



Salt Creek News! June 2026



Beloved of God,

I hope you have enjoyed a good amount of
"Sunshine on Mud" this past month.

The Lord has certainly blessed us with a good load of much-needed rainfall.
May we never forget that it is from God's omnipotent hand that comes the rain in its season (Zechariah 10:1). In conversation the other day, someone was asking about our church.

I went on to share in the enjoyment of how awesome it is that God is drawing His people to come and worship at Salt Creek. I told him how this is surprising to me at times because we are a body of believers whose gathering place happens to be out in the country. And in response, the man shared a very profound and exciting truth:

"You know a church that is alive is worth the drive." Wow! That is t-shirt worthy, isn't it?

Praise God, we are a church that is alive, because God Himself, who is Life,

is among us! And so, with Jesus' power and life at work within us,

let's seek to invite others to come, encounter, and experience Jesus, and to proclaim the reality that

"A church that is alive is worth the drive." Blessings in Christ Jesus!

Respect the Blood, Dalton Mathis

Bible Verse of the Month:

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease." Genesis 8:22

Church History Quote of the Month

Charles Spurgeon



Don't you know that day dawns after night, showers displace drought, and spring and summer follow winter? Then, have hope! Hope forever, for God will not fail you!

AZ QUOTES

Hymn Line of The Month:

Summer Suns Are Glowing

Summer suns are glowing over land and sea;
happy light is flowing bountiful and free.

Everything rejoices in the mellow rays;
all earth's thousand voices
swell the psalm of praise.

Author: William Walsham How (1871)

Our Dearest Church Family,

There are no words to fully express the depth of our gratitude for the overwhelming love and support you have shown our family during this difficult time. The loss of Jim, the head of our family, has left a profound void in our hearts, but your presence has been a beacon for us in the midst of our grief.

We have been so moved by every expression of sympathy we have received. Thank you for the beautiful cards that brought comfort, the delicious food that sustained us, and the generous donations made in Jim's honor. Every gesture has been a reminder of God's love and grace.

More than anything, we want to thank you for your prayers and your kindness. Knowing that we are surrounded by a congregation that truly embodies the hands and feet of Jesus has given us so much strength. Jim loved this church family deeply, and seeing how you have enveloped us in love makes it easy to understand why. We are so blessed to walk this journey with you all.

With all our love and deepest appreciation, Jo Ann, Guy and Amanda, Rowdy and Kenzie Elkins

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CREEK?

†	Wednesday	June	3	-	VBS Team Meeting @ 5:15 p.m.
†	Sun.-Wed.	June 7 th - 10 th	-		Vacation Bible School 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
†	Sunday	June	7	-	Vacation Bible School begins @ 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
†	Wednesday	June	10	-	Vacation Bible School concludes with Family Night!
†	Saturday	June	13	-	Golf Scramble - Breakfast & Devotion @ 8:15 a.m. Tee Time @ 9:00 a.m.
†	Sunday	June	14	-	Deacon's Meeting @ 2:30 p.m. Business Meeting @ 4:00 p.m.
†	Wednesday	June	17	-	Good Samaritan - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
†	Sunday	June	21	-	Father's Day - CELEBRATION OF ALL MEN! (NO TRAIL LIFE!!)
†	Sunday	June	21	-	CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (Both Services)
†	Wednesday	June	24	-	New Members Fellowship @ 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT SALT CREEK

- † CARE Nursing Home Ministry: 2:00 p.m.
- † Prayer Meeting: 5:45 p.m. Join us as we go over our prayer list and pray to the Living God!
- † Children's Ministry: 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
All kids 5th grade and under— Bible Study - Fun - Light Meal Served
- † Youth Ministry: 6:30 p.m. Keep up with our Salt Creek Youth on their Facebook page @Salt teens and Instagram @saltteens_youth
- † "Encouraging Words" Ladies Bible Study: All women are invited as we let the Living Word encourage us and help us walk in the footsteps of Jesus at 6:30 p.m. We have begun a study of Ephesians.
- † Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to meet at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of Isaiah.

MY STORY + HIS STORY = HIS GLORY
PLEASE BE BLESSED BY THE TESTIMONY OF CARLTON HAMPTON

- I. I gave my life to Jesus at the age of 39 and was on fire for Jesus until the world got to be too much. Then, like most, I cooled off – backsliding and falling short more times than I can count.**
- II. If you ever forget how good and forgiving Jesus is, and what He saved you from; just step back into your old ways for a couple of hours with the blinders off. Don't stay there...just look around and you will see the difference. Then you will understand even more what salvation means. Don't become stagnant in your faith. Continue the good work He started in you.**
- III. I believe that my testimony is ongoing. My strength and faith in God continue growing and getting stronger each day – spreading His Word as we are commissioned to by Jesus.**
- IV. “Amazing Grace”...I had heard the song many times growing up. Then, I listened to the words at 39 years old and the Holy Spirit went to work. I ran out of church bawling like a baby. In my 50's I had 2 hip replacements, a heart attack, and two stents. Other worldly things didn't seem so important anymore.**
- V. The book “A Shepherds Look at Psalm 23” has given me a new outlook on why we are referred to as sheep. Being in the sheep business, that God made possible for me, has shown me the similarities of us and sheep. And believe me, you will wonder why He has put up with us, but so happy He has. God is so good to me and has many ways of keeping me humble.**
- VI. The road is narrow and so is the gate to salvation, but it is always open. Always look upwards before moving forward. If you slide off into the ditch of grumbling and discouragement, He will be there to pull you out. Just be thankful you didn't turn over.**

**In closing, leave your past behind; leave it at the feet of Jesus and walk on.
Psalm 103:12 assures us that He forgives your sins as far as the east is from the west.
Believe in Him; follow Him.**

Thank you, Carlton, for sharing your ongoing story of God's redeeming grace!

Trivia with the Trinity

- 1. “For the Lord has told me this: ‘I will watch quietly from my dwelling place—as quietly as the heat rises on a summer day, or as the morning dew forms during the harvest.’” Who recorded this prophecy and promise from God?**
- 2. What prophet saw a “basket of summer fruit” signifying the end was near for Israel?**
- 3. Who is praised for “...storing up their food in the summer...?”**
- 4. What Jewish festival is sometimes celebrated in the month of June? What name do Christians give to this celebration?**
- 5. Who wrote these Words of desperation: “For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.”**

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