



GOD BLESS AMERICA

Salt Creek News! July 2025



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Beloved of God,

This is an exciting time for Salt Creek Baptist Church! We are finishing the final touches on the Keith Marshall Activity Center which will serve as the new home for the Salt-teens youth group and serve as a place for other ministries such as Trail Life to gather in the name of Jesus.

Never in my dreams would I imagine that we would then be shifting the focus to the possibility of another building project... But that very well may be the case. We are quickly outgrowing our sanctuary space on Sunday mornings, which is such an amazing blessing and "problem" to have... We certainly want to be wise and seek the Lord on how we can make our sanctuary more spacious. We want to enhance worship and not hinder worship due to an overcrowded area. So please pray with me as we seek the Lord's will and direction on how we can accomplish this. If you have questions or thoughts you would like to share about this, please know my door is always open. What a blessing it is to be a part of Salt Creek for such a time as this.

May the opening verse of Psalm 127 be our guide as we seek His help:
"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor it vain..."

Respect the Blood, Dalton Mathis

<p><u>Bible Verse of the Month:</u></p> <p><i>"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)</i></p>	
<p><u>Church History Quote of the Month</u></p> <p>"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ."</p> <p>Patrick Henry American Founding Father</p>	<p><u>Hymn Line of the Month:</u> <u>At Calvary</u></p> <p>Now I've giv'n to Jesus ev'rything, Now I gladly own Him as my King, Now my raptured soul can only sing of Calvary.</p> <p>Refrain:</p> <p>Mercy there was great and grace was free, Pardon there was multiplied to me, There my burdened soul found liberty- At Calvary. (William R Newell - 1895)</p>

MINISTRY MAGNIFIED!!! **"UNSUNG HEROES" -**
YOUTH INTERIMS AND VOLUNTEERS

This month's unsung heroes represent Christian brothers and sisters with a spirit of Christ-like servitude. When John and Lisa Hunter had to step down from their positions of youth ministers, the youth were probably filled with apprehension concerning the uncertainty of their futures. However, our Sovereign God was already preparing the hearts of these heroes, and they immediately volunteered to assist whenever, wherever, and however needed.

One young man volunteered to serve as the Sunday School teacher each week. Another young lady offered to lead the Bible Study each Wednesday. Yet other servants came forward to lend their hearts and hands during this time of difficult transition. Each selfless act demonstrated love for Jesus Christ and love for these precious youth!

All effective ministry requires dying to self and living for Christ and His glory. Words remain inadequate to express the depths of gratitude to each one who stepped in and filled a necessary and crucial role. It is our prayer God will richly reward and abundantly bless your efforts. May you take comfort in the Truth that any Word from God's Holy Scripture never returns empty! "It shall accomplish that which I purpose and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)

None of these Christ followers consider themselves "heroes." Their faithful devotion, tender touch, steadfast compassion, and unconditional love most accurately depict "The Jesus Way." At a time of confusion, disappointment, and worry for these middle and high schoolers, they found friends and advocates among these compassionate volunteers.

Please know, stellar supporters, God worked through you in ways possibly unseen by anyone other than Him. You may also be sure, He will bless your efforts, and He Who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus!"

We echo the sentiments of Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:4-6: " [We] give thanks to [our] God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you..."

NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Salt Creek Family, Thank you all for your participation in the "Change for Life" campaign. Your donation of \$3,994.44 will help us serve so many families. We appreciate all of your love and support and all you do for the community!
Gratefully, Michelle Troutman, Executive Director

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CREEK?

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

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| † | Sunday, | July 6 | - Trail Life Ministry @ 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Classic Cars and Popsicles |
| † | Mon. - Tues. | July 7-8 | - Trail Life Service Project - State Baseball Tournament Concessions |
| † | Wednesday, | July 9 | - New Membership Fellowship @ 6:30 p.m. |
| † | Saturday, | July 12 | - Trail Life Service Project - Brown County Christian School |
| † | Sunday, | July 13 | - Deacon's Meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Business Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. |
| † | Wednesday, | July 16 | - Good Samaritan Volunteer @ 1:00 - 5:00 p.m |
| † | Friday-Sat. | July 18-19 | - Trail Life Campout |

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT SALT CREEK:

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| † | 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 studying "Spiritual Gifts" - a Bible Study Book. |
| † | Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to meet at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of James. |



GET TO KNOW MY YOUTH 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 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?

Emily Folker's answers:

1. I love the people at Salt Creek! Everyone has been so kind to us & I love our students so much already!
2. My favorite Bible verse is Acts 20:24. "But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."
3. My favorite thing about summer is the warmth and getting to swim
4. I can't wait for how beautiful it will be to be surrounded by fellow believers and praise the Lord forever.
5. I'm choosing David. He already beat one guy with a rock!

Brayden Folker's answers:

1. The love people have shown us since we came and joined the church! Everyone has loved on us and been praying for us and we love the culture that is here at Salt Creek.
2. I love Philippians 4:6-7. It helps me remember that I always have Jesus even when times get hard and I don't know where to go I know if I just stop and pray, he will be there for me. "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Phil 4:6-7 ESV
3. My favorite this about summer in not having to go to class and having a break from school.
4. I'm most looking forward to just being in the presence of God and not having to worry about the things of this world that make life hard.
5. Samson, he is like a Bible superhero. He has super strength from God and I would need that in a fight.

Trivia With the Trinity

- 1) Who slept in an iron bedstead 13.5 feet long?
- 2) This priest stopped a devastating plague by taking drastic measures. God spared the Israelites because "he was jealous for his God." What is his name?
- 3) A strange prophecy states that the LORD will whistle for something and shave with a borrowed razor. What did He "whistle" for and from whom did He borrow a "razor?"
- 4) Who prepared two meals that sustained a man for 40 days? Who was the man?
- 5) Which king defeated a vast army with a song?

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