



Salt Creek News! November 2025



Beloved of God,

We have much to be thankful for, don't we?

The Bible is full of verses that encourage us to give thanks to the Lord!

In fact, this month as you read the Bible in your devotional time,

specifically look for those exhortations and exaltations of thanksgiving. I think you will be surprised at how many you will find... To stir up our hearts of gratitude, we will have a Thanksgiving Sermon Series in our worship services:

-Sunday, November 9th—"Thanksgiving From the Belly of The Fish" - Jonah 2

-Sunday, November 16th—"Thanksgiving From the Upper Room" - Psalm 118

-Sunday, November 23rd—"Thanksgiving From the House of David" - 2 Samuel 7:18-29

Make plans to worship with us so that you can be like the psalmist when he said:

"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright in the congregation" (Psalm 11:1).

Blessings!

Respect the Blood, Dalton Mathis

Bible Verse of the Month:

"And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Revelation 7:11-12

Church History Quote of the Month

"The unthankful heart... discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings!"

***Henry Ward Beecher"
(1813 - 1887)***

Hymn Line of the Month:

Bountiful Harvest

***"We praise Thee, O Lord,
for Thy wonderful mercies,
And while to Thy glory our voices we raise,
O Thou that regardest
the prayers of Thy people,
accept our thanksgiving and praise."
Fanny Crosby (1820 - 1915)***

MINISTRY MAGNIFIED!!!

"UNSUNG HEROES"

PRAYER WARRIORS

This month's unsung heroes represent a large yet obscure group of saints. Though they may not serve on a committee or teach a class; and their name may never appear in the church bulletin; this group represents the ultimate act of servitude within our church. For they are the faithful prayer warriors who lift prayer requests up daily.

It has been quoted that ""Intercessory prayer is the highest work of love. It is the greatest act of faith." (Anonymous) You can be sure the unseen and unsung heroes would never consider themselves "great." Too often, they may even downplay their immensely important labor of love. Perhaps circumstances prevent them from attending church, and we may not see their faces on a regular basis. But their presence is most prevalent.. As James confirms, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16) Communication with our Sovereign Creator is not only an undeserved privilege; it is our most effectual form of communicating with our King

People often say, "Well, all I can do is pray." The Truth remains that prayer represents the most powerful act of faith any of us can put into practice! Prayer demonstrates obedience to our Savior's greatest commandments, spoken in Matthew 22:37-40: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind," and "Love your neighbor as yourself." Charles Bent commented that:

"Intercessory prayer might be defined as loving our neighbor on our knees." One of the most intimate demonstrations of love is prayerful invention. These servants rejoice with those who rejoice. They mourn with those who mourn. They have a spirit of thanksgiving when God moves among His people.. These prayer warriors have a heart for God, a heart for prayer, a heart for people, and a heart for the body of Christ. They trust totally, they support supremely, they love lavishly, and they serve sacrificially. In other words, they live and pray the Jesus Way!

The good news about this "select" group is - every follower of Christ can and should share in this ministry.

As Oswald Chambers so eloquently states: "The real business of your life as a saved soul is intercessory prayer." There is no mandated committee, and you will not be voted on in a business meeting. The only One Who holds you accountable is our Perfect Father, and He is most forgiving. You can perform your duties in the comfort of your own home. You can establish your own hours. But make no mistake - powerful prayer requires self-sacrifice. This is a time-consuming responsibility. Walking in close communion with God remains essential for productive prayer. We must meditate on His law day and night so that we can observe to do according to all that is written therein.

Certain criteria contribute to an effective prayer life. A fundamental prerequisite is establishing a personal and meaningful connection with Jesus Christ. You must also approach His throne of grace with humility, with perseverance, with gratitude, and above all - with faith. Prayer represents dependence on, submission to, and trust in our Sovereign Lord. Paul says we are to pray without ceasing. Charles Spurgeon says, " Intercessory prayer is an act of communion with Christ, for Jesus pleads for the sons of men." Our church family is blessed with many unsung heroes of prayer. We will probably never realize the impact of their sacrificial service. When we witness the movement of God's Holy Spirit within our midst, and mountains move; we can rest assured that somebody prayed!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CREEK?

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

†	Sunday	Nov.	2	-	Trail Life @ 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
†	Sunday	Nov.	9	-	Deacons' Meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Business Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
†	Wednesday	Nov.	12	-	New Members Fellowship @ 6:30 p.m.
†	Sunday	Nov.	16	-	Observance of Lord's Supper (Both Worship Services)
†	Sunday	Nov.	16	-	Trail Life @ 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
†	Wednesday	Nov.	19	-	Good Samaritan Ministry @ 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
†	Sunday	Nov.	23	-	Last Day to turn in your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
†	Wednesday	Nov.	26	-	No Wednesday Night Programs - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

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 Genesis.
- † Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to meet at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of 1 Timothy.

GET TO KNOW MY FAMILY MEMBERS:

- 1) What is your favorite thing about Salt Creek?
- 2) What is your favorite Bible Verse?
- 3) What is your favorite thing about Thanksgiving?
- 4) What are you most looking forward to in Heaven?
- 5) If you had to fight satan with a water pistol, who from the Bible (other than Jesus) would you take with you?

Guy Elkins' answers:

- 1.) My church family. Their love makes church feel like home.
- 2.) John 3:16
- 3.) Enjoying time with family-and, of course, dessert
- 4.) Seeing God. Nothing else could compare.
- 5.) David, any day.

Amanda Elkins' answers:

- 1.) Salt Creek is a church full of love. Every time you walk through its doors—and in all the moments in between—you know that you are loved
- 2.) Philippians 4:11-13
- 3.) I love the fellowship with my precious family. But anyone who knows me knows I'm also all about the FOOD!
- 4.) Being free from the trials and sufferings of earthly life and being in the presence of our Lord.
- 5.) I am a terrible shot, so I would need someone with some tricks up his sleeve. I would choose Samson.

Trivia With the Trinity

- 1) Who worshiped God by saying, "We give thanks to You, Lord God Almighty, Who is and Who was, for You have taken Your great power and began to reign!"?
- 2) Who instructed the assembly to "bring sacrifices and thank offerings to the house of the LORD."?
- 3) Who prayed this prayer to the LORD? "But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to You; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!"
- 4) What did God specifically command concerning the thanksgiving offering that the Israelites made?
- 5) Who wrote, "who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but all the church of the Gentiles give thanks as well." Who was he writing about?

NOVEMBER MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH: TOM AND MICHELLE KYLE

Tom and Michelle serve in Europe as Bible translators for Pioneer Bible. In addition to their translation efforts, this dedicated couple also plants churches and engages in discipleship with new believers. This committed couple is reaching people who are marginalized and living in hard-to-access locations.

Please lift Tom, Michelle, and their three-year-old daughter Eden up in fervent prayer.

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SALT CREEK GOOD NEWS!