

The Saltshaker



The Pastoral Search Committee

January 2026

So much of life is a decision about how we view the events that happen around us. In the life of this church, we face the reality that Pastor James is going to transition into another form of ministry. After all, if you are called to ministry you never stop being a minister, you just change what that ministry might look like. One of the more interesting things about the faith that we share is that it teaches that we are all ministers. Some ministers, like James, are simply called to be pastors. So, just as Pastor James is changing what his ministry is going to look like soon, we too have that same opportunity. So we all have a decision to make. Are we going to choose to see this with anxiety and fear, or we can choose to see this as an amazing opportunity to use all that Pastor James has equipped us with and continue on in new works of ministry. 1 John 4:18 teaches us this. *"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."* While the love that James has for this church, and for each of us is not perfect, he is human after all, it is so close that it is scary. Because of this, your pastoral Search committee invites each of you to live into all that James has taught us and to examine and imagine how your works of ministry through this church may change, just as Pastor James is imagining the same thing. If we are being honest however, there is a profound sense of loss when someone so beloved moves on. I have good news however, James will never leave this church, so long as we remain. In the beginning of John, chapter 15, Jesus speaks about the vine and the branches. He goes on to tell his disciples, and to tell us, that He chose us to bear fruit and fruit that will last. The thing about fruit, is that it only lasts so long as it is still on the vine. The longest fruit vine in the world is the great vine at Hampton Court Palace. It was planted in 1768 and has grown to over 120 feet long. The tiniest grape at the end of the vine is still connected to the roots at the beginning. James was planted at Delta First Baptist in 1994, and the vine of his faith and inspiration is surely long, and will grow longer still, yet each and everyone of us that he has touched, so long as we continue in being fruit that will last, will always remain connected to him, just as James is still connected to those who inspired him, going back to the very roots of the vine, Jesus the Christ. Again, we have a choice: we can lament that a part of our personal vine is smaller, or we can rejoice that the vine our Savior started is growing longer as James continues on in ministry. It seems the wisest decision to rejoice that the vine that connects us all will grow to new places we can not even imagine yet. Finally there is a temptation to think that we are losing Pastor James, but nothing could be further from the truth. The prophet Isaiah communicated the word of God to God's chosen people, to you and I who are grafted onto that vine as well, *"Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of My hand,"* *Isaiah 49:16.* Surely nothing that God holds in His hands is lost. It may be true that we are parted for a time, but never lost. Whether we meet again here, or here after, the great promise of scripture, and the blessed hope of Christ's glorious appearing, ensures we are never lost, and will be together again. Your Pastoral Search committee invites you to, with us, rejoice at the new and unimaginable opportunities that lie before us, and Pastor James, and to live into the excitement of what good work the Lord has prepared for us all. God bless.

Written by Scott Fritzsche, Member of Pastoral Search Committee

AWANA KIDS

IT'S TIME TO START OUR 2026 YEAR!!!

7TH NO AWANA

14TH BACKWARDS CLOTHING NIGHT

21ST SNOWFLAKE NIGHT

28TH ARMY NIGHT/CAMEO COLORS



Happy Birthday & Anniversary

Ra Do	1	Gene Darter	17
Htoo Chi	1	Aidan Grange	17
Poe Ku La	1	Alan Hrabe	18
Kue Rue	1	Willie Gordon	20
Way Lay Say	1	Banpaw Too	21
Paw Sen Wah	1	Ku La Moo	22
Stephen Wright	1	Abigail Salazar	25
Mary Dull	2	Larry Durant	28
Eh Ku Thay	3		
Mary Miller	4		
Tobias Vigil	7	Anniversaries	
Luka Htoo	7	Mike & Sherry Burns	1
Sherry Burns	9	Andy & Cheryl Grange	19
Andy Grange	9		



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QUICK ANNOUNCEMENT

We have an Annual Business Meeting following a Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, January 18th @ 11:30AM.

Everyone is invited to come!

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SOME PEOPLE SAY...



SENIORS...

JUST WANNA HAVE FUN!

Don't believe me?
Come check it out for yourself!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

Anyone 50 and older

POTLUCK & FUN, NOON

YOUTH ROOM 111

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

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DO YOU REMEMBER?



Your first car



High School Year Book -
Old Boyfriend



Favorite Dolls



First house or apartment!



Grandpa & Grandma's
Courtship Story

TIMELESS TREASURE EVENT

Every lady is invited to meet on Saturday, January 17th at 2:00PM in the Youth Room 111 and get a little SENTIMENTAL together. Bring something that means a lot to you and let's share with each other.

Bring finger foods too.

Questions: Angela 970-462-2641 or Leta 970-234-1727.

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To all mothers in the world; THANK YOU!!

**Mission Moment for January is
Pregnancy Resource Center**
Loving, Caring, Sharing, Helping
Help them be the heart, hands and feet of Jesus!
Give generously!

**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
is January 18, 2026**



ANGELA SAYS...

**It's Time to reveal yourself!
Who has you?**

...ANGELA KNOWS ALL.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 3:00PM
BRING FINGER FOODS AND YOUR LAST GIFT!**

SIGN UP FOR 2026

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**JOIN US FOR THE
ANNUAL CHURCH SUMMIT**

JANUARY

10

10 AM

Everyone is invited to attend.
Would especially encourage all
board members and leaders to
come.

Donuts and coffee will be provided.

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Night to
Shine
TIM TEBOW FOUNDATION

This is a worldwide event where churches host a free prom for people with special needs (ages 14+) on the Friday before Valentine's Day providing them a night to feel valued, celebrated and like royalty through activities like red carpet entrances, dancing, food and crowning each guest as a king or queen. It's a faith-based initiative focused on God's love, aiming to create an unforgettable, inclusive experience for guests with disabilities and their families.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A VOLUNTEER?

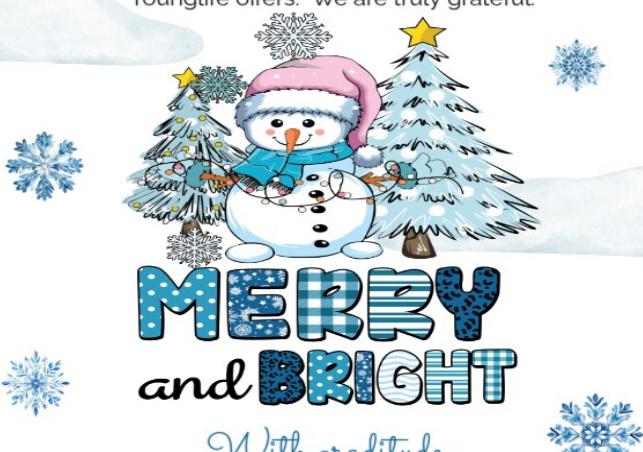
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH, 6-9PM

You can register to volunteer by
calling 970-874-4322
(Delta Christian Church).
We do need current background
checks on all volunteers
that are 18+.
Kirsten Alsdorf is the Director

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THANK YOU

for your continued generosity and support. Because of you, the students in Delta County are experiencing friendship, belonging and life-changing hope that Younglife offers. We are truly grateful.



**MERRY
and BRIGHT**

With gratitude,
Kristie & Larry Donathan,
Younglife Committee

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement Cedaredge, Spring 2026

Come and discover what God is doing worldwide and how you can be woven into His story of redemption and glory.

This coming January 18th through May 10th, 2026, every Sunday afternoon from 2-5 pm, New Hope Evi Free Church will host a course called Perspectives on the World Christian Movement. The course will give you a view of how God has been working and continues to work in His world from Biblical, Historical, Cultural and Strategic perspectives.

This course can be taken at 3 different levels.

- Certificate: At this level there is approximately 2 or 3 hours of reading, and a homework page to fill in each week. The student receives a certificate at the end of the course. We encourage this level, as you gain so much more if you do the extra reading and home work. This level costs \$275.
- Key Reading: At this level there is about one hour of reading per week, and no homework. This level also costs \$275.
- Undergraduate or Graduate College credit: At this level there is more reading and homework. Cost for the course with 3 Semester college credit with Trinity University is \$550.

At every level, participants get to hear outstanding teachers who will share God's Heart for all people, and share their personal experiences as they have worked sharing the gospel throughout the world. Every class includes activities and discussions as well as these amazing instructors. Each Participant needs to have a copy of the Perspectives Reader 4th Edition and the accompanying Perspectives 4th Edition Study Guide. When you register, you will receive information on ordering these books. The coordinator has a limited number of used and new books for purchase.

You can register for this course at Perspectives.org. You can also register on the orientation/registration night on January 18th. Discounts are available for families (\$25 per family member). There is also an early registration discount of \$35 if you register by Jan 20th. We also offer some scholarships as needed.

The first 2 classes are free so students can experience a bit of the course before making a commitment to the class.

In addition to the Cedaredge class, Classes in Montrose on Monday nights and Grand Junction on Tuesday nights are available. Information on these classes are available online.

For more info call the class coordinator, Julie Mixter (970) 216-0781 or check our website at Perspectives.org

The family of Dollie Deen Durant

Pastor James & FBC Family,
Thank you, those who have supported
Dollie and Larry through the years, and the
kindness and support of us in Dollie's passing.
Please accept the donation as an expression of
our thanks and use it to help the church
and its congregation.

God bless you all,
Ken, Shirley and family



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Baptist Church
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Sunday School Classes and Adult Family Time start at 11:15AM

Room 110, Leta Duran	Children (K-5th Grade)
Room 111, Mike & Sherry Burns	High School/Adult Class
Room 201 Scott & Mary Fritzsche	Middle School

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