

# The Saltshaker



The Pastor's Heart February 2024

We sure know how to celebrate around here. It all begins with food. In the last couple of months, I have enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner, the 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon, a Karen Christmas potluck, the church survey soup lunch, and the all-church business meeting potluck. Really! Have you noticed in the gospels that much of Jesus' ministry centered around food? We will be sharing the Lord's Supper on this first Sunday of February, it is taken from the Passover meal and given life by the body and blood of Jesus. One of my favorite salvation stories is that in John 4 about Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. She goes from obviously avoiding anyone she can to becoming the evangelist around town.

*"My food,"* Jesus said, *"is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."* John 4:34 The disciples were bewildered saying, *"Has anyone brought him something to eat?"* Of course not. Jesus found the spiritual food of sharing the gospel as quite appetizing. Do you feel this way when you share your faith with others? Or instead, does it bring on anxiety or nervousness? For many this is the reaction, yet I would like to share how to be satisfied like Jesus was when he shared his witness of the gospel.

Sharing our faith is the mandate for every believer. We just took a Church survey at the start of 2024 and the results indicated a weakness in our witness. In fact, it never came up as a topic. It really struck me that it was not listed as a strength or a weakness of our church. It was not mentioned. This being the case I believe we can address this topic of evangelism as the church. Jesus took his disciples to a mountain in Galilee where they worshipped him. He told them (and all believers) to *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* We all have the mandate to share our faith.

*It is the Holy Spirit, not we, who converts an individual . . . No one calls Jesus Lord except by the Holy Spirit.* Paul Little

The man living in the cemetery wanted to go with Jesus and his disciples, but Jesus said, *"Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."* Mark 5:19 We have the privilege of sharing Jesus where we live also. We can tell others what he has done for us. Like the man with a multi-year drinking problem. A critic of scripture asked him if he believed that Jesus really turned water into wine. I sure do and I also know that in my life he turned alcohol into water and furniture and a peaceful family in my home.

Last fall I went to a workshop put on by Great Commission Alliance where participants were taught the One-Minute Witness. This is what we learned: First, get permission by saying, "May I ask you a question?" If they say, "Yes," ask, "What is the best thing that has ever happened to you?" Listen to them and prove you care for them. When they are done, ask: "May I share the best thing that has ever happened to me?" If they say "Yes," continue with your One-Minute Witness.

Second, share about your life before you met Christ. Use three words or phrases to describe your life before Christ. Then share the turning point, that is, "How did you hear about Jesus?" Next share your life after your decision. This can also include three words or phrases that describe the change Christ has done in you.

Lastly, summarize what your life would look like without Christ in a concluding statement. Say something like, "If I had never met Jesus, I would probably be living just for myself." Once you share your story, ask the person you are meeting with if they would be interested in knowing Jesus? It could be as simple as, "Are you ready to trust Jesus as your Savior and Lord today?" Remember, all you do is share your story. Let the Holy Spirit take care of the conversion. Be ready to witness your faith every day.



## Mission Moment for February is America for Christ.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2024

### GRACE upon GRACE

Because of God's great love we are not consumed, for God's compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

— LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23 (NIV)

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Your support helps support churches, community groups ABC seminaries and institutions to cultivate

Leaders, Equip Disciples, and to Heal Communities.

The American Baptist Home Mission Societies is seeking to raise \$1,500,000 to support American Baptist mission and ministry across the United States & Puerto Rico.

## Senior Adults Ministry



If you are over 50

### Valentine's Dinner

Sat., February 3rd, 11:30AM

\$5.00 per person

Come and let's have some fellowship and fun!  
Bring your friends!



## Women's Bible Study & Dinner

Mondays at 5:30PM

### Dates are:

February 5th & 19th

March 4th & 18th

April 1st, 15th, & 29th

May 13th & 27th

June 3rd 17th

July 1st is the last day!

Please feel free to invite your friends and family members. The study is called "Twelve Women of the Bible—Life-Changing Stories for Women Today" with teachings from 6 six women.

If you have any questions, please call Trish Wilkerson @ 970-270-2216

# 10 NIGHTS to Shine

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## YOU ARE INVITED

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

6 - 9 PM

Join us for a prom night that you will never forget!  
Walk the red carpet, enjoy the royal treatment and dance the night away.

For people with special needs 14+

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### DELTA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

795 1600 Rd, Delta, CO

For more information and to register, contact:  
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**YOU  
ASKED  
FOR IT!**



Congratulations to Vikki Jo Nelson for being the first to find the mistake, which was sum instead of some. Here we go again...find the mistake...it's a number & the spelling of that number side-by-side. Call me!

## Happy Birthday

Eh Ku Gay	1
Lori Winblood	2
Ka Lu Htoo	5
Kathy Coats	6
Chelan Grover	8
Lucero Arteaga	11
Gary Herby	14
Janel Dawson	14
Richard Saw Peter	15
Hai Moo Shee	15
Tu Lu	16
Antonio Gallegos	17
Riley Skelton	19
Richard Kiefer	21
Saw Blessing	21
Chad Vanderlaan	21
Vicki Conley	25
Leanna James	26
Tonya Piele	27
Savannah Paw So	29

## AWANA Fundraiser

**Saturday, February 10th,  
5:00PM**

**The cost is \$15 per single  
and \$25 per couple.**

**The dinner is going to be  
amazing...your choice of  
Smoked Brisket or  
Chicken Cordon Bleu  
with all the extra's and  
even dessert.**

**The entertainment is  
going to be amazing and  
unforgettably incredible.**

**You MUST RSVP and  
pre-pay by February 4th.  
See Vicki Conley or  
Stephanie Lamm to  
register and pay.**



First of all, we want to let Andy Grange & Albert Duran know how much we appreciate them taking on the huge task of fixing the ceiling. It looks fabulous!!!

Andy Grange has taken on the task of making a brand new equipment booth that will now hold all sound, video and filming personnel and equipment. Wow! It will definitely be more functional.

Albert Duran is taking on the carpet ministry once again. It will be so much more inviting to those who enter through the doors.

You men are amazing and we really do appreciate all the difficult work and time you have put into these projects.

Of course, we would never forget those who came beside you specifically, Melvin Randall, Rob Stewart and many more. God bless you all!

Your Family @ Delta FBC

**AWANA**  
for February

- 7th Sports gear night
- 14th Valentine's cards
- 21st No AWANA
- 28th Wear Pink night

**Biblical Citizenship in Modern America**

James Creasey will be leading this Biblical Citizenship Class for six Sundays starting February 4th-March 10th during the Sunday School hour (11:15AM-12:15PM).

- ◆ Know your Religious Liberty Rights!
- ◆ Increase your Constitutional knowledge.
- ◆ Learn how to take action steps.

Come, it's free! Meet in Room 111



Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for the love you have shown our family with the passing of our Mother! We appreciated all the prayers, cards and lovely dinner prepared for us following our Mom's Service. Special thanks to Pastor James for doing Mom's Service, the visits to Mom and supporting our family.  
Love,  
Lynette & Howard  
Cathy & Steve  
Nancy & Ross and Family

**THANK YOU!**

I love my church family. I am so abundantly blessed by you all. Thank you so much for the wonderful gifts, cards, pictures and prayers. Your thoughtfulness and love is overwhelming! What a wonderful family we are blessed to be a part of!  
Thank you all!  
Sherry Burns

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February 2nd



Address Service Requested

**Sunday School Classes and Adult Family Groups start at 11:15AM**

Room 110, Leta Duran

Room 201, Josh Vigil

Room 207, Janel Dawson

Room 111, James Creasey

Children (K-5th Grade)

Adult Class

Adult Family Group

Biblical Citizenship/6th-9th grade

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