



Salt Creek News! December 2025



Beloved of God,

Christmas changed everything! The birth of Jesus through the miracle of the Incarnation and virgin birth opened up a way for us to: know God, walk with God, enjoy God's presence, be freed from sin's dominion, have friendship with the Friend of Sinners, have new life, be born again, receive grace upon grace, understand the depths of God's love personally, experience the perfect "Shalom" (peace), have hope for tomorrow, have eternal life, and be granted many more blessings of grace in Christ Jesus for eternity. And so, with all those blessings being listed out, is Christmas worth celebrating? Absolutely it is! Come Celebrate the Christ of Christmas this Christmas season as we glory in the Babe of Bethlehem that was born to save us from our sin! See you at Church!

Respect the Blood, Dalton Mathis

Bible Verse of the Month:

"The true Light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him." John 1:9-10

Church History Quote of the Month

*"Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life."
Corrie Ten Boom
(1892 - 1983)*

Hymn Line of the Month:

Jesus, Light of All the Nations

Jesus, devoted redeemer of all nations,
has shone forth,
Let the whole family of the faithful
celebrate the stories
The shining star, gleaming in the heavens,
makes Him known at his birth
and, going before, has led the Magi to his cradle
Falling down, they adore the tiny baby hidden in rags,
as they bear witness to the true God by bringing a
mystical gift.
Saint Hilary (368)
(Thought to be the oldest Christmas carol)

MINISTRY MAGNIFIED!!!

"UNSUNG HEROES"

These unsung heroes too often go unnoticed. But they play a vital role in ensuring that our church is a welcoming and safe environment for all who enter.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Every week when the church doors open for Sunday morning worship, our landscaping is immaculate! The grass is carefully mowed. The sidewalks are perfectly edged. Everything looks fresh and well-kept. Such maintenance required hours of labor. And maintaining the grass is much more than just a cosmetic function. Our countryside location makes us susceptible to snakes and other critters. Since our children play outside every week, closely cut grass and neatly trimmed weeds are essential for their safety.

Caring for the outside appearance of our church also presents a testament to the importance our hero places on honoring our Lord and Creator by caring for his creation. As Scripture reminds us:

*"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it..."Psalm 24:1*

Our dedicated caretaker understands this Truth. He honors the Creator with his conscientious and faithful efforts. His dedication reflects his faith and his values.

BUILDING SECURITY TEAM

The second half of our "Unsung Heroes" honorees are our Building Security Team.

This team ensures that all lights are turned off and all doors are locked in the main building and youth building after Sunday services and Wednesday evening activities. This resolute team is also responsible for having the main building unlocked and the lights on each Sunday morning.

While this task may seem rather mundane, it is the gracious attitude these selfless servants exude that earns them the title of "hero." The "unlocking" process can be done on their timetable. However, the "locking" procedure is done strictly on the terms of our church members and visitors to our fellowship. One of the beautiful aspects of worship at Salt Creek is the lingering fellowship following the worship service and Bible Studies. People seem to be in no hurry to leave this Spirit-filled environment. These men patiently wait for everyone to exit before completing their task of securing the building. They are gracious, considerate and kind. They understand that their assigned task is more than a job to be completed. They view this as a ministry, and their kindness does not go unnoticed.

We are blessed by sacrificial service from this committee of men who love their Lord and love their brothers and sisters in Christ.

"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:1

Well done, faithful servants of the Grounds Maintenance and the Building Security Team!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CREEK?

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

†	Thursday	Dec.	4	-	Christmas Parade at 6:15 p.m.
†	Sunday	Dec.	7	-	Trail Life @ 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
†	Sunday	Dec.	7	-	Thanksgiving/Christmas Meal - Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service
†	Sunday	Dec.	14	-	"The Greatest Story Ever Told" Presented by the amazing Salt Creek Choir AT BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES
†	Sunday	Dec..	14	-	Deacons' Meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Business Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
†	Wednesday	Dec.	17	-	Good Samaritan Ministry @ 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
†	Sunday	Dec.	21	-	HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS! We will be celebrating in both worship services!
†	Wednesday	Dec.	24	-	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 6:00 p.m.
†	Wednesday	Dec.	31	-	New Year's Eve Celebration! 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 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 Genesis.
- † Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to meet at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of 1 Timothy.

Join Us for! Celebrate the Savior as our Choir presents their offering of praise! December 14th - During both Worship Services! Everyone is Welcome!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24th at 6:00 p.m.
Celebrating with Intention and Joy

Join us for a New Year's Eve Celebration! December 31st from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
2 Corinthians 5:17*

Trivia With the Trinity Who said (or wrote) that??

- 1) "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David."
- 2) "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."
- 3) "Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts."
- 4) "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"
- 5) "Thus, the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people."

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SALT CREEK GOOD NEWS!