



*Beloved of God,*

*In the busyness of spring, enjoy the flowers and worry less. Jesus once said: "Why are you anxious about your clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?" (Matthew 6:28-30) Trust God to provide. He surely will. Just like the Bluebonnets in the spring! Let's have a great April for the glory of God!*

*Respect the Blood,  
Dalton Mathis*

**Bible Verse of the Month:**

*"Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near." James 5:7-8*

**Church History Quote of the Month:**

**"Come, let us return to the Lord...  
Let us press on to know the Lord;  
His going out is sure as the dawn;  
He will come to us as the showers,  
as the spring rains that water the  
earth."  
Prophet Hosea (Hosea 6:1,3)**

**Hymn Line Of The Month:**

**There's the wonder of springtime and harvest,  
The sky, the stars, the sun;  
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul  
Is a wonder that's only begun.  
Chorus  
O, the wonder of it all! The wonder of it all!  
Just to think that God loves me.  
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Just to think that God loves me.  
George Beverly Shea (1956)**

**Trivia With the Trinity**

- When winter is past, and the flowers appear on the earth, what "voice" did Solomon write "is heard in our land.?"
- Who defended himself by saying, "They waited for me as for the rain, and they opened their mouths as for the spring rain," ?
- "But the woman conceived, and she bore a son about that time the following spring..." Who is the woman, and why was she rewarded with a son? (Hint: A famous prophet foretold the birth of this unnamed child.)
- The Bible tells us that the Moabites used to invade the land of Israel in the spring of the year. What miraculous event occurred during one of their raids?
- Which prophet said, "Ask rain from the Lord in the season of the spring rain, from the Lord Who makes the storm clouds, and He will give them showers of rain..."?  
To whom did he deliver this message?

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES MAGNIFIED!**

**God is truly blessing Salt Creek Baptist Church! One visible evidence of this truth is the Keith Marshall Activity Center. This will house our youth department and provide a covered area for various activities. Our children's department is growing and thriving. In the week prior to Easter, two previously unoccupied rooms were structured to accommodate 34 children ages Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> grade on Resurrection Sunday. Our nursery and preschool areas also underwent expansion for the babies, toddlers, and preschoolers who fill our hearts and our rooms.**

**Because a "normal" Sunday morning brought 256 precious souls to our worship service, additional chairs were added to comfortably seat all who chose to attend our church. In addition, a "live stream feed" was installed so our faithful members could watch the service from the fellowship hall; thus, allowing our visitors room in the sanctuary. Screens were installed so announcements could be viewed prior to our weekly Sunday services. This new software also provides the ability to play videos during any special event - such as "Celebrations of Life" and "Senior Recognition Sundays." Our Wednesday Men and Women's Bible Studies are growing weekly. The prayer meeting group, who faithfully join together in voicing prayer concerns and words of praise, seems to increase each Wednesday as well.**

**With these many praiseworthy blessings come opportunities to serve. Since the time of Jesus, this Truth has been relevant: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few..." (Matthew 9:37) Please seek God's Will for ways you can serve our Lord. He supplies the "harvest," and He chooses to use us as "the workers." If you sense the prompting of the Holy Spirit, please contact Dalton or Pam for ways our Lord can use you!**

*"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him Who is the Head, into Christ, from Whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."  
(Ephesians 4:15-16)*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CREEK?

## APRIL DATES OF IMPORTANCE

- † Sunday, April 7 - Church Family Picture during the Worship Service
- † Sunday, April 14 - Deacon's Meeting at 4:45 p.m. Business Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday, April 20 - Good Samaritan Volunteer at 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- † Sunday, April 24 - Lord's Supper
- † Saturday, April 27 - Bridal Brunch for Brooklynn Richmond and Justin Power

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

## Mission Opportunity offered through Trinity Christian Ministries

This plea was made in our March newsletter. Your generosity made it possible for all six of these precious children to receive the funding necessary for their education! Because of the great interest and concern expressed by you, Pastor Stephen Gombe in Uganda provided six more current needs.

One has already been met. These sweet ones desperately need financial support for their school uniforms and scholastic materials. Perhaps even more needed is prayerful support as they navigate through the difficulties of their young lives. The total cost to sponsor one child per year is: \$ 600.00. This includes their trousers, shirt, sweater, shoes, socks, books, pens, geometrical set, school bag, and umbrella. One unique need concerns a single mom of twin babies. She requests \$260.00 as capital for starting a business so she can support her family.

If you feel led to participate, please contact Alan and Janet Ogden, Pastor Dalton Mathis, or Pam McCullough. There is a table set up in the foyer with pictures of the children in need of sponsorship.

Alan: 325-643-8125 Janet: 325-998-3095 Dalton: 940-207-9882 Pam: 325-642-1833

## GET TO KNOW MY FAMILY MEMBERS:

- 1) What is your favorite thing about Salt Creek?
- 2) What is your favorite Bible Verse?
- 3) What do you love most about the Spring?
- 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?

### James Reed's Answers:

- 1) No one thing, but my favorite things about SCBC are fellowship and Bible Study and our pastor's sermons.
- 2) John 3:16
- 3) The Bluebonnets
- 4) Meeting my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; and then Worshipping before the Almighty God
- 5) Paul for the spiritual battles...and David for the physical battles.

### Marie Reed's Answers:

- 1) Women's Bible Study, preaching, and fellowship
- 2) Psalm 91:1-6
- 3) Blue Bonnets and wildflowers
- 4) Worship the Lord God, no more pain, seeing family who have gone on before
- 5) Moses' sister Miriam, Deborah the Judge of Israel

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