



# The Creek Courier

Weekly Update August 8, 2020

*Loving God*

*Learning Together*

*Leading Others to Christ*

Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m.

In-person

Face Coverings Required

Drive-In

FM 107.5

Facebook Live

[New Sandy Creek](#)

**Deacon Elections will be held August 30**

**The following men have agreed to serve if elected:**

Doc Ayscue

Blane Duncan

Sammy Franklin

Elliott Fuller

Donald Hoyle

Ken Patterson

**Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study**

**Resumes Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30**

**Meeting in Larry Johnson's LifeGroup Classroom**

**Family Life Center**

**The 2020-2021 Nominating Committee Report is available in the Family Life Center Lobby. A copy has been made for each family. We will vote on the Nominating Committee Report on August 30.**

**Churchwide LifeGroup**

**Sunday at 7:30 p.m.**

**Facebook Livestream**

**New Sandy Creek Facebook Page**

**Pastor Tim and your deacons are available to help with any needs you might have. On-call deacon for the next week is Bruce Franklin.**

**Bruce can be reached at 252-432-6816.**

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

Church Family,

As we continue to navigate the troubled waters of this pandemic and the ongoing civil unrest in our country, it would be easy to lose hope. Reflecting on that during a recent morning quiet time, I recalled these famous words from Moses as Joshua was about to take his place of leadership: ***"Be strong and courageous; don't be terrified or afraid of them. For the Lord your God is the one who will go with you; he will not leave you or abandon you."*** Deuteronomy 31:6.

Granted we're not facing the physical enemies that the Israelites faced going into the Promised Land, but our enemies of virus and civil disobedience require the same kind of strength and courage.

The story is told of a family whose house caught fire. As each parent tried to grab a few belongings and a child's hand to get out of the house as quickly as possible, the little daughter who was holding her dad's hand, broke free from his grip and ran upstairs to get her teddy bear. However, when trying to come down again, she found that she was trapped by the enveloping flames. She then ran to the upstairs window and shouted for her dad's help. The father shouted back to her 'jump down honey, I will catch you.' However, since she couldn't see her father clearly through the smoke, the little girl cried, 'I'm scared to jump Daddy, I can't see you.' Her father replied, 'don't worry honey, you just jump. I'm right under you and I will catch you. Although you can't see me, I can see you.'

Just like that smoke the little girl encountered, sometimes the struggles of life block our view of the Lord, but we can trust that He sees us at all times. And He will never leave us or abandon us.

Because of the Lord's faithfulness to us, we are assured of a future and a hope, even in the midst of our present-day turmoil.

***"For I know the plans I have for you"—this is the Lord's declaration—"plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*** Jeremiah 29:11.

Due to their sin, the northern tribes of Israel were exiled to Syria, and later the two southern tribes were exiled to Babylon. In the midst of their sorrow and suffering, through His prophet Jeremiah the Lord sent the people a message of a future and a hope. In spite of their sins, this is how God thought of His chosen people. David Jeremiah says 'God thought that way because God is that way.'

I am confident that we can apply that same verse to ourselves. Why? Because it reflects His character—He is a God of mercy and grace.

He is our God of a hopeful future; let's not let the things going on around us today stand in the way of embracing His love for us.

-Bruce