

Salt Creek News! April 2025



Beloved of God,

"Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened" (Luke 24:11).

Like Peter did on that first Resurrection Sunday, you and I do every Sunday, and especially on Easter Sunday. Easter is a golden opportunity to invite family, friends, strangers, and everyone in between to come and worship the Lord. We encourage you over the next few weeks to go into the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, so that God's house may be filled to worship the Resurrected King of Glory (Luke 14:23). We will have two services on Easter Sunday so we will have plenty of room. The first service will be at 9:30 a.m. and the second service will be at 11:00 a.m. Let's remember, reflect, and rejoice in Jesus during this Resurrection season! See you at church!!!

Respect the Blood, Balton Mathis

Bible Verse of the Month:

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me..." Galatians 2:20

Church History Quote of the Month

"In His life, Christ is an Example, showing us how to live.

In His death, He is a Sacrifice, satisfying for our sins.

In His resurrection, a Conqueror.

In His ascension, a King.

In His intercession, a High Priest."

Martin Luther

<u>Han of Sorrows</u>

Guilty, helpless, lost were we.

Blameless Lamb of God was He,

Sacrificed to set us free:

HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOR!

He was lifted up to die.
"It is finished" was His cry;
Now in heav'n exalted high:

HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOR!

When he comes, our glorious King, All his ransomed home to bring, Then anew this song we'll sing: HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOR!

Philip P. Bliss (1875)

MINISTRY MAGNIFIED!!!

"UNSUNG HEROES"

Our unsung heroes this month are the CARE Nursing Home Ministry Team. This group of selfless volunteers leads a worship service each Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. They honor and glorify our Lord through this beautiful time of praise, Bible Study, and prayer. The average attendance is 10 residents, and 9 church volunteers.

Our nursing homes are filled with precious people who are too often forgotten, overlooked, and neglected. Sadly, they also represent an invaluable untapped resource of knowledge and love. Dearly treasured by their Heavenly Father, He expects His church to engage in ministry with them. These heroes saw the need and answered the call.

In such a setting, it is understandable that sometimes these residents may feel downcast and rejected. Our unsung heroes hold a hand, share a smile and a loving embrace; reminding them that they are seen by their Creator...and they are noticed by our mission minded heroes as well.

The Bible reminds us in Isaiah 55:11: "So shall My Word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." These tender souls are being fed the Living Word each week under the leadership of the sweet, Holy Spirit!

The residents are not the only ones experiencing God's love. The nurses also hear and see the evidence of our Heavenly Father's compassion through His servants. Often these caregivers even participate in the singing of praises! On one occasion, there were eight nursing students and their instructor who gathered with our group of heroes during the worship service. Since we KNOW there are no coincidences, we are confident our Lord strategically places people in a position to hear His loving Truth.

Inside each ageing body is a lifetime of memories. They need to be reminded of their value and worth in the eyes of their loving Father. Our dedicated team of volunteers faithfully seeks to instill this Truth within each heart.

We all have a story. At one time, each patient was young and vibrant with hopes and dreams. Now, their lives are nearing an end, and perhaps they have never considered the Savior Who sacrificed His life for them. Maybe they did not take the time to commit themselves to the Kingdom Work of our Lord. As long as they have breath, salvation is available. And you can rest assured the angels will rejoice jubilantly over each lost sinner who repents – regardless of age.

God bless you, precious CARE ministry team! Thank you for responding to God's call for your life. Because of you, lives are being changed – for Christ and His glory! As you continue through love to serve one another, the King affirms your faithfulness with these Words: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to Me!" (Matthew 25:40)

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CREEK?

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

T	Friday,	April 4	-	Cross Classical Golf Tournament Fundraiser
†	Sunday,	April 6	-	Trail Life Ministry @ 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
†	Sunday,	April 13	-	Deacon's Meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Business Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
†	Wednesday,	April 16	-	Good Samaritan Volunteer @ 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
†	Thursday,	April 17	-	FCA Fellowship at Early High School @ 7:15 a.m.
†	Sunday,	April 20	-	Two Worship Services at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
†	Sunday,	April 20	-	Trail Life Ministry @ 3:00 - 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 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 1 Peter
- † Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to meet at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of Hebrews.



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 Easter?
- 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?

Answers: Gretchen Campbell

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- 2.) Philippians 4:13
- 3.) My favorite thing about Easter is seeing faces at church that we don't see every Sunday.
- 4.) I look forward to seeing my parents and Kenny's family that have passed.
- 5.) Esther

1.) The Presence of the Holy Spirit among this precious family of God

Answers: Pam McCullough

- 2.) Colossians 3:23
- 3.) Celebrating my Risen Savior with His Church
- 4.) Dwelling in the Presence of Jesus and worshiping with my loved ones for all eternity
- 5.) Barnabas (I will need his beautiful encouragement!)

Trivia With the Trinity

- 1) Which gospel writer records the name of the high priest's servant whose ear was cut off by Peter? What was the servant's name?
- 2) What prophet recorded the prophecy about casting lots for Jesus' garment?
- 3) What strange fact did Mark record referring to Jesus' arrest that the other writers omit?
- 4) When Jesus discovered the three disciples sleeping in the Garden, which one did He address by name?
- 5) When Jesus appeared to the eleven as they were reclining at the table, what two things did He rebuke them for?

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SALT CREEK GOOD NEWS!

