

Beloved of God,

As you celebrate the 4th of July this month with popsicles, watermelon, swimming pools, and fireworks, may you be reminded of 4 gospel realities... 1.) As a Christian you are to strive to be a model citizen 2.) As a Christian your true citizenship is in Heaven. 3.) As a Christian you are extremely blessed to live in America... Although things are far from perfect in "the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave" many of our brothers and sisters are suffering extreme persecution in other parts of the world. 4.) As a Christian on Independence Day, reaffirm your full Dependence upon the All-Sufficient Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ!

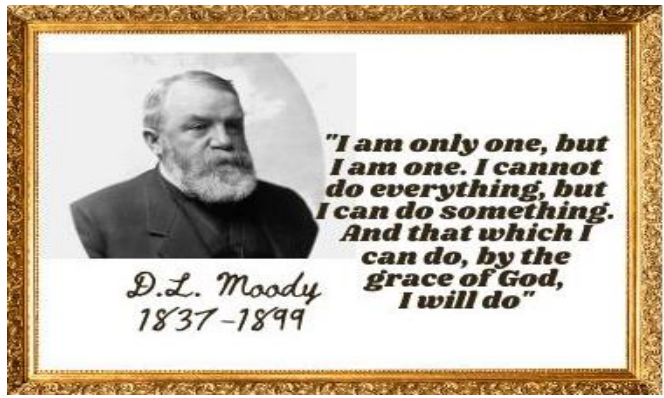
May the God of Peace bless you and your family this month! See you at Church!

*Respect the Blood,
Dalton Mathis*

Bible Verse of the Month:

"Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people." (Titus 3:1-2)

Church History Quote of the Month



Hymn Line of the Month:

MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE

Our father's God to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
Great God, our King!

Samuel Francis Smith (1831)

Trivia With the Trinity - I Pledge Allegiance...

- When Joshua led the Israelites to defend the Gibeonites, two miraculous events occurred. Can you name them?
- Samuel was all set to name me as the king of Israel. But when he looked for me, I could not be found! Who am I and where was I hiding?
- The angel of the LORD called me a "Mighty Man of Valor." But I required two signs of verification before I followed Him in obedience. Who am I, and what were the two confirmations I asked God to provide?
- I betrayed my famous father, and "stole the hearts of the men of Israel." Who am I and who is my famous father?
- I was a slave who ran away from my master. After I became a follower of Christ, I decided to return to my owner. Who am I?

MINISTRY MAGNIFIED!!!

"UNSUNG HEROES"

Our unsung heroes for July manifested their selfless sacrifices during Vacation Bible School, 2024. The contributions of many ensured that each child saw God's love in action. We witnessed the Truth of Colossians 3:14, as our church came together, "And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect unity."

So let us celebrate and honor these sweet servants who displayed their love in deed and in truth!

The first smiling faces seen were the ladies who registered and greeted every child and parent who entered our church doors. The next group of unsung heroes are those who led the rotations for Bible Study, Crafts, Recreation and Songs of Praise. God's Truth was conveyed in each activity. This week would have been impossible without our amazing group leaders, who kept their age groups somewhat controlled as they traveled to the various activities. Our nursery workers provided Christ-like love for our babies and toddlers each night. Everyone knows you cannot have Vacation Bible School without cookies and Kool-Aid! The kitchen helpers "served the Lord with gladness" as each child converged in the fellowship hall with hungry tummies and thirsty throats. And those delicious snacks were donated by many other "unsung heroes" within our family of God! We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to the ones who operated the sound and videos; the one who created our Family Night presentation for parents and children to enjoy; the "shepherd" who participated each night with the children and led our opening assembly of praise and worship; the security team who quietly observed and lent a hand whenever needed; the "director" who organized and orchestrated each moving part; the prayer warriors who brought our needs before His throne of grace; and everyone who swept up crumbs or mopped up spills or held a hand or gave a hug.

YOU ARE ALL TRULY HEROES OF THE FAITH!

Each boy and girl "tasted" and saw that the LORD is good. Because our HEROES "walk in the love of the One Who loved us and gave Himself up as a fragrant offering on our behalf," precious lambs "touched the hem of our Savior's garment."

Though chaos seemed to prevail at times, and perhaps anxiety and turmoil were churning below the surface; what remained most visible and evident was an obvious love for their Lord and Savior. And our LORD was truly glorified! "Therefore, my beloved brothers [and sisters], 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)

*"If I could relive my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children for God."
Dwight L Moody*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CREEK?

JULY DATES OF IMPORTANCE

- † Sunday, July 14 - Deacon's Meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Business Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday, July 17 - Good Samaritan Volunteer at 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- † Sunday, July 21 - Lord's Supper
- † Wednesday, July 24 - Good Samaritan Men's Breakfast @ 7:30 a.m.

AUGUST DATES OF IMPORTANCE

- † Sunday, Aug. 4 - Ice Cream Supper - Corn Hole Tournament - Family Fun @ 6:00 p.m.
- † Sunday, Aug. 11 - Children's Back-to-School Swimming Party @ the Lesley's @ 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- † Sunday, Aug. 18 - Deacon's Meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Business Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday, Aug. 21 - Good Samaritan Volunteer @ 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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



Beginning July 1, we will begin transferring the information from our 2023 Church Pictorial Directory to our Instant Church Directory online. If you prefer to "opt out" of the online directory, there is a place at the bottom of the data sheet you may sign, or you may email me your request of non-participation. Please understand if you do not notify us of your desire to "opt out," you will be included in our online Church Family Directory. Also, unless otherwise provided, we will use the picture taken for our 2023 "Family Album." You may submit a current picture of your family by emailing one to: saltcreekbaptist@gmail.com or pamela_nell@yahoo.com.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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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 Summer?
- 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?

Darlene Warren's Answers

- 1) The friendliness of the people
- 2) Psalm 37:25 "I have been young and now I am old and I have not seen the righteous forsaken or His children begging for bread."
- 3) Summer is warm...And I am NOT a fan of the cold!
- 4) Seeing Jesus and my family
- 5) Gideon

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