

The Saltshaker



A View from the Pew—Mike Burns

September 2026

I was reading a devotional this past week in preparation for our Wednesday morning men's group. It was reminding us to "draw from the wells of salvation". Every day, we draw from some kind of well. We reach for something to refresh us, steady us, entertain us, inform us, or tell us who we are. Often that "well" is close at hand: a phone screen, a news feed, a stream of opinions, a steady flow of updates, images, and comparisons. Social media and the wider noise of the world can promise connection, wisdom, and satisfaction. Yet if we are honest, we often come away more anxious, more distracted, more restless, and still thirsty.

God described this problem long before phones were in our hands. Through the prophet Jeremiah, He said, "My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jeremiah 2:13). The image is vivid: God offers a living fountain, fresh and flowing, but His people turn aside to cracked containers that cannot keep what they promise.

That is still our temptation. The well of the world says, "Drink here and you will be enough. Drink here and you will know enough. Drink here and you will not miss out." But the water is never quite enough. There is always another post, another headline, another argument, another image, another reason to compare ourselves with someone else. What begins as a quick glance can quietly become a daily habit of drawing our identity, peace, and direction from a source that cannot truly satisfy.

Jesus offers a better well. Speaking to the Samaritan woman, He said, "Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again" (John 4:14). He was not speaking of a momentary escape or a passing inspiration. He was offering Himself: living water for weary souls, truth for confused minds, grace for guilty hearts, and eternal life for all who come to Him.

To drink from the well of Scripture is to come daily to the voice of God before we give the world the first word and, all too often, the last word as well. It may mean beginning the morning with a psalm before opening a feed. It may mean pausing during the day to remember a promise of Christ instead of rehearsing the worries of the world. It may mean asking, "What is shaping my thoughts today—the truth of God's Word or the noise around me?"

This is not a call to fear every tool or avoid every conversation. It is a call to discernment. The world's wells may inform us, but they cannot save us. They may distract us, but they cannot restore us. They may speak loudly, but they cannot speak life like the Word of God. Only the Lord is the fountain of living water.

So let us notice where we are drinking. When our souls are dry, let us return to the well that does not run dry. Open the Scriptures. Sit with the Lord. Listen for His voice. In Christ, the thirsty are invited to come, drink, and live.

And if you are a man and have some time of a Wednesday morning, stop in and see us at 7am at Starvin Arvins. It's one way we like to "drink from the well of salvation" to start the day.

Blessings!

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ALL CHURCH PICNIC

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!
BRING FOOD TO SHARE WITH THE CHURCH FAMILY!
SUNDAY SCHOOL IS CANCELLED.



(50 and older)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY GRAND MESA COLOR TOUR

Saturday, September 26, 10:00AM
Bring your sack lunches, wear comfortable shoes
and a jacket. Meet at the church!!




It's time!!!

LOOK

under your bed, in your closet and find those vest, t-shirts, book bags and bibles.

AWANA starts on Wednesday, Sept. 9th @ 6:00PM. Can't wait to see you there!

Volunteers to listen to bible verses would be greatly appreciated!!!



Gal Pals (All ladies)

SEPTEMBER IS HERE!

TIME TO RELAX, FELLOWSHIP AND HAVE SOME FUN!

Friday, September 18th @ 6:00PM in the gym.

Let's play some Bunco--don't know how?
We will teach you.
It's easy & fun!

Bring finger foods to share!



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

JOIN US ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
9:00AM

Meet at Sherry Burns
6088 Graff Road
970-314-1928

The study is on Kristi McLelland's book called "The Names of God".

WE WILL MEET EVERY OTHER SATURDAY AFTER THIS!

September Happy Birthday

Todd Laws	1
Loren Gilliland	3
Dawn Nelson	4
Mike Burns	5
Cheryl Grange	7
Ehlaw Kyaw	9
Teresa Menzel	9
Mary Abbott	10
Larry Walker	13
Pah B Wah	15
Patricia Hurd	16
Vicki Kiefer	18
Robin Harrison	20
First Moo Wright	23
Second Moo Wright	23
Shylow James	26
Moses Shar Hae Kay	26
Daniel Elliott	27
Alice Sanford	29
Bill James	30

Happy Anniversary

Rich & Vicki Kiefer	11
Todd & Cheryl Laws	23



**Awana
Clubs**

Child Discipleship
Missionaries

**Joseph & Jill
Cook**

**AWANA
Missionaries**

Mission Spotlight for September



PLEASE JOIN US FOR PROJECT 1.27'S
FRIENDS & FAMILY BREAKFAST
Thursday, Sept 10th, 9:00-10:00AM
The Grove, Delta, Colorado

Project 1.27 Breakfast @ The Grove Sept. 10th

Join Project 1.27 for their second annual Friends & Family Breakfast, to learn more about their work, and discover how individuals, families, and churches can make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and youth in foster care and the families who support them.

Breakfast is free, but space is limited so reserve your spot early. Email Janet Rowland @ jrowland@project127.org

 American Baptist Churches
in the Rocky Mountains
Unleashed Churches

2026 Gathering
Guest Preacher
Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs Strain

 TRUE LIGHT
BAPTIST CHURCH

September 17-19
Denver, CO

www.abcrm.org

**Hear from ABC-USA
General Secretary at the
2026 ABCRM Annual
Gathering**

Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs Strain will be our guest
preacher for the 2026 Gathering in Denver, CO.

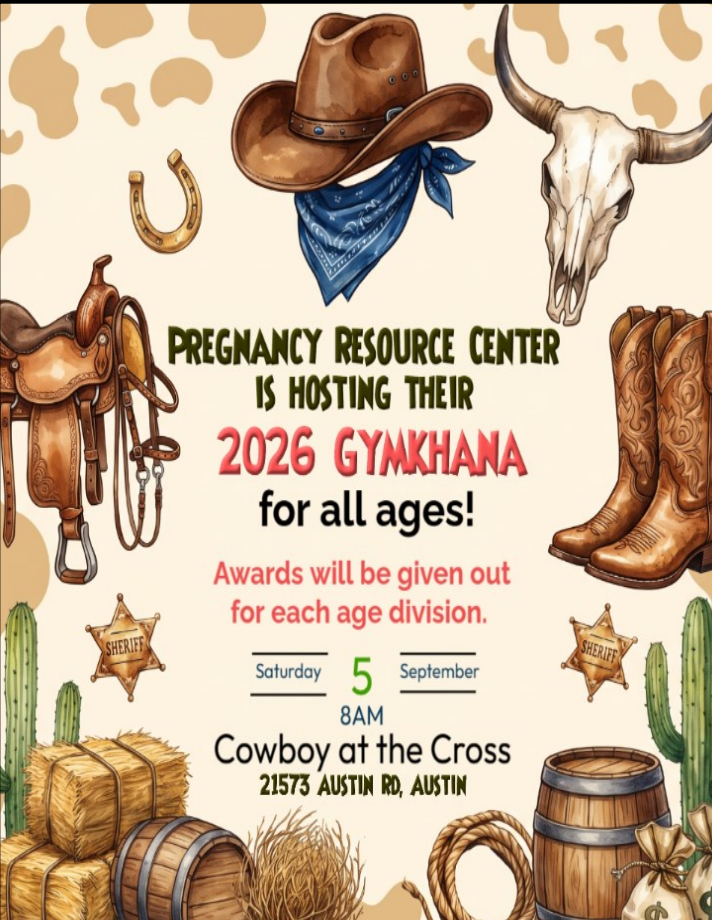
Keynote Speaker: Skye Jethani

Skye Jethani is an award-winning author, speaker, and co-host of the Holy Post Podcast. Skye has written more than a dozen books and served as an editor and executive at Christianity Today for more than a decade. Raised in a religiously and ethnically diverse family, his curiosity about faith led him to study comparative religion before entering seminary and pastoral ministry. With a unique ability to connect Christian thought and contemporary culture, his voice has been featured in The New York Times, USA Today, and The Washington Post, and he's spoken to audiences throughout the world.

With explores the narrative of the Bible to show that we were created to be with God, and that restoring this connection is God's mission. Instead of life over, under, from, or even for God, what leads us into freedom and restoration is life with God. Why are American Christians, who have more access to biblical teaching than any other people in history, failing to experience the freedom of the Christian life?



If anyone is interested in going, please let Vicki know in the church office.
Expenses will be paid in full for 2 people who go as our delegates.



**PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER
IS HOSTING THEIR
2026 GYMKHANA
for all ages!**

Awards will be given out
for each age division.

Saturday **5** September
8AM

Cowboy at the Cross
21573 AUSTIN RD, AUSTIN

**FRONTLINE:
FINDING YOUR PURPOSE**

*** MEN'S GATHERING ***
FOOD. FELLOWSHIP. ENCOURAGEMENT.
No Charge.



IRON SHARPENS IRON,
AND ONE MAN SHARPENS ANOTHER.
PROVERBS 27:17

COME CONNECT. BE ENCOURAGED. LIVE ON PURPOSE.

DATE: Saturday October 3rd	TIME: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	WHERE: DELTA REFUGE CHURCH 300 STAFFORD LN. DELTA, CO 81416	SPEAKER: CLAY CURTIS
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★ REAL MEN. REAL PURPOSE. REAL IMPACT. ★

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Address Service Requested

Children's Sunday School Classes and Adult Classes

Room 110, Leta Duran	Children (K-5th Grade)
Room 111, Mike & Sherry Burns	Adults & Middle/High School
Room 207 Cathie Tiffany/Ruth Grass	Discussion on Sermon

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