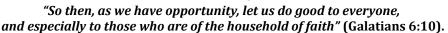


## Salt Creek News! September 2025

Beloved of God,





What an "OPPORTUNITY" we have before us at Salt Creek to spread the Good News of Jesus! These temporary changes, starting this month, will open the door for more gospel opportunities to take place for the glory of God. For instance, offering two worship services will provide people with the opportunity to have a seat available for them in the sanctuary to worship. The opportunity to serve in some ministry as the church grows is certainly something you should prayerfully consider. The opportunity to see new faces in the pews around you, and to encourage them in the faith. The opportunity to join a Sunday school class or dive deeper into the Word on Wednesday nights. The opportunity to invite your family, friends, co-workers, and whoever is open to an invitation to church. The opportunity to rise in courage and get out of your comfort zone a little bit... And of course, if you come to the 8:30 a.m. service you now have the opportunity to beat the Methodists to Section Hand The heart I encourage us all to have regarding these changes is that of a unified team that is bonded in the perfect loving harmony of Jesus Christ (Colossians 3:14). A heart that says in love and humility: "Wow, what an opportunity to serve you Jesus in a new and reviving way!" See you Sunday!

Respect the Blood, Balton Mathis

#### Bible Verse of the Month:

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58

Church History Quote of the Month

"He who labours, prays."

Saint Augustine (354 - 430) Hymn Line of the Month: Workers in the Vineyard

We are workers in the vineyard of the Lord,
And we labor day by day;
For we study well His Holy Word,
And we hourly watch and pray.

When this life of toil and labor are all o'er,
And our trials are all past;
We will praise His name for evermore,
That we're safely home at last.
J. H. Fenimore (1893)

MINISTRY MAGNIFIED!!! "UNSUNG HEROES"

MEMBERS OF THE VISITATION COMMITTEE

This month we recognize and honor the dedicated members of our Visitation Committee. Each Sunday, members of this ministry sit at the "Welcome Desk" ready to greet those who have visited our church with a warm, friendly smile. They also prepare gift bags with a Devotional book, Salt Creek coffee mug, and other helpful items to encourage their walk with our Lord.

Salt Creek is known for the friendliness of our members. Each person who completes a Visitor's Form receives a personal phone call and a card, expressing our gratitude for their decision to worship with our body of believers. Following the initial contact, one of the members compiles all of the personal data and prepares a spreadsheet for the committee, our pastor, the greeters and our church secretary.

This devoted group of servants take their commitment very seriously. Their heartfelt desire is that each person who graces our church with their presence feels valued and loved. They understand that each guest is a precious soul who may be searching for meaning and purpose. This visit may be their first step on a journey of faith. Or perhaps they are simply curious and hoping to find a welcoming community. They also may be visiting family members who attend our church. Regardless of their reason for attendance, we remain confident that their presence among us is no "accident" or "coincidence." Rather, it is a divine appointment by our Sovereign God. We may have only one opportunity to make them feel welcome and cherished.

Statistics show that 70% of first-time visitors to a church do not return for a second visit.

Our Perfect Father has much to say about this subject in His Holy Living Word.

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Hebrews 13:2

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

Romans 15:7

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' (Matthew 25:34-36)

We are truly blessed with these faithful committee members! However, the privilege of greeting and encouraging newcomers belongs to us all. Every member of Salt Creek is called to participate in creating and cultivating a loving and welcoming environment for our guests and for one another.

FOR CHRIST AND HIS GLORY!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CREEK?

#### DATES OF IMPORTANCE

†	Monday	Sept.	1	-	Labor Day - Church Office will be Closed
†	Sunday	Sept.	7	-	TWO WORSHIP SERVICES - 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
†	Sunday	Sept.	7	-	NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME - 9:45 a.m.
†	Sunday	Sept.	7	-	Trail Life - 3:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.
†	Saturday	Sept.	13	-	Golf Scramble at the Creek - Devotion @ 8:00 Tee Time @ 9:00 a.m.
†	Sunday	Sept.	14	-	Deacon's Meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Business Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
†	Wednesday	Sept.	17	-	Good Samaritan Ministry Opportunity 1:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.
†	Wednesday	Sept.	17	-	New Members Fellowship - 6:30 p.m.
+	Sunday	Sept.	21	_	Trail Life - 3:00 p.m 5:00 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.

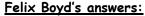
All kids 5th grade and under— Bible Study - Fun - Light Meal Served

- † 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 are watching a video entitled, "God's Big Picture Bible Study."
- † Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to meet at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of 2 Peter.



### 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 the Fall?
- 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?



- 1.) The people, the friendships and how everyone treats me like family.
- 2.) John 14:2-3
- 3.) Changing of the season and the leaves turning
- 4.) Seeing my family
- 5.) The 12 Apostles

#### John Tunnell's answers:

- 1.) Strength of teaching and preaching; also, how welcoming and warm the people are.
- 2.) Psalm 55:22
- 3.) Hunting season and memories of hunting with my boys
- 4.) The perfect rest...Knowing the struggles of this life are over...The Amazement of seeing Jesus for Who He was and for Who He is!!
- 5.) The author of Hebrews whoever he is!

#### Trivia With the Trinity

- 1) What man kept his vow and sacrificed his only child?
- 2) God told Moses to make the bronze serpent. Who destroyed it because the children of Israel were worshiping it?
- 3) Elijah prayed it would not rain, and it did not on the land for how long?
- 4) Who was the second oldest man in the Bible? How old was he when he died?
- 5) How many men did Solomon draft as "forced labor," and where did he send them?

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SALT CREEK GOOD NEWS!

