





# Salt Creek News!rd, December 2024

The Christmas season is a special season for many reasons... Of course, that number one reason for the season is celebrating Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior! I want to encourage you to strive to be in worship with us during this time of celebrating the Christ of Christmas. During these weeks of Advent, we will seek to prepare our hearts for Christmas as we will reflect on how Jesus is our Unwavering Hope, Prince of Peace, Eternal Joy, and Steadfast Love in all seasons of life. And so come like the wise men eager to worship the King. Come running with awe and wonder like the shepherds. And come like a sinner in need of Mighty Savior! Invite friends and family, and "Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere, that Jesus Christ is born!"

Merry Christmas!

Respect the Blood, Dalton Mathis

<div></div> <div><b>Bible Verse of the Month:</b> "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)</div> <div></div>	
<div><b>Church History Quote of the Month</b></div> <div>"Lord God, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men."</div> <div>Robert Louis Stevenson (1850 - 1894)</div>	<div><b>Hymn Line of the Month:</b></div> <div><b>"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"</b> Born Thy people to deliver, born a Child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne. Charles Wesley (1744)</div>

MINISTRY MAGNIFIED!!!

"UNSUNG HEROES"


Our unnamed honorees for December are the "heroes" who operate our sound equipment and presentation screens for each Sunday. This remains an essential part of our worship services! But when you consider the special events occurring at Christmas and Easter, this ministry becomes even more significant to the praise of our Lord and Savior. Ensuring the correct accompaniment is played for each song is most important to our choir members and their director, Randy Ethridge. Each one involved in these worship opportunities has sacrificed personal time to practice for many hours. Their selfless intents include glorifying our Lord and leading each soul within the congregation into a deeper worship experience with their Savior. This only adds to the pressure these faithful unsung heroes place upon themselves. The fairly recent addition of the screens added a new level of responsibility as they learned to navigate this modern technology. They also ensure the weekly worship services are recorded for our church's YouTube video, and the various Podcast forums.

Through these media presentations, Salt Creek can share content, inform and inspire a lost world with the Word of God, and engage a vast audience who might never enter a church building.


This is a selfless contribution that may be overlooked by most. And we know that these humble servants do not seek public accolades or personal recognition. Their heartfelt desire remains to honor their Lord and Savior by fulfilling this important need in our church. Because these men "commit" their "work to the LORD," He will establish the work of their hands. However, a word of appreciation from their grateful church family may remind them that their labors for the Lord are NEVER in vain!

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3:23-24)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE!



Courtney Brandstetter reports that our church packed more boxes than ever before! While our goal was 70, we actually packed (drum roll please!) 133!! Our children participated this year, and at their "Packing Party" on November 20, 29 children packed 58 shoeboxes in record time!



What a blessing to watch them share in this sweet outreach to children who have so little. While the main focus of Samaritan's Purse is reaching all children with the Good News of Jesus, these thoughtful gifts demonstrate the love of their Savior to them in a personal, tangible way! May God richly reward and abundantly bless all who participated!

THANKSGIVING / CHRISTMAS POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP



On December 8, you are all invited to share a meal with your church family! The church will provide turkey, dressing, and cranberry sauce. Please bring your favorite dish and join us for a precious time of delicious food and fantastic fellowship!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CREEK?

## DECEMBER DATES OF IMPORTANCE

- † Thursday, Dec. 5 - Lighted Christmas Parade @ 6:15 p.m. (Meet at 5:45 p.m.)
- † Sunday, Dec. 8 - Thanksgiving / Christmas Potluck Fellowship (after Worship Service)
- † Sunday, Dec. 8 - Deacon's Meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Business Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- † Sunday, Dec. 15 - Christmas Program presented by the Choir
- † Wednesday, Dec. 18 - Good Samaritan Volunteer @ 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- † Sunday, Dec. 22 - Happy Birthday, Jesus ! (Worship Service)
- † Wednesday, Dec. 25 - No Wednesday Night Services - MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
- † Tuesday, Dec. 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY @ 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday, Jan. 1 - NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

## 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.
- † 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 Christmas?
- 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?

### Warren Tongate's Answers:

- 1.) The Genuine spirit of love in the Body.
- 2.) Daniel 3:17-18
- 3.) Being able to spend time with family ranging from my grandmother to my grandson.
- 4.) Uninterrupted peace and joy!
- 5.) Peter

### Sandra Tongate's Answers

- 1.) My favorite thing about SCBC is having the opportunity to hear Dalton deliver the message God has for us each week.
- 2.) My favorite verse is Matthew 5:9.
- 3.) Celebrating the birth of Jesus and remembering Him as the pure and perfect Gift that He is!
- 4.) Seeing Jesus face to face and sharing God's lap with Him.
- 5.) Most definitely David, he was fearless in battle, and I need some bravery!

## Trivia With the Trinity

- 1) Five women are mentioned in Matthew's account of Jesus' genealogy. Which one is not listed by name?
- 2) Matthew and Luke both list genealogies for Jesus. Who does Matthew's account begin with? Who does Luke's listing end with?
- 3) Which prophet spoke this message from God to David ? *"He shall build a house for My Name, and I will establish the throne of His Kingdom forever."*
- 4) Which of the twelve tribes of Israel did the prophetess Anna descend from?
- 5) Who was the "wise man" who spoke these words? *"And I will make Him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth."*

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