



Salt Creek News! May 2026

Blessed
Mother's
Day!



Beloved of God,

The Bible says,

"Better is the end of a thing than its beginning."

(Ecclesiastes 7:8). May is the month to finish

Numbers 6:24
The LORD bless you
and keep you.

strong if you are a student, a teacher, or even a parent of school-aged kids. It's easy to allow "senioritis" to settle in and coast your way to the finish line... Trust me, I have done this many times in different areas of life. But the better approach to the last curve of whether it's school, work, a honey-do project around the house, or life itself is to finish strong! Yes, breathe in a second breath of the Holy Spirit's power. Grip the promises of God's Word a little tighter. Persevere by putting your hand to the plow. And finish strong on this race of faith! See you Sunday!

Respect the Blood, Dalton Mathis

Bible Verse of the Month:

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31:28-29

Church History Quote of the Month

"To be a mother is by no means second class. Men may have the authority in the home, but the women have the influence. The mother, more than the father, is the one who molds and shapes those little lives from day one."

John MacArthur
(1939 - 2025)

Hymn Line of The Month:

God, Give Us Christian Homes

God, give us Christian homes!
Homes where the mother, in caring quest,
Strives to show others Your way is best,
Homes where the Lord is an honored guest
God give us Christian homes;
God give us Christian homes!

B. B. McKinney (1949)

Dear Church Family,

I want to express my sincere thanks for the love and kindness you have shown Grady and me during this incredibly difficult time. Losing Shan has left a void in our lives that cannot be filled, but your prayers, support, and compassion have carried us through the most difficult of moments.

Thank you for every hug, text, and prayer lifted on our behalf. I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the multiple love offerings. Your generosity and care have been a true reflection of God's love, and we are so very grateful.

Though this journey is not an easy one, I find comfort in knowing Grady and I are not walking it alone. I thank God all the time for calling us to be part of the most amazing church family. Your presence in our lives has been a blessing beyond words. Thank you again for everything.

Your Sister in Christ,
Angela Cumba

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CREEK?

- † Sunday May 3 - Trail Life 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- † Sunday May 10 - Mother's Day - Honoring all women
- † Sunday May 17 - Senior Sunday and Decoration Day for the Cemetery Association
- † Sunday May 17 - Trail Life 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday May 20 - Good Samaritan - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- † Sunday May 31 - 5th Sunday Luncheon
- † Sun.-Wed. June 7th - 10th - Vacation Bible School 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 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 SANDRA SMITH

WHY BELIEVE IN GOD?

Spending time outdoors and being with family always makes me feel closer to God. My granddaughter, who studies in the medical field, says "When you look at the human body, how can you not believe?" I see God's greatness in creation.

"Then God looked over all He had made, and saw it was very good!" Genesis 1:31

For my personal story, I grew up here in Brownwood with a Christian family and Christian influences. We attended church regularly. During Vacation Bible School when I was about eight, a commitment opportunity was presented. In my memory, it was very long and insistent. I was tired and embarrassed to remain seated, so I decided to go up front. I was baptized at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church. I believed the facts about God, and I tried to be "good.." Jack and I married in 1963, our first daughter was born, and we attended church together. Thankfully, God is patient!

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
His faithful love endures forever." Psalm 136: 1*

Then Pastor Kennedy at First Baptist Church Brady asked me to teach the high school girls' class. I gave him the regular excuses, but he insisted. Exasperated I said, "I do not know if I am saved! How can I teach others?" With some soul searching, praying and counseling, I was able to trust and accept God's will for my life. What a wonderful feeling to let go and rest on faith. I was baptized for real a few weeks later at age 24.

*"But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God."
2 Corinthians 1:9*

Now 82, I look back and am overwhelmed and so thankful at the way God has guided and helped me. They are too many to list, but I encourage you to reflect on how God has worked in your own life. You will see His faithfulness. There is such peace and joy in knowing and trusting God!

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:23*

HOW CAN YOU NOT BELIEVE IN GOD?

Thank you, Sandra, for sharing your story for His glory! We still need someone to submit a testimony for June. Please pray about telling your story for Christ and His glory!

**Trivia with the Trinity
Mothers Who Didn't Know Best!**

1. *This mother was so distraught over the death of her son, she proceeded to kill her entire family! What is her name? What is her son's name? Bonus: What is her surviving son's name?*
2. *This dear old grandmother was demoted from her position as queen because of her worship of an idol! What is her name, and what is her grandson's name?*
3. *I was a prostitute blessed and redeemed by God. What is my name, and who is my famous child?*
4. *I was a beautiful adulteress. My sins cost my son his life. What is my name and who is my famous surviving son?*
5. *I am a perfect example of how God chooses to use the broken and forgotten. My son is in the bloodline of Jesus, and his father is an unlikely choice. What are our names?*

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