



The Pastor's Corner

Hey Everybody!!!

I wanted to share a few thoughts with you which I've wanted to do for a while, but this recent six-month mark of being the pastor at Bull Creek seemed a good time to do so. I want to be transparent with everyone and share what is on my heart with a few thoughts below.

First, I want to begin with a HUGE thank you! Thank you in these first 6 months at Bull Creek for being so loving and kind to Trista and I, and also to my parents, Buddy and Judy Jackson. Since it had been awhile since I last moved, I had forgotten how much moving is a transition of life. When I moved to Nashville I had a skinny bank account, a fat suitcase, and monstrous dreams which I was fortunate enough to get to see many come true. Moving back the bank account was a little better, still had the suitcase but now also a moving van and, sadly, I joined the looks of the suitcase! LOL Yes, on the surface, it seems obvious that moving is a transition, but once you get into the daily grind of it all it hit me how different my life is in comparison to only a few months ago. From my daily routine, to the friends we used to hang out with, to the daily work I focused on, which was quite stressful, to places we used to frequent for dinner and live music. It is super great to be back home in Texas and in a culture I truly feel at home within, but as with any change though, there has to be a time of adjustment. We are still adjusting, but so very grateful to be where we believe God has put us to serve Him & His Kingdom, and the friends He has provided to us here in this place.

Second, I want to say again, as I did a few Sundays ago, I believe in Bull Creek Cowboy Church! There is a lot of gratitude in this as well because there have been places where I served that was not a place I would want to be without the act of service, in other words it wasn't always bells and whistles of fun but necessary. I felt God had brought me there for a time or intentional purpose to serve and move on. Bull Creek is not that way at all!!! We would want to be here whether I was the pastor or not, and will be as long as God gives us that direction. I believe in the people that God has put here. I want to thank each of you for your acts of service not only to Trista and I, but also to the church as a whole. We have been busy this first six months from the Predator Hunt, The Last Supper, to the Barn Dance and the weekend celebration of the Church to these last few weeks where we recently had Vacation Bible School and Youth Camp. It's been a good six months I would say.

Third, I ask for forgiveness in that I haven't gotten to meet everyone the way I want. There is a lot of you and only a couple of us, but I would like to reiterate that we want to get to know everyone by name and get to know you personally! I believe in relationships because I believe they are necessary to be fruitful and productive. Not to mention we are created in the Image of the One who is in relationship within Himself, a.k.a. the Trinity. We need relationships so I want to encourage everyone to be in a relationship with this church. Find a place of service here because you are wanted and needed, and you will be amazed at how many new relationships you will find. It's a wonderful thing to serve the Lord, and as we serve Him our relationship with Him grows. I hope you will, if you haven't already, find your place where God would have you serve because "Church" is not a spectator's sport. It's meant to be played and experienced.

Finally, I just want to say I love you as people and as an extended body of Christ. I hope you are hearing from the Lord in the talks and in the worship. We all have to examine our hearts before the Lord and ask Him to press in on us where He desires so that we all may become like Him. Everything we do here at Bull Creek Cowboy Church should be an effort of love, truth, grace, and service. May God richly bless our efforts here the back half of 2018 as He has the first half. We need each other through the bonds of love to serve our Lord, to disciple believers and to reach the lost for Him. May we continue to march on!!!

In Christ and with His love!
Jeff