



# Salt Creek News! **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** November 2024

*Beloved of God,*

*Don't skip Thanksgiving!!! I am one of the worst at wanting to jump to Christmas early like all the stores do... Believe it or not one year I put our Christmas lights up in the last week of October. Yet, if we move too soon, we can miss one of the most God honoring and soul reflecting times of the year in the month of November. And so, I want to encourage you this month to soak in the joy of giving thanks to the Creator. Enjoy the fellowship of friends and family. Christmas will come soon enough, but for now "Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son."*

*Respect the Blood, Dalton Mathis*



### Bible Verse of the Month:

**"Give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."  
1 Thessalonians 5:18**



### Church History Quote of the Month

**"May you also remember this  
Thanksgiving not only the  
obvious gifts that God  
has given you,  
but His spiritual blessings, as well.  
The greatest Gift of all is  
Jesus Christ, and the salvation  
God offers us in Him."  
Billy Graham (1918 - 2018)**

### Hymn Line of the Month:

#### My Tribute

**How can I say thanks  
for the things You have done for me?  
Things so undeserved,  
yet You gave to prove Your love for me;  
the voices of a million angels  
could not express my gratitude.  
All that I am and ever hope to be,  
I owe it all to Thee.  
Andrea Crouch (1972)**

### MINISTRY MAGNIFIED!!!

### "UNSUNG HEROES"

This month, the unsung heroes are all the members of our Hostess Committee. Their contribution to the Kingdom Work remains immeasurable. They minister to grieving families in their time of need by serving funeral meals. They organize and coordinate fellowships for each 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Anyone who attends one of these meals understands and appreciates the encouragement and the unity they promote among our church family.

During the last two months, these wonderful saints graciously and selflessly ministered to our community and our congregation in several major outreach engagements. On August 6, they fed approximately 200 Early ISD faculty members in preparation for the new school year. On September 29, they coordinated our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday luncheon - which was attended by many members and visitors. On Thursday, October 17, these amazing ladies supplied breakfast for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Early High School. A popular teacher and very gifted church member, Frank Ritter, shared the Truth with these young people by leading the devotion. On Saturday, October 19, they prepared and served 300 hot dogs during our annual Fall Festival. There were multiple "guess-timates" that 450 - 500 people were present for this blessed night of family fun. Finally, just three days later on October 22, they prepared a meal for over 100 Howard Payne students. I don't know about you, but I am exhausted just reading about their beyond-busy schedule!

Not only were all these needs met in a way that glorified our Lord and Savior; these precious women performed every "labor of love" with smiles on their faces as they served each individual with genuine compassion, kindness, humility, and gentleness.

**May God richly reward their faithful service!**

**"(Women) who fear the Lord are to be praised. Honor them for all that their hands have done, and let their works bring them praise at the city gate!" (Proverbs 31:30b,31)**



### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**Our church is collecting gift-filled shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Ministry. What a wonderful opportunity to bless little ones around the globe with a present given in Jesus' Name! The deadline for turning in your box is Sunday, November 24. If you have any questions, please contact the church or me.**

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CREEK?

## NOVEMBER DATES OF IMPORTANCE

- † Sunday, Nov. 10 - Deacon's Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
- † Sunday, Nov. 10 - Business Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday, Nov. 20 - Good Samaritan Volunteer @ 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- † Sunday, Nov. 24 - DEADLINE for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes
- † Wednesday, Nov. 27 - No Wednesday Night Services - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT SALT CREEK:

- † 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 - Snacks and Drinks
- † 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 are studying the book of Ruth.
- † Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to meet at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of Matthew.

## 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?

### Clyde Baker's Answers:

- 1.) My favorite thing about Salt Creek is I can feel the Holy Spirit while I am there.
- 2.) Favorite Bible verse is Luke 15:10  
"Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."
- 3.) I have 3 favorite things about Thanksgiving.  
Blessings from Jesus, family, and brisket!
- 4.) When I get to Heaven, I am most looking forward to seeing His face and all those who went before me.
- 5.) If I had to fight Satan with a water pistol, I would take David because he had experience fighting things bigger than him.

### Martha Baker's Answers

- 1.) Friendly and not visiting aggressively.
- 2.) Romans 1:17—The righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, the righteous shall live by faith.
- 3.) Giving thanks for our Lord and family
- 4.) Seeing loved ones who have gone on before me and Jesus.
- 5.) David

## Trivia With the Trinity

- 1) Which famous woman in the Bible gave thanks to God while playing a tambourine and dancing?
- 2) Which group of believers did Paul give thanks for because of their partnership in the Gospel?
- 3) Jesus gave an example of a "thanksgiving prayer" that would be rejected by God. Who prayed this prayer, and why was the person praying "unjustified?"
- 4) In a prayer of thanksgiving, this prophet said, "Praise be to the Name of God...He changes times and seasons; He deposes kings and raises up others." What was the prophet's name?
- 5) Jesus gave thanks, broke the five loaves, and fed over 5,000 people. Which prophet instructed a man to set 20 loaves before 100 men and feed them?

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