



Dear Church Family,



Fall is such an exciting time in Texas! School begins, cooler weather rolls in, and the crack of football pads can be heard all over the state, from neighborhood rec fields to school campuses, and even at AT&T Stadium. I love fall! Another thing to get excited and motivated about is the kickoff of our fall ministries and events.

Cottonwood's fall schedule has something for everyone to get involved in to grow in their faith no matter where you are in your relationship with Christ. Students have to study to learn the material to pass the test and move on to the next grade. Athletes have to train and practice the fundamentals to become better, faster, and stronger with the skills needed to compete and win. Likewise as Christians, we need to train ourselves in the things of the Lord so that we can stand strong when we go through life's trials and so that we can faithfully minister to others in Jesus' name.

1 Timothy 4:7-10 gives us something to think about and follow regarding this...

"Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe."

As a church, let's all seek to be involved in some fall ministries and events to receive training in godliness. Let's grow and develop our faith this fall because of the blessed hope we have in Christ. Let's encourage one other as we labor and strive for the Lord's sake realizing that what we do holds promise not only for the present but for all eternity. My prayer is that this fall would be a time that we can truly grow deeper in our relationship with Christ and be faithful ministers and witnesses for Him in our communities, places of work, schools, sports teams, and homes.

Blessings,

John Mark

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TEXTING

Bible Verse

Get a daily Bible verse delivered directly to your phone.

Text **CCVERSE** to **77978** to follow along with our church-wide reading plan.

Giving

Giving has never been easier. Text **GIVE** to **77978** and you will be able to give right from your phone.

Connect to a Ministry

Stay connected with ministries at Cottonwood Creek through text updates. Send these keywords to **77978** to subscribe to our ministries:

Children's Ministry
CREEKIDS

Student Ministry (6th - 8th Grade)
CSM1

Student Ministry (9th - 12th Grade)
CSM2

Celebrate Recovery
CCCR

Worship & Arts
WORSHIPARTS

On Mission
ONMISSION

Women's Ministry
WOMEN

Men's Ministry
CCMEN



CHURCH-WIDE

Worship Service Times

Sundays at 9:30a, 11:00a and 6:15p
Fall Sermon Series: #RelationshipGoals, Pursuing biblical relationships in an unfriending world.
cottonwoodcreek.org/allen-campus

Midweek Worship (NEW)

Wednesdays, Starting September 7, 6:30p, Atrium
cottonwoodcreek.org/midweek

Membership Workshop

3rd Sunday of Every Month
9:30a - 12:00p, C128
Learn what we believe, who we are as a church body and how you can become a part. RSVP required. Register online. Breakfast provided.
cottonwoodcreek.org/membership-workshop

Prayer Service

Tuesdays, 7:00p, B126
Join us as we pray for those in need.
cottonwoodcreek.org/prayer-service

Baptism Sunday

Last Sunday of Every Month, 9:30a and 11:00a
If you've received Jesus as Savior and would like to follow in believer's baptism, visit us online for details and to schedule a baptism.
cottonwoodcreek.org/baptism

CONNECTIONS

Reach

1st Sunday of Every Month
Help us reach out and welcome visitors by delivering a welcome bag.
cottonwoodcreek.org/outreach

FAITH@HOME

One Way Class

Wednesdays (August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 14), 6:30p, A202
A class for kids who have accepted Jesus as Savior or have questions about salvation and baptism.
cottonwoodcreek.org/one-way



CHILDREN

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 29, 4:00p - 7:00p

Join us for this fun packed event! There will be game trucks, inflatables, carnival games, food trucks, and lots of candy!

cottonwoodcreek.org/fall-festival

AWANA

(3 years old (by 9/1/16 and potty-trained) - 12th Grade)

Sundays, Starting August 28, 4:00p

AWANA is a scripture-based program that partners with families to help children and youth learn to build a personal relationship with Christ through scripture memory, large group lessons and fun games.

cottonwoodcreek.org/awana

Creek Kids Praise

Wednesdays, Starting September 7

Preschool: 6:30p - 7:30p

Elementary: 6:30p - 8:30p

Creek Kids Praise is a place for children to grow in their faith as they sing, play instruments, and learn about God's love. Children, 3 years old - 5th grade, are taught scripture verses and characteristics of Jesus through songs.

cottonwoodcreek.org/ckpraise

Crazy Hair Day

Sunday, August 28, 9:30a & 11:00a

Come prepared to show off your crazy hair!

cottonwoodcreek.org/crazy-hair

Souper Hero Sunday

Sunday, October 30, 9:30a & 11:00a

Get ready for a fun, exciting Sunday. Dress up as a super hero, and bring a can of soup for our mission project!

cottonwoodcreek.org/hero-sunday

Parent/Child Dedication Class

Wednesday, November 30, 6:30p, A202

Sunday, December 4, 11:00a, A228

Commit to raise your child in a God-honoring home. Learn more about what it means to have your child dedicated during this class. Parents must attend this class in order to participate in the December 11 Dedication Service.

cottonwoodcreek.org/child-dedication

Parent/Child Dedication Service

Sunday, December 11, 9:30a & 11:00a, Worship Center

During our Dedication Service, the church commits to walking alongside you as you point your child towards Christ.

cottonwoodcreek.org/child-dedication

KID CARE

Kid Care Fair

Tuesday, September 6, 5:30p - 7:30p, The Courts

Come shop at our vendor fair that will have lots of great products and services offered!

cottonwoodcreek.org/kidcarefair

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cottonwoodcreek.org/fall-festival





STUDENTS

Sunday Morning Service (6th - 12th Grade)

Sundays, The Courts
Middle School - 9:30a - 10:45a
High School - 11:00a - 12:15p
Gather with other students to hear the Word of God taught, to pray, and to sing praises to the Lord.
cottonwoodcreek.org/csm

Sunday Morning Theology Class (6th - 12th Grade)

Sundays, B118
High School - 9:30a - 10:45a
Middle School - 11:00a - 12:15p
It is our hope that through these classes students will learn how to study the Bible, gain a desire to read the Word of God, and develop their theology.
cottonwoodcreek.org/csm-theology

High School Home Groups (9th - 12th Grade)

Wednesdays, Starting August 31, 6:30p - 8:00p, Area Homes
CSM Home Groups exist to glorify God by living in biblical community for the purpose of cultivating Christ-centered disciples.
cottonwoodcreek.org/csmhg

Middle School Small Groups (6th - 8th Grade)

Wednesdays, Starting August 31, 6:30p - 7:30p, The Courts
CSM Small Groups exist to glorify God by living in biblical community for the purpose of cultivating Christ-centered disciples. This fall, Middle School groups will begin meeting on campus each week instead of in homes.
cottonwoodcreek.org/csmsg

Middle School FLEX (6th - 8th Grade)

Wednesdays, Starting August 31, 5:30p - 6:30p, The Courts
Come hang out with us in the Courts each week before Small Groups to play games, fellowship, and build relationships with others!
cottonwoodcreek.org/ms-flex

High School FLEX (9th - 12th Grade)

Sundays, Once/Month, Starting September 11 6:30p - 8:00p, The Courts
Come hang out with us in the Courts on the first Sunday of the month (generally) to play games, fellowship, and build relationships with other students and the staff!
cottonwoodcreek.org/hs-flex

Senior Retreat (12th Grade)

September 4 - 5, 12:30p - 11:00a, \$20
Senior Retreat is an overnight retreat to spend personal time with our seniors, encourage them in their identity in Christ, and challenge them to grow in their faith.
cottonwoodcreek.org/senior-retreat



LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups@Church

Sundays at 8:30a, 9:30a, 11:00a
Visit us online to find a Life Group@Church.
cottonwoodcreek.org/lifegroups

Life Groups@Home

Life Groups that meet in area homes during the week.
Visit us online to find a Life Group@Home.
cottonwoodcreek.org/lifegroups

Sunday Night Life Group

Sunday, September 18, 4:15p, B126
A non-traditional Life Group that meets during the Awana and teen ministry. The group begins with a study that covers what it means to have healthy biblical relationships.
cottonwoodcreek.org/lifegroups

Host Interest Dinner

Wednesday, August 24, 6:30p, Atrium
If you are interested in possibly hosting a Life Group@Home at your house, please join us for dinner. We will be serving beef and chicken fajitas. Please register online.
cottonwoodcreek.org/host

Taste of Cottonwood

Sunday, September 11, 12:15p, Cottonwood Creek Campus
Need a Life Group? Come check out all our adult life groups and sample their favorite dishes.
cottonwoodcreek.org/taste-of-cottonwood

Families in the Trenches: Keeping a God-Centered Heart for the SportsCenter Family (5 weeks)

Wednesdays, Starting September 14, 6:30p, A224
For families desiring ways to increase faith, discipleship and balance in the sports-crazed culture.
cottonwoodcreek.org/trenches

Love & Respect Marriage Class

Sundays Starting October 2, 4:00p A238
Whether your marriage is good, great or on the rocks, join us in learning how to understand your spouse.

Adult 1 Thanksgiving Fiesta

Saturday, November 19, 5:00p - 7:00p, A234
Join us for a time of food and games as we celebrate Thanksgiving fiesta style. Childcare provided for 12 yrs & under.
cottonwoodcreek.org/thanksgiving-fiesta



WOMEN

Entrusted by Beth Moore

Sundays, Starting September 11, 6:30p - 8:00p, A200
In this 6-session Bible study, Beth will encourage women to guard what God has entrusted to them, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and mentor younger generations of women just as Paul disciplined Timothy.
cottonwoodcreek.org/womens-bible-studies

Sacred Secrets by Beth Moore

Tuesdays, Starting September 13, 6:30p - 8:00p, C128
Jesus wants to spend secret time with you—an interior relationship that's unique to just you two. Sacred Secrets is the new 6-session study from Beth Moore that explores the theology of secrets.
cottonwoodcreek.org/womens-bible-studies

Precept upon Precept Acts Part 1: Jesus' Witnesses, Empowered by His Holy Spirit

Thursdays, Starting September 15, 6:30p - 8:30p, A200
Learn how God spread the gospel through witnesses of Jesus' death and resurrection, and from their examples, how you too can witness to others.
cottonwoodcreek.org/womens-bible-studies

1 Peter: A Living Hope In Christ by Jen Wilkin

Thursdays, Starting September 15, 9:30a - 11:30a, B126
Our inheritance through Christ is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. In 1 Peter, a man of faith and flaws and eyewitness to the life of Christ challenges us to look beyond our current circumstances to a future inheritance.
cottonwoodcreek.org/womens-bible-studies

Looking for Lovely by Annie Downs

Tuesdays, Starting September 13, 9:30a - 11:30a, A200
This study examines the ordinary people of the Bible – fishermen, gardeners, women, soldiers – to reveal the moments they found beauty in the darkest circumstances and hope in God's timing. Childcare provided.
cottonwoodcreek.org/womens-bible-studies

Fresh Spirit for Moms

2nd & 4th Friday of Every Month
Starting September 9, 9:30a - 11:30a, A234
This is a ministry designed to give moms of all ages an opportunity to connect with each other and take a break from the busyness of motherhood.
cottonwoodcreek.org/freshspirit

Circle of Friends Book Club

2nd Monday of Every Month, Starting September 12
6:30p - 8:00p, B124
Read and discuss a highlighted book each month.
cottonwoodcreek.org/bookclub

Chonda Pierce

Saturday, October 8, 6:00p
Chonda Pierce is an Emmy-nominated and best-selling clean comedian often billed as "The Queen of Clean." She is the RIAA's most-awarded female comic in history and she is coming to Cottonwood. Tickets are available at the Church Office for \$25.
cottonwoodcreek.org/chonda

Christmas Market

Wednesday, November 30, 10:00a - 7:00p, Atrium
Thursday, December 1, 9:00a - 3:00p, Atrium
Browse a variety of vendors with clothing, home décor, jewelry, candles, handmade crafts, food, gifts, etc.
cottonwoodcreek.org/christmas-market



MEN

Pastor's Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays, 6:00a, A234
Come study the Bible with other men and the Pastor.
cottonwoodcreek.org/pastors-study

Iron Men of God Info Meeting

August 21 and 28, 12:30p, A203
An intentional men's discipleship ministry that changes the habits and spiritual discipline of men to influence the world around them in a godly way.
ironmenofgod.org

Men's Spiritual Leadership Class (7 weeks)

Wednesdays Starting September 21 at 7:00p, A200
A study of what it means for a husband to be the spiritual head of his household. We will examine what the Bible has to say and also practical tips for carrying out this important role.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 5, 7:00a, Atrium
Join us for a great time of food, fun and fellowship.
cottonwoodcreek.org/mens-breakfast

SINGLES

Home Group (Singles 2, 35+)

Weekly, Area Homes
This is a place where we can grow in our relationship to God and others. Call 972.359.7777 x3010 for locations.

Life Group Lunch (Singles 2, 35+)

Every Sunday, 12:30p
Come and enjoy fellowship with those in our Life Group as we go out to lunch together after Life Group.

Young Adult Life Group (Singles 1, 18 - 30 years old)

Every Sunday, 11:00a, B116
A young adult community who embrace the gospel and the empowerment of God in our lives.

SENIOR ADULTS

JOYUS Luncheon

2nd Tuesday of Every Month, 11:30a, Atrium
Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.
cottonwoodcreek.org/joyus





MISSIONS

Orphan Sunday - Sanctity of Life

Sunday, November 6, 9:30a & 11:00a
Cottonwood Creek Church cares for the fatherless and the unborn. Every life matters to God, and on this Sunday, our church intentionally focuses the value of human life! Look for an opportunity to learn about what Cottonwood Creek is doing with our WOVEN Orphan Care Ministry to care for those in need in our area.

Mission of the Month

September: Cottonwood Can

We will be hosting a canned food drive to help restock the McKinney Food Pantry and the Allen Community Outreach (ACO) food pantry. McKinney is in need of 15 ounce cans of fruit. ACO is in need of 15 ounce cans of vegetables, fruit and meat. 4,000 cans are given away each month!

October: Fall Festival

Saturday, October 29

We host a community outreach for children which includes games, bounce houses, food trucks, and many other fun activities. We will need 300 volunteers to work in 1 hour shifts from 3:00p - 8:00p. 1,000,000 pieces of candy are needed for the event. If each member could bring 5 bags of candy, we could meet our goal.

November: The Gift Sunday

Sunday, November 13

This is an annual church-wide mission event. We will be packing 150,000 meals and making 20,000 seed packs. We will also have Carter Blood Care on campus, ponytail donations, Operation Christmas Child Box delivery, and Angel Tree families available to adopt for Christmas! Please make plans for you to worship and serve together with your family.

December: Operation Care Dallas

Saturday, December 17, 8:00a - 3:00p

Christmas Party for Jesus and Coat Drive - 25,000 homeless and impoverished families will participate this year and we need your help! You will be able to sign up on the website to volunteer to help in many areas at the event. In addition, Cottonwood Creek has been asked to collect new and slightly used coats to help our homeless this Christmas season.

cottonwoodcreek.org/mission-of-the-month

2016 Short Term Mission Trips

Men's Mexico Mission Trip

October 22 - 27, Chiapas, Mexico

Partnering with Missionary Larry Myers of Mexico Ministries, we will be taking a group of guys up into the mountain village of Chinalhó to construct a church building for an established congregation to be able to gather and worship. This is a great opportunity to share the love of Christ with the indigenous people in southern Mexico.

cottonwoodcreek.org/mexico



WORSHIP AND ARTS

Worship Choir Rehearsal (High School - Adults)

Wednesdays, (September 7 & 28, November 2 & 30)

7:30p - 8:30p, Mission Wall in the Atrium

Rehearsal to prepare to lead worship.

cottonwoodcreek.org/worship-choir

Night of Worship

Sunday, September 11, 6:15p, Worship Center

Join us as we seek to let the Lord move through music, prayer, scripture and testimony from summer mission trips, camps and more. Children, youth and adults all encouraged to attend.

cottonwoodcreek.org/night-of-worship

Thanksgiving Worship Sunday

Sunday, November 20, 9:30a & 11:00a

With a grateful heart, Cottonwood Creek Church sets aside Thanksgiving Sunday to give thanks for all the Lord has done in the past, what the Lord is doing currently and what He has in store for us in the year to come. We will take the Lord's supper together as a community on this day as well.

Worship & Arts Band/Vocal Team

Do you play an instrument or sing? We would love to talk to you! Email worship@cottonwoodcreek.org to start the conversation.

cottonwoodcreek.org/worship-volunteers

Tech Arts Team

We continue to seek volunteers to join our Technical Arts Ministry. Email Chris Crawford at: chris.crawford@cottonwoodcreek.org to schedule a training. cottonwoodcreek.org/techarts

Cottonwood Creek School of Fine Arts

All ages of students are welcome! Drums, piano, vocal and guitar lessons available. Check out details on our website: cottonwoodcreek.org/finearts

School of Fine Arts Student Showcase

Saturday, December 3

CCSFA students deliver performance pieces in a group learning environment.



SPORTS

CCSA Club Volleyball Tryouts

11U,12U, 13U – September 24, 8:00a

14U-15U – October 1, 8:00a

16U – October 8, 8:00a

Club tryouts for CCSA tournament and league teams.

cottonwoodcreeksports.org

CCSA Volleyball Skills and Pre-Tryout Clinics

August 22 - November 7

Work on improving your game through skills development.

For ages 10 -16. See our website for details.

cottonwoodcreeksports.org

CCSA Fall Basketball Team (4th - 9th Grade)

August 26 - November 1

Compete with CCSA in local leagues to grow in the game and reach other families.

cottonwoodcreeksports.org

CCSA Fall Basketball Skills (3rd - 6th Grade)

September - November

Work on fundamentals to develop a better game. See our website for details.

cottonwoodcreeksports.org

2:52 Saturday Basketball League (Kindergarten - 5th Grade)

Saturdays, December 3 - February 18

2:52 Basketball brings practice and games all to one day, helping busy families keep life simple and fun!

cottonwoodcreeksports.org

CCSA Fall Club Prep Volleyball

Saturdays, August - October

3rd - 6th Grade - Recreational Teams

5th - 6th Grade - Competitive Teams

Prepare to play your best volleyball by training with a CCSA coach and team!

cottonwoodcreeksports.org

Adult Sports

Adult leagues available: basketball, softball, soccer, bootcamp and volleyball.

cottonwoodcreeksports.org



CARE GROUPS

Cancer Support Monthly Meeting

First Sunday of Every Month, 7:00p, C128

Our Cancer Care Ministry seeks to offer God's hope and love through spiritual, emotional and practical support for cancer patients and their families facing the challenges associated with every type of cancer.

cottonwoodcreek.org/cancer-care

Celebrate Recovery

Mondays, 6:45p, A234

Celebrate Recovery (CR) is a biblical program that helps us overcome any hurts, hang-ups and habits with which we all struggle. It is based on the actual words and loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process.

cottonwoodcreek.org/cr

CR Step Studies for Men and Women

These support groups begin at various dates during the semester. To join, please email

ryan.koesel@cottonwoodcreek.org.

cottonwoodcreek.org/cr

DivorceCare

Wednesdays, Starting September 14, 6:30p

B122/124

A group who walks alongside you during one of life's most difficult experiences.

cottonwoodcreek.org/divorce-care

DivorceCare4Kids

Wednesdays, Starting September 14, 6:30p, A125

DivorceCare for Kids, provides a safe, fun place to move forward.

cottonwoodcreek.org/divorce-care-4kids

GriefShare

Wednesdays, Starting September 14, 6:30p, B118

Struggling with a loss? GriefShare is a special support group designed for you.

cottonwoodcreek.org/grief-share

Single & Parenting

Wednesdays, Starting September 14, 6:30p, B116

Share tips and parenting wisdom that will help you find hope and encouragement.

cottonwoodcreek.org/single-parenting

Stephen Ministry Training

Wednesdays, Starting September 14, 6:30p, C128

Our Stephen Ministry is a program that equips lay persons to provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals who face times of personal difficulty.

cottonwoodcreek.org/stephen-ministry



Christmas at Cottonwood Creek

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Saturday, December 24, 1:00p, 3:00p, 5:00p & 7:00p
 Christmas Eve Service at Cottonwood Creek Church is one of the most anticipated worship times throughout the year. We sing Christmas Carols, have Children's Story Time, Candle Lighting and much more.

Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday, December 25, 11:00a
 Yes, worship as a family on Christmas morning as we celebrate the new born King - JESUS!

Fall 2016

AUGUST

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Upcoming Events

AUGUST

August 21
 Promotion Sunday

August 24
 Life Group@Home Interest Dinner

August 28
 AWANA Begins

SEPTEMBER

September 7
 Midweek at the Creek Begins: Midweek Worship, Middle School Flex, Middle School Small Groups, High School Home Groups, Creek Kids Praise

September 11
 Taste of Cottonwood Night of Worship

September 14
 Care Groups Begin

September 18
 Fall Series Begins

OCTOBER
October 8
 Chonda Pierce Event

October 22
 Men's Mexico Mission Trip Departs

October 29
 Fall Festival

NOVEMBER

November 5
 Men's Breakfast

November 13
 The Gift

November 24
 Happy Thanksgiving

DECEMBER
December 24
 Christmas Eve Services

December 25
 Christmas Day Service



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