



Salt Creek News! February 2026



Beloved of God,

It's February, and that means it's time for Disciple Now Weekend. Our Youth Pastor, Brayden, and his team of faithful volunteers have been working hard in preparation for this exciting, gospel-focused event, which will take place from Friday, February 13th, through Sunday, February 15th. Disciple Now (sometimes referred to as "D-Now"), if you are not familiar with it, is a weekend designated to ministering the grace of Jesus to our youth. The Salteens will come and worship on Friday night, eat supper, fellowship and then go and stay the night at their host homes. On Saturday, they will report back for a full day of worship, Bible breakouts, fun, and Fellowship in the faith. Saturday night, they will return to their host homes and then come to Sunday school and worship on Sunday morning. This weekend is a great opportunity to invest in the lives of these young students. If you want to help in any way, I am positive we can find a place for you to serve. Please keep this weekend in prayer and consider serving at The Salteens' D-Now. Contact Brayden Folkers at 979-820-4365 for more information. Blessings!

Respect the Blood, Dalton Mathis

Bible Verse of the Month:

"Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." Romans 13:8

Church History Quote of the Month

*"Ah, Lord Jesus!
I never knew Your love
till I understood the
meaning of Your death."*

Charles Spurgeon

Hymn Line of the Month:

And Can It Be

*He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me*

Refrain

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!
Charles Wesley (1878)*

My Story + His Story = HIS GLORY

I am very excited to introduce a new feature for our Salt Creek News: a section dedicated to sharing your stories for Christ's glory. This is your chance to share how Jesus has touched your life and the ways He has helped you on your journey.

In Acts 22, Paul has just been arrested in Jerusalem. As he is being led to the barracks, he asks to speak to the assembled crowd. Paul wasted no time in sharing how Jesus completely transformed his life. He shares with the people how zealously he persecuted the followers of "the Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison." (verse 4) But an encounter with Jesus of Nazareth on the road to Damascus completely transformed his life! It occurred to me that everyone who belongs to Christ has a story to tell. If we follow Jesus, sharing our Savior with others is not an option...rather it is His command and our obligation.

This testimony may be your salvation experience, or it may be a time when you were desperate for our Lord and He showed up in a sweet, personal way. Perhaps He sustained you through a devastating "storm of life." In the midst of your struggles, you could not see or feel Him working. But after quelling the waves and calming the wind, His Presence and His Providence were most evident.

I realize that few of us have a dramatic conversion experience like Paul. I was saved at age seven years, and there was no drastic behavioral change. I vividly remember the moment I felt the Holy Spirit drawing me to Himself, but I always thought my testimony was, well, a little boring in comparison to those who accepted Jesus later in life. Then, God convicted me of two things. Number One: Regardless of my age, I was just as lost in my sin as someone older and more worldly. In God's eyes, sin is sin and our need for Him is the same at any age. Number Two: It is truly irrelevant whether my story interests anyone else. I am called to proclaim my Savior to the world. Jesus did not tell His disciples to try to win souls with their stories. Rather, He told them to share His story. Anytime I share what Jesus is doing in my life, I must be careful to place the emphasis on Him...not me. He is the Hero and the focal point for every follower's story.

Please pray about participating in this. Sharing your story is a powerful way to encourage, inspire, comfort, console, and show love to others by testifying to what God has done, is doing, and/or will do in your life. If you are like me, speaking in front of others can be very intimidating. This written format offers a comfortable way to glorify your Savior by sharing what He has done for you. You may email me "Your Story" at: pamela_nell@yahoo.com. If you would like help with the wording, I am happy to assist. You are also welcome to come to the office and share your story in person. I will gladly help write out your personal testimony.

God created you on purpose to fulfill His purpose. His Sovereign Spirit can accomplish amazing things through your willingness to obey and share how His Story is being lived out for His glory...through you!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CREEK?

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

- † Sunday Feb. 1 - Child Dedication Service - Both Worship Services
- † Sunday Feb. 1 - Trail Life - 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- † Sunday Feb. 8 - Deacons' Meeting - 3:00 p.m. Business Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
- † Friday - Sun. Feb. 13-15 - Discipleship Now for Youth
- † Sunday Feb. 15 - Trail Life 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- † Wednesday Feb. 18 - Good Samaritan - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 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 Galatians.
- † Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to meet at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of Titus.

GET TO KNOW MY 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 Winter?
- 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?

Dale Tabor's Answers:

- 1.) Christ, and giving Him all the praise during our worship services.
- 2.) John 3:16
- 3.) Christmas
- 4.) Pain free
- 5.) Paul

Demita Crofford's Answers:

- 1.) It is my home and the people who are like family to me.
- 2.) Jeremiah 29:11; Proverbs 3:5-6
- 3.) A time to refocus, restart and new goals
- 4.) Having the angelic voice to sing and praise, no more sin, suffering or pain and of course seeing my loved ones.
- 5.) Deborah—she was a prophetess warrior

Trivia With the Trinity

Unnamed Couples in the Old Testament

- 1) "Son of man, behold, I am about to take the delight of your eyes away from you at a stroke..."
To whom did God speak these words? Who was God "about to take away" from him?
- 2) This famous prophet and unnamed prophetess shared two sons with symbolic names signifying God's judgment and mercy. What was the prophet's name?
- 3) This famous son's mother chose an unnamed Egyptian wife for him. What was the son's name? What was his mother's name?
- 4) This wife of this famous nephew is well-known...although unnamed. What was her husband's name?
- 5) This famous unnamed couple was instrumental in meeting the needs of a prophet of God. How was the couple identified, and who was the prophet?

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