Sermon Series: What Now?

Prayer Ministry  
Sunday afternoon at 5:00  
in the Family Life Center



New Sandy Creek will host a two hour seminar for grieving spouses May 10 from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Family Life Center.

The seminar entitled "Loss of Spouse" gives information and practical ideas to grieving spouses as they navigate through their journey of grief.

This is free and open to the community.

To register call William Burnette (919-339-7160) or Eva Lassiter (252-430-9579).

## Scholarship Applications Due by June 1

Scholarships are available for our students who are graduating high school and planning on continuing their education at the college level as well as for our students continuing their college studies for the 2022-23 school year.

To start the process you will need to request and complete a Scholarship Application. Please contact Mrs. Betty Blue to make arrangements for obtaining an application. Betty can be reached at 252.492.0395.

This year's VBS, "Make Waves" will be Sunday, June 5 - Wednesday, June 8 from 6 to 8:30 each night. Dinner will be served nightly at 6. June 8 will be the VBS wrap up and Family Night. You can register and volunteer at [www.myvbs.org/newsandycreek](http://www.myvbs.org/newsandycreek). Registration and volunteer forms are also available in the foyer of the Family Life Center. There are also informational postcards for you to pick up and share with friends and family.

Pastors Tim and Josh and your deacons are available to help with any needs you might have.

On-call deacon for the next week is Lupe DeLeon.

Lupe can be reached at 956-376-0532.

Pastor Tim can be reached at 252-432-6780.

Pastor Josh can be reached at 919-606-0537.