



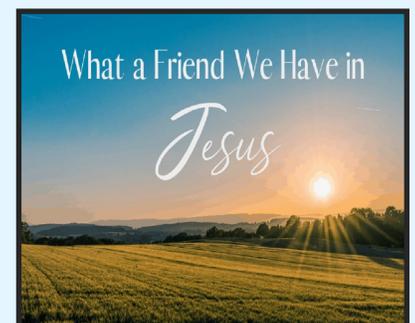
# The Circuit Rider

## August 2021



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# a note from Pastor John

Salmon Creek Church will be entering our fall season following a year like no other. Covid has disrupted our worship services since February of 2020 and disrupted our community as well. I remember thinking – hoping – back then that the wave would pass quickly, and we would return to “normal” by July. It was not to be, and even to this day we continue to make accommodations and changes based on our desire to keep our congregation healthy while maintaining both our community and our communion with God.

One of the central precepts in Christ’s message to us is to live looking forward. We are also called not to be blown about by the ever-changing winds of the times. If we have lost something during the pandemic, we have also gained a new enthusiasm and have come to see more clearly the value of the Way of Jesus Christ. We have been granted a new perspective. We can begin – again – living out Christ’s promise to make all things new again. It is a well-defined path. It is not “woke” or “traditional” or “progressive”; these are words that represent the ever-changing winds. The path of Jesus Christ is made of truth and lined with grace.

With this in mind, I have no desire at all to go back to “normal.” I have no desire to go backwards at all. By this I don’t mean worship styles or shifting the chairs around – I mean examining the fruits of the spirit that emerge from the things we do and the things we say. Are we growing closer to God and becoming more Christ-like every day? Are we living that out in our relationships and interactions with a bruised and battered world? Is church a space where we help each other do these things, and is what we do in church reflected outside the church? Do we speak the truth with grace? I for one am looking forward to moving along that path full steam ahead!

*Blessings, Pastor John*



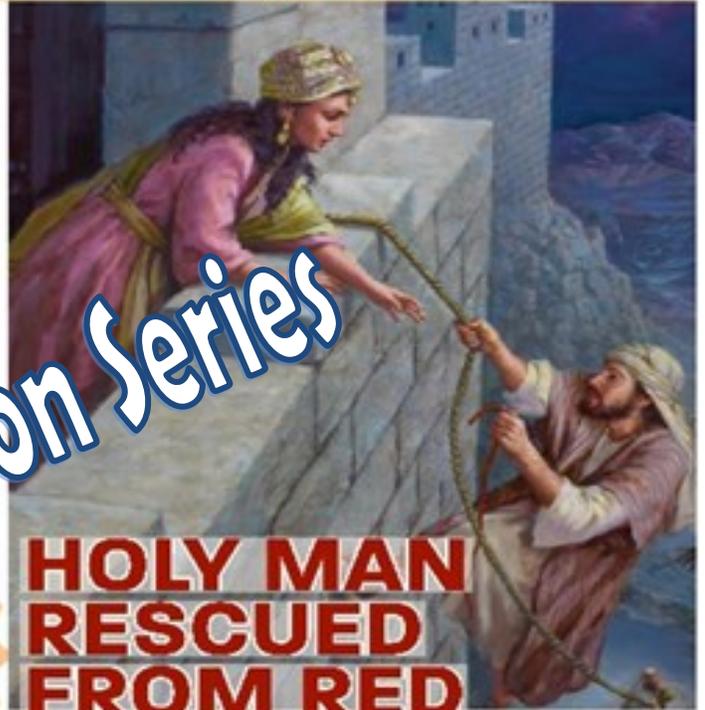
# The Biblical Enquirer

## DEADLY ARM CANDY

Superman Samson partners with Beauty Delilah! .....but at what cost!?!?



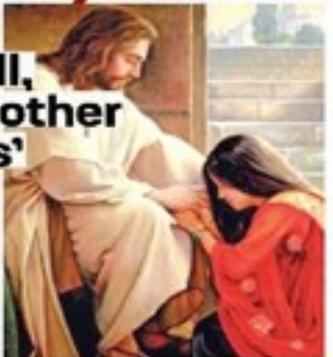
August Sermon Series



HOLY MAN RESCUED FROM RED LIGHT DISTRICT!

## Mystery Women!

First at the Well, now another in Jesus' inner circle! WHAT NEXT!?



## family scandal rocks Judea

FIRST LOOK inside the lives of Judah and Tamar and the family they tore apart



# August Sermon Series

**Biblical Scandals!   ■   Compromising Situations!**

**■   People Behaving Badly!**

Join us throughout August as we explore how God works with people, even when they are at their very worst. Did you know that when Matthew lists Jesus' genealogy, there is a prostitute on the list, and an incestuous woman! It all sounds salacious - surely there must be a better reason to tell these stories in the Bible.

But you won't find out unless you come to church or watch online. **Just remember:**

***Enquiring minds want to know (God)!***



## Mission Auction Returns!

Save the date!

The Salmon Creek Mission Auction is back! Saturday, November 20.  
Be on the lookout for more information!



## School Supplies Drive

School Supplies! We will begin collecting school supplies for Gaiser Middle School in August. Sales are beginning now so if you see some great deals, here are the greatest needs: composition notebooks—wide and college ruled, #2 pencils, individual rolls of scotch tape, packages of colored pencils, 5 color highlighter packs, black felt tip markers- fine point.

Contact Kathy Hardy with questions, (360) 910-2315.



**Ushers Needed** Please contact Sue Tibbs or email [Admin@salmoncreekchurch.org](mailto:Admin@salmoncreekchurch.org) or Pastor John.

**Volunteer Needed for Event Management**

As the church opens up more and more, there has been a pent up demand for use of our facilities (weddings, funerals, special events etc.) I could really use some help from a volunteer to help families and groups plan and schedule these events. You would be the primary contact for scheduling and logistics, in consultation with me and Sue. If you are interested, just send me an e-mail at [pastorjohn@salmoncreek.church](mailto:pastorjohn@salmoncreek.church).

**Child Care Volunteers Wanted** Jesus said, "Let the little children come," and so we are very excited to welcome children and families as we move back into the sanctuary. To help our youngest members feel safe and welcome, we are in need of some volunteers to help out with child care and children's moments during both services. If you can help out please contact Pastor Vivian at: [vivian.hiestand@salmoncreek.church](mailto:vivian.hiestand@salmoncreek.church).

**The Media Team is still looking for volunteers** Church Position Open for a Media Director/ Technician. This is a paid position at 10 hours per week. The staff member would be responsible for coordination and implementation of sound/visual programs within and for the church. This is principally accomplished using computer software and sound/projection equipment to enhance live performances and/or record and project those to online and other venues. The major responsibilities are to plan and implement presentations for Sunday morning worship services and other relevant events, which includes livestreaming. The member would work with volunteers and have responsibility for managing the audiovisual equipment resources of the church. Some additional education and/or experience is required.

For additional information, please contact Pastor John or Jim Roberts: ([jimpamrobert@gmail.com](mailto:jimpamrobert@gmail.com)/360-573-0446)

**Singers and Ringers wanted** here at Salmon Creek Church! We're so excited that things are looking back up and we're able to move forward with getting a few more things back to normal! A couple of quick details: If you would like to sing in a small ensemble over the next coming months until our full choir starts back up in the fall, please let me know by sending an email to [music@salmoncreek.church](mailto:music@salmoncreek.church). If you are interested in joining our new SECOND handbell ensemble, also email me at [music@salmoncreek.church](mailto:music@salmoncreek.church). These rehearsals are Mondays 5:45-7:00pm. If you are interested in ringing in our new handbell ensemble, the Adoration Ringers, we are looking for new ringers! No ringing experience required, and music reading experience is recommended but also not required. We will meet Mondays 5:45-7:00pm in the St. Paul Room. This is a new ensemble to encourage new ringers to give it a try! 6th grade and older welcome to join!



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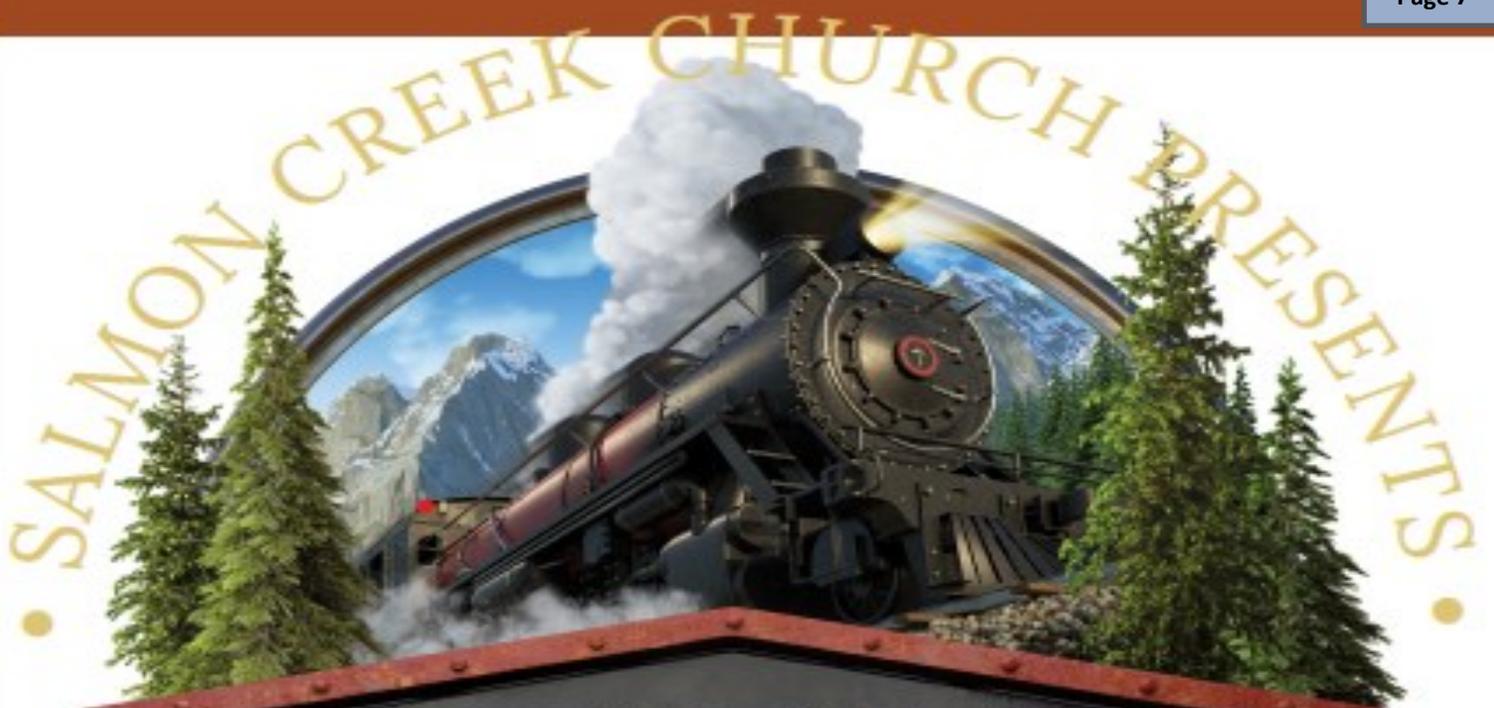
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**Worship Service Times: There will be one service on Sundays at 10:00 am and we will keep to this schedule through August.**



# ROCKY RAILWAY

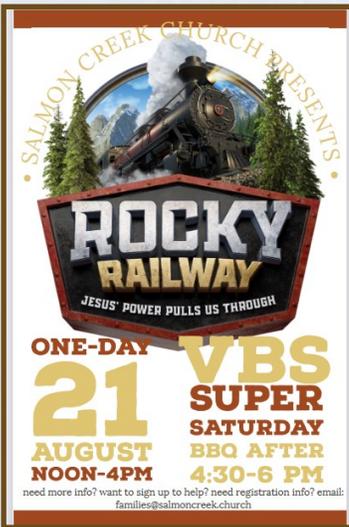
JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH

ONE-DAY

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**AUGUST**  
**SUPER**  
**SATURDAY**

**VBS**  
**SUPER**  
**SATURDAY**  
**VBS 1-5 PM**  
**BBQ 5:30-7 PM**

need more info? want to sign up to help? need registration info? email:  
[vivian.hiestand@salmoncreek.church](mailto:vivian.hiestand@salmoncreek.church)



**ATTENTION ALL KIDS!** You're invited to join us for an afternoon of fun on the Rocky Railway where Jesus' power pulls us through! We'll stop at Imagination Station, flex our muscles during Loco Motion Games, come together to sing and learn, and become the Raise the Roof Ringers - all while powering our way through a Bible Adventure. There will be plenty of snacks and lots of fun - and we'll top it all off with a BBQ dinner for everyone in the family. Kids going into grades 1-5 are invited to join us on Saturday, August 21, from 1:00-5:00 pm (then dinner). Look for registration information on the flyer on the previous page, or on the church website as of August 1st ([www.salmoncreek.church](http://www.salmoncreek.church)).

**CALLING ALL ADULTS** - We need you to help us with this afternoon adventure for our kids. We need everything from decorating skills to snack makers, people skilled at herding wiggly children, to people who are willing to act out a Bible story, people to set up and folks to clean up. Sign up sheets with more information are located in the back of the church today - or you can sign up by emailing Pastor Vivian ([vivian.hiestand@salmoncreek.church](mailto:vivian.hiestand@salmoncreek.church)) or on the website as of August 1st.

## CALLING ALL YOUTH TO REMIND YOU!

### That you are stronger than you think!

Bible Brunch is back, happening after our 10 a.m. service in the St. Paul Room, and focusing on everything awesome that makes you *YOU*.

You have made it through so much! Let's celebrate and honor this idea of strength during Bible Brunch -- happening in the St. Paul room right after our worship service Sundays around 11:10 a.m. We'll discuss the ideas of power and resilience, borrowing examples from scripture and our own lives as we catch up, eat food, and reset for the next week.



### **The J.O.Y. Academy – a new approach to Children's Ministry**

The church has hired a new Coordinator of Children and Family Ministries: Rev. Vivian C. Hiestand. An ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church, Pastor Vivian (who is Pastor John's wife) offered a new approach to children's ministry when she interviewed with the S.P.R.C. She made a compelling case for why a new approach is needed. A little knowledge of the history of Sunday School helps understand why.

After World War II, parents and church leaders, eager to serve the "Baby Boom" children, created a Sunday program that incorporated the latest methods the public schools were beginning to utilize. This included work sheets, craft projects, attendance awards, etc. This approach was enthusiastically embraced and implemented by nearly every church and remains the most common form of children's ministry in the Western world.

In the 1970s, most churches changed children and youth Sunday school times: instead of meeting when adults met (before, after, or between worship), children were excused part-way through worship to attend Sunday school, and youth groups often met in the evenings on whatever day of the week suited most families' schedules. The children were kept busy, the youth had a blast, and the parents were happy.

All seemed to be going well – until church leaders began to notice that these well-tended, well-taught children left the church when they became adults, never to return. **Since the 1970s, only 32% of people who grew up in the church attending children and youth programs continue church participation as adults.** Despite their best efforts, they had not instilled a resilient faith in children and youth.

What went wrong? The research shows that – despite all the love and attention invested - all the programs and fun had failed to inspire children and youth to follow Christ in a way that made their faith deep and resilient. Worse, the research only defined the problem; it did not offer solutions.

But solutions exist. One of the most successful approaches to this problem was devised by Rev. Dr. Leanne Hadley. An ordained United Methodist Elder, Leanne spent over 25 years as the leader of Children and Family Ministries of Colorado Springs 1<sup>st</sup> UMC. Her approach has resulted in about 65% of the children who experience Christ through her approach continuing their faith journey as they became adults. The approach is Biblically based, psychologically sound, and founded on time-tested Christian spiritual principles and practices.

Beginning this September, we will implement Dr. Hadley's approach to ministry with children. Pastor Vivian, our new Coordinator of Children and Family Ministries, trained with Dr. Hadley and has been certified to teach this approach to others.

**On Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Vivian will offer a one-hour workshop about this approach after worship in Room 203 (FMC).** Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about this unique – and uniquely successful – way of doing ministry with children and youth.



CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRIES

**Summer Lunch Program!** Salmon Creek Church is hosting the summer lunch program at Sarah J. Anderson elementary Monday - Friday from June 21st - August 13. We are looking for volunteers who can spend a day, a week or more, helping out as we hand out lunch to children and youth. The time commitment is from about 11:40 - 1:10pm. We have trained site supervisors who will work every day, we just need some folks to help out. Share (who hosts the program) is also looking for volunteers to drive the lunches to various sites in the community. They are also looking for volunteers to help prepare and clean up after lunch. To volunteer, go to the Share website: <https://sharevancouver.org/volunteer/> or contact Kathy Hardy (360) 910-2315 or Tina Hunter (801) 557-7445.

Free!  
 **SUMMER**   
**MEALS**

For All Kids Ages 18 & Under



Grab-n-go meals will be available at multiple sites from June 22 to August 14.

Children must be present to receive a meal.

Serving the  
Hungry & Homeless



**Lots of wonderful veggies growing in God's Gardens. Pick rhubarb or clip herbs anytime, not just for gardeners. Expect cucumbers in August. Welcome new gardeners Henry Russell and Tina & Kevin Hunter!**

# GOD'S GARDEN



Family Promise has been working with the Stand Together Foundation as part of a cohort of organizations addressing poverty, incarceration, racial justice, and homelessness. As part of this effort, we were able to have an independent study done to assess aspects of our impact.

The full report has terrific data, quotes, and feedback. But the story it tells is that the work of Affiliates is highly effective. The inference is this is because of the application of our core values by Affiliates — this is data that quantifies the outcomes of your empathetic approach, your focus on empowerment, your innovation, and your creation of community.

It is limited and not longitudinal, but it is extremely well-designed and thorough, and its outputs are meaningful.

Relevant points to the survey process:

- These were in depth interviews with people who had gone through shelter or prevention programs at 9 different Affiliates.
- This kind of market survey does not have a bias; people who want to respond negatively generally participate to the same degree as those who are positive.

These scales will only count as positive highly scored responses; mild or neutral responses detract from scores.

Highlights:

- 70% of respondents stated Family Promise had a “transformative” impact on their lives. That is an extremely high number for such a powerful concept.
- 76% are “flourishing” (using the Harvard Flourishing Scale) which again is a remarkable number.
- The Net Promoter Score was 84. NPS is a useful measure because it subtracts negative and ambivalent responses. The researchers noted that Apple, which is the strongest consumer brand, scores in the 60s. Scores in the 40s are the usual.
- Prevention programs scored slightly worse than shelter programs. But the difference is not significant, which indicates that Affiliates are applying the best intervention for a family given their circumstances.

Not surprisingly, graduates had the lowest scores for flourishing when it came to finances and health; this speaks to their entrenched roles in poverty and the importance and opportunity in addressing them.

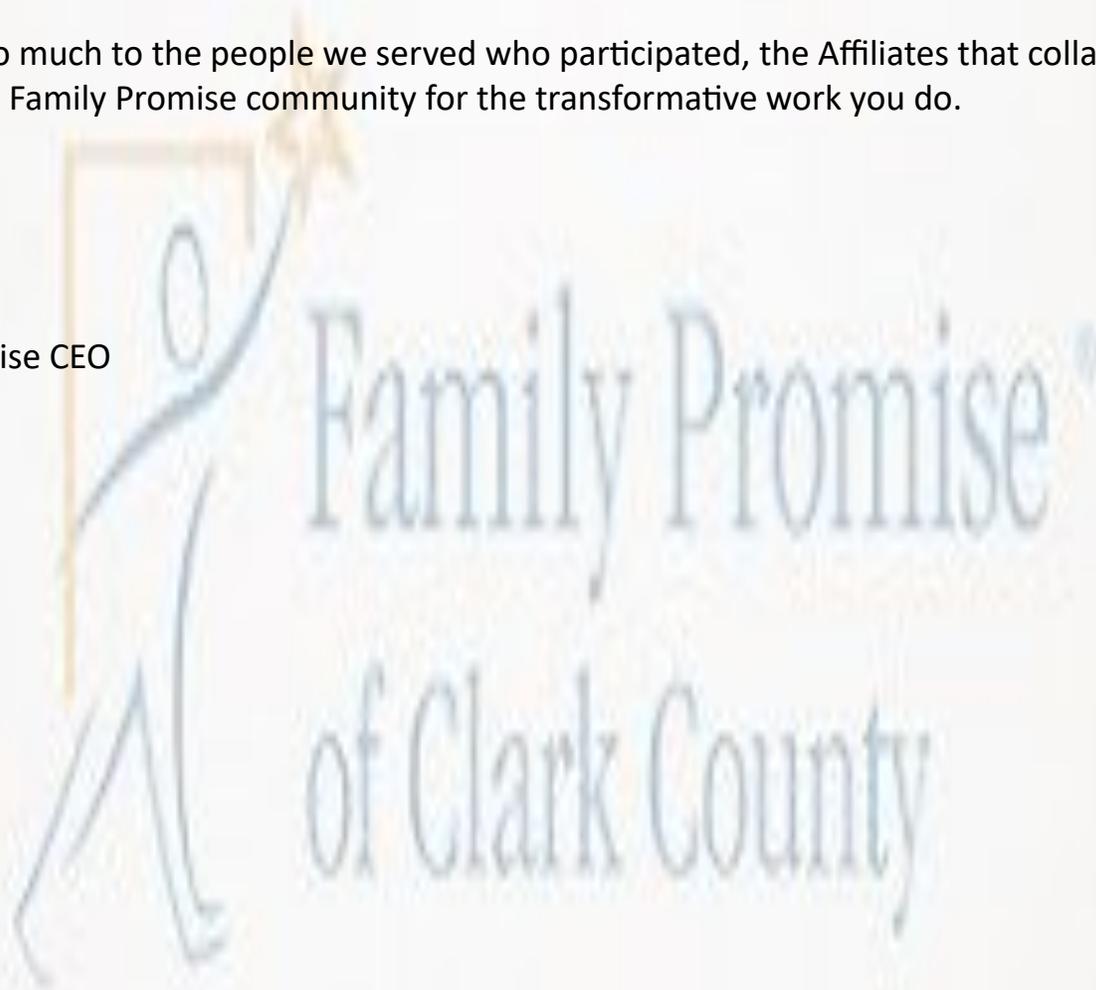
Third party evaluation has great importance in identifying areas for improvement and strengths to build from. It also verifies success to partners and supporters. We are thrilled to have this study. We will be doing more evidence-based studies and analyses with those goals in mind, and share those with you.

Remember to take advantage of the data we have nationally, whether it is studies like these, the program services report taken from census, or our national certifications like our Charity Navigator score to help tell your story as well.

Thank you so much to the people we served who participated, the Affiliates that collaborated, and to the entire Family Promise community for the transformative work you do.

Sincerely,

Claas Ehlers  
Family Promise CEO



# In Our Beautiful Sanctuary!



1. Bobby Tibbs
3. LaVada Harris
3. Alvera Kelly
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4. Betty Selby
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10. Fred Scott
10. Lois Vail
11. Julie Bruno
11. Susan Scott
12. Matthew Horner
13. Ashlynn Huckins
14. Joanie Dudley
14. Henry Russell
16. Jeanne Eten
18. Kristen Berry
19. Olivia Stokman
20. Sally DuPree
22. Harley Youngblood
23. Tina Hunter
25. Greta Ackley
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29. KD Hardy
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29. Lisa Whitling
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Happy  
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