Salt Creek News! October 2025

Beloved of God,

The psalmist rejoiced, saying: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!"" (Psalm 122:1). In a similar form,

I pray this is your heart every Sunday morning and your experience as you worship the Lord Jesus with us at Salt Creek. What an exciting season it is to be a servant of Christ! A season of fruitful harvest. A season of growth. A season of miracles. A season of watching Jesus seek and save the lost in our midst. Keep praying, keep seeking, and keep laying your heart before the throne of the God of all grace. Thank you for serving Jesus! Thanks for letting me be your pastor! Thanks for being family! Now with gladness in our hearts, let's serve Jesus together until He comes back! See you Sunday!

Respect the Blood, Balton Mathis

Bible Verse of the Month:

"Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Matthew 9:38

Church History Quote of the Month

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." Robert Louis Stevenson (1850 - 1894) Hymn Line of the Month: Bringing in the Sheaves

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness, sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve; waiting for the harvest and the time of reaping—we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain:

Bringing in the sheaves,
bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
Knowles Shaw
(1834 - 1878)

MINISTRY MAGNIFIED!!! "UNSUNG HEROES"

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE AND SANCTUARY CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS

Our church is blessed to still publish a monthly newsletter. In many churches, newsletters are fast becoming a lost art. Instead, they choose to correspond and relay information through Social Media, Email, Text Messaging, Blogs, and/or Podcasts. However, for many, "The Salt Creek News" may be one of the few positive pieces of mail received. Also, newsletters reach people who might not be active on social platforms, including older members who still rely on email or print. For the homebound,

this monthly newsletter helps them feel remembered and valued.

The logistical coordination of this worthwhile ministry entails hours of meticulous and careful preparation. The committee copies and folds over two hundred pieces of mail. They carefully place address labels and postage. In addition, for Post Office compliance, they position three round labels to ensure that each parcel of mail is securely sealed. The committee faithfully completes this process each month. Is our newsletter ministry old fashioned? Maybe... Is it worth the paper and mailing to continue to produce it? Maybe not...But in a society where people feel increasingly disconnected, a monthly correspondence from their church can help our family of God feel more connected to one another and more informed about the happenings at their church. "The Salt Creek News" remains a meaningful way to communicate, celebrate, and encourage our congregation. We are grateful for the selfless dedication of this wonderful committee of volunteers!

Another overlooked "unofficial" committee consists of a group of ladies who prepare our sanctuary for worship each week. They straighten the hymnals, replenish the memo pads, pens, and visitors' card. They also pick up trash, refold the convenient blankets for those who become cold during the worship service. With 281 congregational seats, this represents a time-consuming endeavor. I believe we can all agree that part of serving our Lord is remaining obedient and faithful in the seemingly small tasks.

These selfless servants honor and apply this Scripture:

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23

They recognize that their acts of service may often go unacknowledged or unnoticed by most individuals.

Nevertheless, they serve their Lord with gladness! (Psalm 100:2)

They follow the example of their Savior, Who said:

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve...(Mark 10:45)

We give thanks to God for these unsung heroes who diligently labor in love for Christ and HIS GLORY!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CREEK?

DATES OF IMPORTANCE

†	Thursday	Oct.	2	-	Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Early High School @ 7:15 a.m.
†	Sunday	Oct.	5	-	Trail Life @ 3:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.
†	Sunday	Oct.	12	-	Deacons' Meeting @ 4:30 p.m. Business Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
†	Wednesday	Oct.	15	-	Good Samaritan Ministry Opportunity @ 1:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.
†	Wednesday	Oct.	15	-	Fields of Faith - Gordon Wood Stadium @ 7:00 p.m.
†	Saturday	Oct.	18	-	Fall Festival @ 5:00 p.m 7:00 p.m.
†	Sunday	Oct.	19	-	Trail Life @ 3:00 p.m 5:00 p.m.
†	Friday	Oct.	24	-	5 th Quarter Immediately after the Early Longhorn Football Game

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.

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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 watching a video entitled, "God's Big Picture Bible Study."
- † Men's Bible Study: All men are invited to meet at 6:30 p.m. We are studying the book of 2 Peter.

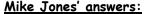


Wednesday

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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 is your favorite thing about the Fall?
- 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?



- 1.) The love of Christ within the church body and hearing the gospel preached each Sunday.
- 2.) John 15:5
- 3.) The Fall colors of God's creation and FOOTBALL SEASON.
- 4.) Walking the streets of gold with my son Chris and other family and seeing Jesus face to face.
- 5.) Job. A man of faith in the face of immense tribulation

Cheryl Jones' answers:

- 1.) The Christ-like examples of service from members and unlimited opportunity for spiritual growth by those examples.
- 2.) Proverbs 3:5-6

Senior Adult Worship Event - Coggin Ave. Baptist Church @ 2:00 p.m.

- 3.) Cooler weather, football season
- 4.) See Jesus face to face
- 5.) David and that slingshot and his faith

Trivia With the Trinity

- 1) Who does Paul name as the first convert in Asia?
- 2) David named his second son with Bathsheba one name while God gave him a different name. What were the two names of this beloved son of David?
- 3) It was the practice by the king of Babylon to seek an omen in three unusual ways. One was consulting his idols. Can you name the other two?
- 4) The hymn, "Bringing in the Sheaves" is based on a Scripture. Where is this Scripture found?
- 5) Who, during the wheat harvest, found mandrakes in the field and gave them to Leah?
- 6) Which major feast coincided with the wheat harvest?

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