

Get To Know My Family Member:

1.) What is your favorite thing about Salt Creek?

Kristi Roberts: "Church out in the country I grew up in, which has grown, but still has the "old school" singing with hymnals, and friendly people."

2.) What is your favorite Bible verse?

Kristi Roberts: "Ephesians 2:4 -10"

3.) What would you do today if you knew Jesus was coming back in 30 days?

Kristi Roberts: "I would want to spend the remaining time with family, and would want to be with family at that time."

4.) What are you most looking forward to about Heaven?

Kristi Roberts: "Looking forward to seeing Jesus, my parents and other family, and just being in awe."

5.) If you had to fight satan with a water pistol, who from the Bible other than Jesus would you take with you?

Kristi Roberts: "David"

Deacon Ordination Testimony—Randy Ethridge:

My testimony is one of great grace and blessing. God has given me a "blessed" life and I am thankful to Him. The southern gospel quartet that I have been a part of for over 20 years now is called "4X(by)Grace" and I came up with that name based on Ephesians 2:8-9 - "*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.*" I was born in 1965 in Austin, Texas, to Jim and Gayla Ethridge. I have one younger brother and friend, Brad, who was born about 3 1/2 years after me. I was blessed to be born into a extended family with Christian values who loved me deeply with a Christ-like love. I have attended church with my family for longer than I can remember - my parents were active members of a number of Baptist churches through my growing-up years. My father was a deacon and taught adult Sunday School classes in many of those churches and Mom was always involved in church music and other activities. Thanks to the influence of my family at home and the teaching of those at church, I realized that I was separated from God by my sin and accepted Christ's redeeming work on the cross and made him my Savior during a revival at First Baptist Church of West Columbia, Texas, at the age of 10.

We moved often when I was young and I attended schools in Leander, West Columbia, Star, and finally Blanket.

We moved to Blanket prior to my junior year in high school and I graduated from Blanket in 1983 in a class of sixteen. Though my musical education consisted of only one year of 6th grade band, I began leading the music at FBC Blanket during my senior year in high school and continued to return home every weekend during my four years at Tarleton State University to lead on Sundays. The folks of FBC Blanket were a great blessing to me in those years and I was much aware of Christ's guidance in my life. It was during my junior year at Tarleton that I met Melinda Warren from Granbury at the Tarleton BSM. She was without question a gift from God and has influenced me (and our children) in just about every positive way that one could imagine. And... she was musically talented as well! Melinda's parents were very active members of Mambrino Baptist Church and were "salt and light" kind of people - her late father Tommy was one of the most selfless people I have ever met. Melinda and I sang a lot of duets together at our home churches during our engagement time, and I also became involved along with her in serving through the BSM. She won my heart quickly (mostly through my stomach) and were married just a few weeks after we graduated from Tarleton in 1987. The Tarleton BSM director, John Pearce, sang at our wedding at Mambrino. John later became our son Warren's "boss" in Texas Baptists. We moved to Houston immediately after we were wed where Melinda got a job at a valve company and made our living while I attended the University of Houston College of Optometry. I graduated in May 1991 and Warren was born in December of that year. Our second son Nolan came along 22 months later. We moved back to the Brownwood area after finishing my education at UH where I joined the optometric practice of Dr. Kent Comolli. We soon moved to Early, where our kids went to school K-12. Melinda began working at the Early Primary School when our younger son started kindergarten and has been there almost every year since, now serving as the campus secretary. We served at Zephyr Baptist Church as "music and youth" ministers for five years starting when Warren was only 3 weeks old. We were members at First Baptist Brownwood for about 10 years total before and after our time at Zephyr. We were asked by Linda Lewis to fill in one Sunday here at Salt Creek in April of 2002 and have been serving here ever since. Melinda and I celebrated our 36th anniversary just a couple weeks ago and it is obvious to us that God has been involved in every stage of our lives together, in both the easy and the tough times, and we know that He has continually been making, as Romans 8:28 says, "all things work together for good" in our lives. And we know that he will continue to do so.

As a bit of a "space" and sci-fi fan, another of my favorite scriptures is Psalm 8, a passage that we sing in churches still today. Verses 3-4 say "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?" It is an amazing thing that the God of the universe sees us and loves us, and gave his own Son for us. It is also a blessing and a humbling honor for me to be considered as a deacon candidate by people that I love and respect here at Salt Creek.

We welcome with loving arms and joyful hearts new members:

- David Adams

We celebrate with the angels the baptism of:

- Kaleb Eaker
- Lucas Farley

If you have a prayer request or find yourself in need of prayer, please let us know.

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Let's celebrate Jesus and His Marvelous Grace together!
Sunday School for all ages: 10:00 a.m. - Worship: 11:00 a.m.
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