



The Creek Courier

Weekly Update February 26, 2021

Loving God

Learning Together

Leading Others to Christ

Dear Church,

With all power and authority to reign over His church, Christ our Lord is amazingly original in the way He works in each of us.

Our calling therefore is to follow the Lord, with our only goal being that of keeping our eyes on Him and our ears open to what He wants to do with us individually.

Jesus made it clear that comparisons and jealousy are irrelevant with these words:

"If I want him to remain until I come," Jesus answered, "what is that to you? As for you, follow me." John 21:22

We all know this story. Jesus had just given Peter a direct challenge to feed and tend His sheep. Peter saw John standing nearby. *"What about him? Don't You have something to say to him?"* In no uncertain terms the Lord quickly let Peter know that it was not his business. Peter's concern, just as it should be ours, was to fulfill the Lord's individual, specific plan for Peter.

We have a worthy example of this in the person of Andrew, Peter's brother. Recall that Andrew was one of the two who initially followed Jesus. And in fact Andrew is the one who brought Peter to Jesus.

The foursome of Andrew, Peter, James and John are considered to be the Lord's 'inner circle.' Of the four, Andrew is undoubtedly the least conspicuous, while Peter was the most conspicuous. In such situations it is not uncommon to find resentment and strong sibling rivalry. And yet we see none of that in Andrew.

While Andrew is not frequently mentioned in Scripture, everything we know about him shows that he had the right heart for effective ministry—in the background. He never sought to be the center of attention, nor did he resent those who were more visible. He was evidently satisfied to do what he could with his calling from the Lord.

Needless to say, putting our attention on others gifts, opportunities and successes breaks our focus on the Lord and distracts from His mission for us. It causes self-centered competition and ultimately division.

The best approach is to rest in the wonderful assurance that the Lord is up to something uniquely special in each of us. May we rejoice in His strategy for us personally rather than being distracted by comparisons with others.

-Bruce

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 Gordon Wilder.

Gordon can be reached at 252-432-2441.

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

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

Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m.

In-person

Face Coverings Required

Drive-In

FM 107.5

Facebook Live

[New Sandy Creek](#)

Believers' Baptism and Lord's Supper

We will be celebrating Believers' Baptism and the Lord's Supper on March 7th. If you would like more information about baptism please contact Pastor Tim or call our church office.

GriefShare

A 13 week series of GriefShare will begin on Monday, March 15 at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center. This ministry offers help and encouragement after the death of a loved one, whether the death is recent or years in the past.

The sessions are 2 hours long each week and free to the public. We will be adhering to all Covid-19 protocols.

If you or someone you know is interested please contact William Burnette at 919-339-7160 or Eva Lassiter at 252-430-9579 to pre-register.

**Drive-Thru Wedding Shower
Honoring Kaylan Hoyle and Zach Holt
Sunday Afternoon from 2-3:30pm
Family Life Center parking lot**

Kaylan and Zach are registered with Amazon, Target, and Belk.

**Churchwide LifeGroup
Sunday mornings 9:30–10:15
In-person in the sanctuary
or Facebook livestream.**

**Wednesday Night Activities
6:15 Student Ministry
6:30 Children's Ministries
Adult Bible Study
Face coverings required.**