



# COTTONWOOD CREEK

JANUARY 2018 · MONTHLY GUIDE

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## MINISTRIES

Learn more about the ministries that make up Cottonwood Creek Church

## EVENTS

A full calendar of events for all stages of life

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Dig into new resources that will help you in your spiritual walk

THIS MONTH:

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STUDENT  
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"YOU ARE THE PEOPLE OF GOD; HE LOVED YOU AND CHOSE YOU FOR HIS OWN." - COLOSSIANS 3:12

a note from  
**PASTOR JOHN MARK**

Church Family,

Happy New Year! With so many blessings coming out of 2017, I look forward to seeing what God does in 2018. We have many exciting events and things happening in our different ministries coming up this year. Throughout this monthly guide are the details of everything going on at Cottonwood Creek.

Some of the big things we are looking forward to are:

**OUR BRAND NEW SERMON SERIES:**

**THIS IS REAL LIFE**

**OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH**

**BEGINS ON JANUARY 6**

**DNOW FOR OUR STUDENTS**

**JANUARY 12 – 14**

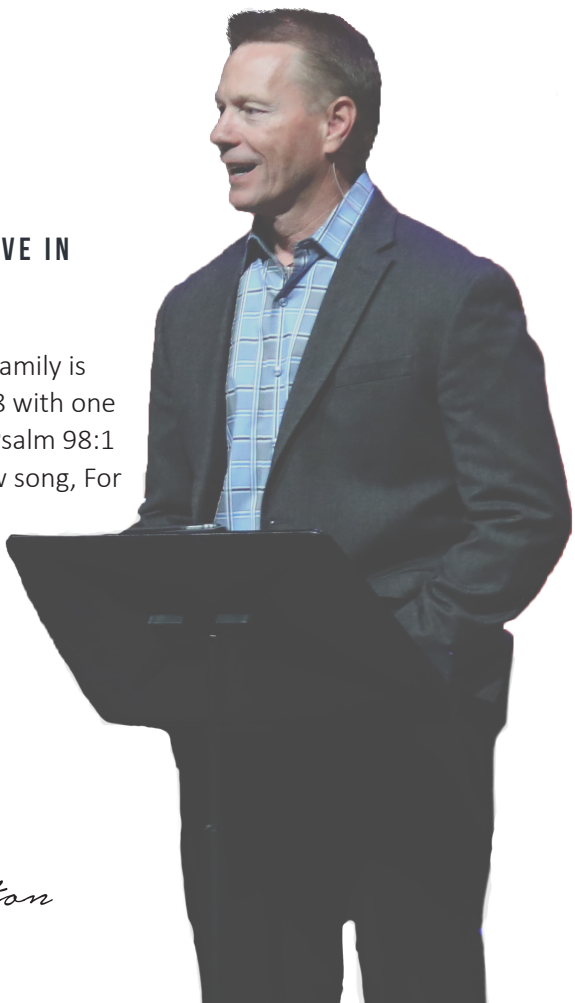
**STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN LIVE IN**

**CONCERT ON FEBRUARY 3**

My prayer for the Cottonwood family is that we move forward into 2018 with one goal: bringing glory to God. As Psalm 98:1 states, "O sing to the Lord a new song, For He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him."

May you always look to God throughout this new year.

*John Mark Caton*



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# CREEK KIDS

**PRESCHOOL** (birth - kinder) Sundays 9:30a & 11:00a  
Saturdays 5:00p

**ELEMENTARY** (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>) Sundays 9:30a & 11:00a  
Saturdays 5:00p

BUT JESUS SAID, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME AND DO NOT HINDER THEM,  
FOR TO SUCH BELONGS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN." MATTHEW 19:14





## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES LOVE OUR CREEK KIDS MINISTRY.

Just ask them! We would love to have your kids join us. Children of all ages can come interact and fellowship with others their own age while learning about the Lord. They will be introduced to Biblical principles and taught how to walk through life pursuing God. Our mission is to love, serve, and reach families to help lead the next generation to real faith in Christ.

### AWANA

JANUARY 7 - MAY 6

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/AWANA](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/AWANA)

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.

### CREEK KIDS PRAISE

JANUARY 10 - MAY 16

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/CKPRAISE](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/CKPRAISE)

A place for children to grow in their faith as they sing, play instruments, and learn about God's love. Children are taught scripture verses and characteristics of Jesus through songs.

### LIL' PRAISE

JANUARY 10 - MAY 16

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/LIL-PRAISE](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/LIL-PRAISE)

A place for your preschooler to learn how to praise Jesus in a fun filled environment!

## MORE FOR KIDS AT COTTONWOOD CREEK...

# SAVE THE DATE



**VBS** (3 years old - 5<sup>th</sup> grade)

**JUNE 11 - 14**

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/VBS](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/VBS)

At Vacation Bible School, your child will play fun games, meet new friends, and have the chance to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. Registration begins this spring! Three year olds must turn three by June 11, 2018 and be fully potty trained.

**K-2 KA-BOOM** (K - 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**JUNE 22 - 23**

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/K2KABOOM](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/K2KABOOM)

Optional overnight camp and a great first camp experience here at Cottonwood Creek Church. Church Registration begins Sunday, February 4.

**KIDZ @ KAMP** (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>)

**JULY 12 - 16**

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/KIDZKAMP](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/KIDZKAMP)

One day only Early Bird pricing: Sunday, February 4, \$350  
Regular pricing: Beginning March 31, \$380





## ENROLL IN OUR KID CARE WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL MINISTRY!

### AGES: 6 MONTHS - TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

At Kid Care, children will be provided with quality, loving care as well as Biblical and early education principles, all in a fun atmosphere. Our mission is to support growing families by providing a safe, secure, and loving environment for children to grow in the love of Christ through preschool experiences.

### REGISTRATION FOR COTTONWOOD CREEK CHURCH MEMBERS: JANUARY 31, 2018, 10:00A – 1:00P

Cottonwood Creek Church members (as of Dec 31, 2017) will have the opportunity to register their preschoolers for the 2018-2019 Kid Care school year. Registration for the public opens February 1 at 10:00a.

**KIDCAREPRESCHOOL.COM**





# STUDENT MINISTRY

## 6TH - 8TH GRADE

Sundays, 9:30a, Worship in The Courts  
11:00a, Theology Class, GPC

## 9TH - 12TH GRADE

Sundays, 9:30a, Theology Class, GPC  
11:00a, Worship in The Courts

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/STUDENTS](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/STUDENTS)

# CREEK STUDENT MINISTRY

## OUR MISSION IS TO LOVE GOD AND LOVE PEOPLE

It is our prayer for our students that they would be transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they would count others more significant than themselves, they would participate in the expansion of the Kingdom of God, and they would continually grow in their faith and identity in Christ.

## UPCOMING STUDENT EVENTS AT COTTONWOOD CREEK CHURCH

**DNOW** (6th - 12th)

**JANUARY 12 - 14**

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/DNOW](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/DNOW)

Disciple Now is an overnight local retreat for CSM students. Together, they will have the opportunity to spend the weekend together in worship services, community, and games.

**RETHINK**

**MARCH 2 - 3**

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/RETHINK](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/RETHINK)

reTHINK Apologetics Conference is for students from junior high, up through college. At this conference, students will learn to rethink their worldview, recapture the truth, and then reengage the world for the cause of Christ.

**6TH - 8TH GRADE  
WEDNESDAYS 5:30P  
THE COURTS**

**9TH - 12TH GRADE  
WEDNESDAYS 6:30P  
AREA HOMES**

## HOME + SMALL GROUPS

Our home and small groups give students the opportunity to fellowship one another outside of Sunday mornings. They are also instilled with Biblical teachings.



## COLLEGE MINISTRY

**OUR COLLEGE MINISTRY OFFERS A FUN, POSITIVE, AND ENCOURAGING ATMOSPHERE FOR THOSE WHO ARE JUST STARTING TO STEP OUT INTO THE COLLEGE WORLD OR WORKFORCE.**

From Life Groups and Home Groups, to fun activities such as camping, sports, movie and game nights and more, our College Ministry is all about building community and having a good time. Grow in your faith with the Lord through community, service, fellowship and time spent with other young adults.

**LIFE GROUP**

**SUNDAYS, 11:00A, A238**

Come join us in Life Group to fellowship with other students and young adults for some coffee and conversation.



# FAITH @HOME

## EXERCISING YOUR FAITH AT HOME IS IMPORTANT TO A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD AND WITH OTHERS.

Through Faith@Home, you will see how to keep that spiritual maturity growing. Recommended books, websites, and contacts are provided for a variety of specific family situations like grief, preparing for a baby, empty-nesters, addiction, single and engaged couples.

**COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/FAITHATHOME**

### ONE WAY CLASS

A class for K - 5<sup>th</sup> graders who have received Jesus Christ as Savior or have questions. This class is a prerequisite to child baptism.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 6:30P, A205**

**COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/ONEWAY**

## MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR  
THE **JANUARY 21** WORKSHOP  
9:30A-12:00P, GAME PLAN CENTER

If you're thinking about becoming a part of the Cottonwood Family, or if you have questions about Cottonwood Creek, register for the next Membership Workshop. Breakfast and childcare provided.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR  
FEBRUARY WORKSHOP

**COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/  
MEMBERSHIPWORKSHOP**

FINANCIAL *Peace*  
UNIVERSITY

beginning  
**January 7**

This class will teach you to take control of your money, invest for the future, and give like never before.

9-week course, held on Sundays from 4:15p - 5:45p in the Worship Center Atrium

**\$93** for Financial Peace University kit per person/couple.

Register and purchase FPU kit online, they will be shipped from DaveRamsey.com and will go directly to your mailing address.

For childcare, please contact:  
kylee.schobey@cottonwoodcreek.org  
before the class.

**COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/FPU**



**SPORTS**

## **OUR PURPOSE AT COTTONWOOD CREEK SPORTS IS TO BRING GLORY TO GOD BY SHOWING KIDS AND ADULTS HOW ATHLETICS IS A WAY TO EXPRESS WORSHIP.**

CSSA staff and coaches strive to do their very best to live by a higher standard and to be an example to players and families. We believe things like integrity, hard work, teamwork, and character are integral to the development of not only the athlete, but also the heart behind the jersey. We offer year-round competitive and recreational programming in indoor volleyball, beach volleyball, boys & girls basketball, summer camps, and adult fitness.

### **WINTER VOLLEYBALL SKILLS TRAINING** **COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/WINTERVOLLEYBALL**

December 5, 2017 - March 2, 2018, 4:30p – 6:00p

Led by club level coaches, these classes will help you grow your volleyball skills. You can register online by the class, week, or for all of the classes.

### **PLYOMETRIC & STRENGTH TRAINING** **COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/PLYOMETRICS**

Mondays & Tuesdays, 5:00p – 5:45p & 5:45p – 6:30p, The Courts

These classes are for 6th grade to high school girls. This is a great training opportunity for athletes and those looking to improve their overall fitness level. Classes are \$10, pay at the door.

### **SPRING ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES** **COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/SPRINGSPTS**

March – June. Let us know if you're interested in softball, kickball, ultimate frisbee, beach volleyball and more. Cottonwood Creek Sports Ministry is seeking interested individuals in forming teams to compete in a variety of sports.

### **TRANSFORM 6** **COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/TRANSFORM6**

Mondays & Thursdays, 5:00p – 6:00p, Southeast Grassy Area by Playground Transform 6 is a free women's fitness class offered by Cottonwood's Sports Ministry. This is a great fellowship opportunity for women of all ages and fitness levels.



## WOMEN

### **OUR WOMEN'S MINISTRY STRIVES TO UNITE WOMEN IN AN UPLIFTING, POSITIVE, AND CHRIST-LIKE ENVIRONMENT.**

We aim to grow together, serve one another, and build strong relationships in the Lord and one another. In our Women's Ministry, we are here to walk alongside you, pray with you, and share in all that life has to offer. All women, in every stage of life, are welcome to join our Bible studies, luncheons, retreats, events, and more.

**2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAYS, 6:30P, B124**

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS BOOK CLUB**

**[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/BOOKCLUB](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/BOOKCLUB)**

Together, we will read and discuss a book each month.



## MEN

### **OUR MEN'S MINISTRY AT COTTONWOOD CREEK AIMS TO EQUIP MEN WITH THE STRENGTH AND DISCIPLINE TO BE MIGHTY MEN OF GOD.**

Our desire is to instill Godly leadership skills in order to lead others around them, while also instilling a healthy fear of the Lord in their lives. Our Men's Ministry has many different ways to get connected, such as the Men's Discipleship Ministry, quarterly Men's Breakfast, Men's Ski Trip, Men's Bible Studies, and Iron Men of God.

**TUESDAYS, 6:00A, A234**

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/MENSSTUDY](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/MENSSTUDY)**

Join us for coffee, snacks, fellowship, and a lesson from Pastor John Mark Caton.





## **OUR SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY HAS MUCH TO OFFER FOR THOSE AGES 65+ WHO LOVE OTHERS AND LOVE TO SERVE.**

Our ministry is committed to encouraging and affirming continued growth in wisdom and in faith, while also making opportunities for fellowship and service with others. Our ministry holds a weekly Tuesday night prayer service, as well as monthly luncheons. We also serve with pastoral care; from hospital and assisted living visitations, to organizing weddings and funerals, we are here to meet your needs.

### **SENIOR ADULTS**

#### **JOYUS LUNCHEON**

**2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAYS, 11:30A, ATRIUM**

**[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/JOYUS](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/JOYUS)**

Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to this time of fellowship.



#### **Before We Say I Do** 6 - week course starting Sunday, February 18, 7p, GPC

This pre-marital class is intended for seriously dating and newly engaged couples. Upon completion of the course, couples will receive a Twogether in Texas certificate with a \$60 discount off their marriage license.

**[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/BEFOREWESAYIDO](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/BEFOREWESAYIDO)**

#### **Forever Us** 12 - week course starting Sunday, February 18, 11a, A202

This class focuses on marriage enrichment and encourages couples to be proactive in their marriage. It involves being learners and receiving feedback as you identify what your relationship needs to become more vibrant or remain vibrant.

**[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/FOREVERUS](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/FOREVERUS)**

COME CELEBRATE **30** YEARS OF STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN

# SCC SOLO

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

7:30p at COTTONWOOD CREEK CHURCH



ON SALE **NOW** [COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/SCC](https://cottonwoodcreek.org/scc)



# WORSHIP & ARTS



## **OUR MISSION IN THE WORSHIP & ARTS MINISTRY IS TO PASSIONATELY LEAD AND EQUIP OTHERS TO WORSHIP GOD THROUGH MUSIC AND THE ARTS.**

Our worship is heartfelt, genuine, and life-changing, designed to bring God glory and to bring others closer to Him. Our desire is for each person is to actively participate, to have moments with God, and to be changed through worship.

### **VOCAL TEAM & BAND**

**[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/OPENMIDNIGHT](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/OPENMIDNIGHT)**

Do you feel called to passionately lead and equip others to worship through your God-given vocal and/or instrumental abilities? We are eager to hear from you!

### **SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS**

**[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/FINEARTS](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/FINEARTS)**

Faith-based education for people of all ages who desire to learn and to develop their skills in the areas of music and the arts. All levels are welcome from beginner to advanced.

### **WORSHIP CHOIR REHEARSAL**

**[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/CHOIR](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/CHOIR)**

Love to sing? Join our Worship Choir! Once a month we rehearse on a Wednesday and lead Worship together the following Sunday morning from the platform.

### **TECH ARTS MINISTRY**

**[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/TECHARTS](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/TECHARTS)**

The Tech Arts Team is searching for new team members! Come volunteer as a Stagehand, Camera or Computer Operator.



## LIFE & HOME GROUPS

**LIFE GROUPS** are our Sunday morning option for small groups. Each Life Group seeks to grow in their understanding and practice of God's Word through study and intentional relationships. We have many different groups across a variety of age ranges.

**[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/LIFEGROUPS](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/LIFEGROUPS)**

**HOME GROUPS** provide opportunity for Christ followers to walk with God in biblical community during the week. They are a time to build deep, abiding friendships, walk in the light together, and stir up one another to love and do good works for the glory of God.

**[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/HOMEGROUPS](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/HOMEGROUPS)**

**mw**  
midweek worship

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**WEDNESDAYS//6:30P**  
**ATRIUM**

**[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/MIDWEEK](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/MIDWEEK)**

**RETURNS JANUARY 3, 2018**



**OUR PASSION IS TO ENCOURAGE EVERY PERSON CONNECTED TO OUR CHURCH, FROM GUESTS TO MEMBERS, TO LIVE OUT THEIR LIVES ON MISSION.**

Missional living is a spiritual decision to live out faith in actions that take place on the local, national, and international level. It is so much more than an event; it is a lifestyle all of us should embrace. Join us and bring glory to God by being *On Mission*. As Cottonwood Creek has expanded the vision of Missions Ministry over the years, we have been blessed to engage people in countless opportunities both in service and sharing Jesus Christ.

## **GREAT COMMISSION TRAINING** JANUARY 6, 9:00A – 4:30P, B126 [COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/GCTRAINING](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/GCTRAINING)

Conquer the fear of sharing the Gospel with your friends and family. Learn to share God's story with a proven 3-minute conversational tool that has been used to lead 17 people to Christ in 7 weeks.

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH** STARTING THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY [COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/MOM](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/MOM)

We will be delivering as a church family bags of popcorn to our friends, neighbors, and co-workers inviting people to church and sharing Jesus. 500 bags will be available to the Cottonwood Family.

## **MISSION TRIPS** [COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/TRIPS](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/TRIPS)

Beginning June 2018, Cottonwood Creek will be ministering to those in Kenya, Africa, Rio Grande Valley in McAllen, Texas, Baltimore, Maryland, Dominican Republic, and Chiapas, Mexico.



## CARE MINISTRY

**LIFE HAPPENS AND SOMETIMES, WE ALL COULD USE A SUPPORT SYSTEM; ONE THAT GENUINELY CARES.** Cottonwood Creek Church's Care Ministry does just that. We have many different Care Groups whose mission is to walk with you through whatever life throws at you.

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/CELEBRATERECOVERY](https://cottonwoodcreek.org/celebraterecovery)

Mondays, 7:00p, A234

Let us walk the journey with you in Christ through recovery from all kinds of worldly influences.

## DIVORCECARE

STARTING JANUARY 10

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/DIVORCECARE](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/DIVORCECARE)

Wednesdays, 6:30p, B122/B124

Divorce is never easy and in DivorceCare, we strive to walk with you and support you through this difficult time. We encourage you to start the session from the beginning, but you are welcome to join any course throughout the session.

## DIVORCECARE4KIDS

STARTING JANUARY 10

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/DIVORCECAREKIDS](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/DIVORCECAREKIDS)

Wednesdays, 6:30p, A125

Divorce affects kids just as much as the parents. Through scripture and showing Christ's love, let us encourage your child and remind them that they are never alone.

## CANCER CARE

STARTING JANUARY 7

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/CANCERCARE](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/CANCERCARE)

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays, 7:00p, Game Plan Center

Our Cancer Care Ministry seeks to provide Christ's love, support, hospitality, and listening ear that you deserve.

## PARKINSON'S SUPPORT

STARTING JANUARY 4

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/PARKINSONS](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/PARKINSONS)

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday night of the month, 6:00p, B126

Through talking about concerns, symptoms, and overall life changes, our Parkinson's Support Ministry is here to motivate you and stand alongside you in your health battle.

## GRIEF SHARE

STARTING JANUARY 10

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/GRIEFSHARE](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/GRIEFSHARE)

Wednesdays, 6:30p, B118

Grief appears in many different forms. No matter what you're going through, Grief Share is here to stand by your side and support you as you struggle with your grief.



JANUARY SERMON SERIES



# THIS IS REAL LIFE

SATURDAYS 5P | SUNDAYS 9:30A & 11A



[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/THISISREALLIFE](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/THISISREALLIFE)



# WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY AT 5:00P

SUNDAY AT 9:30A & 11:00A

## MIDDLE SCHOOL [6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>]

9:30A AND 11:00A

9:30A Worship - The Courts

11:00A Theology Class - Game Plan Center

## HIGH SCHOOL [9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>]

9:30A AND 11:00A

9:30A Theology Class - Game Plan Center

11:00A Worship - The Courts

# CREEK

# STUDENT

# MINISTRY



## PRESCHOOL [Birth - Kinder]

9:30A AND 11:00A

Nursery, Trail 1 & Trail 2

*CHILDREN CAN STAY BOTH HOURS*

## ELEMENTARY [1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>]

9:30A OR 11:00A

A234, A254 & A256

*CHILDREN STAY ONE HOUR*

## PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAYS, 6:00P, B126

Join us for a weekly time of prayer.

[COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/PRAYERSERVICE](http://COTTONWOODCREEK.ORG/PRAYERSERVICE)



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