

The Saltshaker



Pastor's Heart

July 2026

Where do I start? So many memories flood across my mind from the years here serving as your pastor. Where has all the time gone? It seemed like the right thing to do when I "announced my retirement" five years ago and now that is a reality, I don't know if I have the right words to say in this last column. I have always tried to speak from the heart, so let this be my last attempt.

I believe wholeheartedly that this is God's time to shine among us. It has and will always be His Church. I am so fond of each of you for stepping up and how God is going to use you in the days to come. I can't wait for the process of searching and finding the next pastor of Delta First Baptist Church to come to fruition. But first you will go through an exciting chapter of using the gifts and talents of men/women in ministry to one another in the church and the community.

Then, Pastor Dave DeMott, Grand Junction, will sign on as our Intentional Interim Pastor (IIP) starting in the fall. I so appreciated Pastor Dave and Sheryl coming the last Sunday of June. I forgot to introduce Sheryl but I think you will find her very engaging, an organizer, and with loving creative abilities alongside Dave. They will help our church family move swiftly through the "wilderness" into the holy land of new opportunities and blessings!

You have been so very good to your pastor through the highs and lows of life. On the lighter side here are some reasons to be good to your pastor:

You voted him into office.

You might need him as a reference & to write a letter of character.

You may need his prayers when in crisis.

He has likely shown up when you need him most.

He might just preach at your funeral. You don't want him to lie!

Some other things to remember. Don't expect your church to be perfect. Only Jesus

is perfect and the church is made up of imperfect folks like us. Don't try to remold your new pastor into the image of James. He has qualities that God has given him that He expects him to use in the church. Don't expect the pastor to do the jobs that God wants you to do. All of us are equipped by God to carry out the work of ministry. Remember, *"We are the church."*

Also, don't expect your pastor to read your mind. If you are sick...call the church office or Ruth Grass (970)260-3632 our prayer coordinator. If you need something, let the church & pastor know. If you want to do a special ministry in the church share your idea with others. Try not to be critical of the process. Change is brought about more effectively by affirming one another and praying through each step.

Don't compare and contrast the new pastor with the old one. Each pastor has unique talents, gifts, and God leads them to churches that need these different ministries.

Things you can do during this process a) love the leaders around you; b) pray for the process and your new pastor/family each day; c) keep on keeping on by attending the activities of our church; d) continue to give of your time, talents, and treasure to the ministry and mission of Delta First Baptist Church.

I am looking forward to how and when God fills this opening and seeing the church continue to flourish and grow in faith, hope, and love. To God be the glory!

BALLOON FESTIVAL
4TH OF JULY WEEKEND



COMMUNITY WORSHIP
JULY 5TH, 7:30AM
MEET AT BALL FIELD NEXT TO BILL HEDDOLES REC. CTR.


SPECIAL SPEAKER:
PASTOR JAMES CONLEY

BRING LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKETS
FREE COFFEE AND DONUTS

WORSHIP BY ROB WOLCOTT & FRIENDS

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MINI GOLF

Let's go have fun. Meet at the course behind City Market called "The Yard".
See you at 6:00PM on July 18th.

Questions: Angela 462-2641 or Leta 234-1727



SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY

will not meet this month,
please enjoy the festivities.
See you in August!

Happy 4th
OF JULY
250 Years



VFW CANNED FOOD DRIVE

DROP OFF Saturday July 18th

Delta First Baptist Church Parking Lot
1250 Pioneer Road
9AM to Noon



Please save the date!

On July 15th is the **Quarterly Business Meeting** and every member is invited to come hear how the church has been doing.

Non-members are welcome too.

All Boards will meet on July 15th @ 6:00PM and the **Quarterly Business Meeting** will follow at 7:00PM.

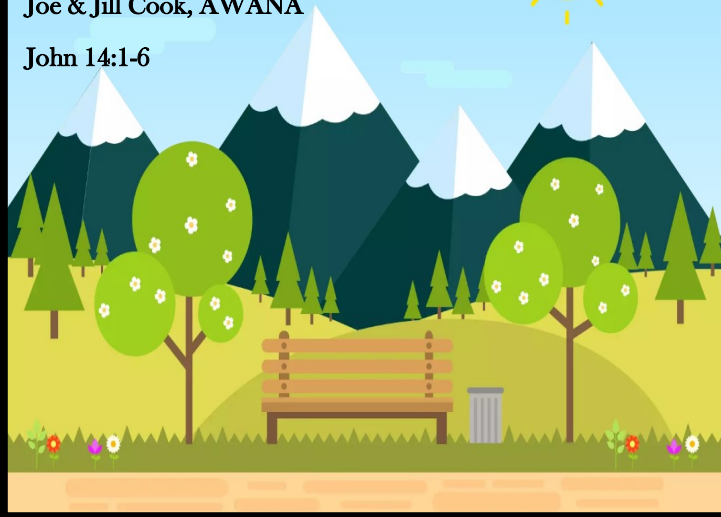
Please come!

Dear Friends at First Baptist Church,

Happy summer! We pray you are all doing well and enjoying this new season. We had a full Spring with lots of travel to see folks, family and friends. We are grateful for a little bit of rest before our summer trainings begin. Thank you for praying for us so faithfully and for your generous gift of \$116.00. That was so kind of you and is very much appreciated! May God richly bless you all with a restful, memory-making, family-filler, ministry-doing summer! Keep up the great Kingdom work God has you doing!

In Christ alone,
Joe & Jill Cook, AWANA

John 14:1-6



Dear Church Family,

Wow! What a blessing you all have been in our lives. We have grown old with you. You have been family to us, our children, and grandchildren.

Thank you for the retirement reception and the creative gift idea. We will cherish this plaque and the words of life throughout our lives.

The greatest gift of all has been to serve as your pastor family all these years.

God Bless you all,

Pastor James & Vicki Conley

Happy Birthday or Anniversary

Madeline Henson	3
Kay Ross	3
Tammy Wiley	3
Sheila Gault	8
John Archuleta	9
Hsi Mu Paw	10
Nay Kue So	12
Saw Soloman	13
Mar Ner Soe	18
Samuel So	18
Laura Gartner	20
Patrick Salazar	20
Eh Htoo	22
Lezley Bond	23
Jonathan Skelton	23
Billie Jean Sanford	25
Eh Htee Chirst	30
Htee Th Blay Sha	30

Anniversaries

Bill & Shylow James	1
Mike & Mary Abbott	3
Lloyd & Viola Carothers	14

EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM

ABOVE

SUMMER NEWSLETTER



180 MINISTRIES
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Mission Spotlight for July

Helping Women, Men & Teens to find Healing, Forgiveness, Freedom from Addictions & most importantly God's Love!

Diaconate Ministry Leaders

WHEN YOU NEED HELP, WHO SHOULD YOU CALL?

PAUL ASH 773-4495
 MIKE BURNS 314-1927
 ABIGAIL CONLEY 216-1077
 SHELLY GALLOWAY 765-4913
 ANDY GRANGE 596-2348
 RENEE MCRAY 275-1316
 DAWN NELSON 901-3624
 SAW PETER 462-2029
 EH SAY 312-7832
 SAY MOO WRIGHT 628-6227

THESE DIACONATE LEADERS ARE HERE TO HELP YOU AND TO ENCOURAGE YOU.



Thank you for your prayers from the Wyldlife Campers.



Veterans

You are cordially invited to attend a BBQ in your honor, provided by the local VFW on Monday, July 6th @ 6:00PM. We hope you will come!

Delta First Baptist Church Gym
1250 Pioneer Road

Delta First
Baptist Church
1250 Pioneer Road
Delta, CO 81416



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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