

The Saltshaker



The Pastor's Heart

May 2025

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV

We have been told that President Trump's first 100 days have concluded as of April 30. What does that mean to the average American? It all depends on which voices that you are listening to and what you want to hear. But isn't that true of life? We hear what we want to hear and actually do what we want to do? But I say . . . there is a better way!

One of the lessons I learned from my mentor was the prayer at the end of Ephesians 3:14-21. This puts into perspective how we are to live life in surrender to Jesus Christ our Lord. I am looking at the above verses at the end of this prayer this month.

We are taught three important lessons in these verses. First, God can do far more than we can ask or think. His thoughts are not our thoughts, and his ways are not our ways according to Isaiah 55:8 (ESV). He can "get things done" when we place ourselves in his control. This is often how I do my job by following the lead of the Spirit of Jesus. God has a plan, a purpose for each one of us. It is a plan that you can trust even if you don't have all the details. Abram was told by God to leave home and get away from his heritage and roots. God didn't share the details, but he proved to be faithful to Abram. See Genesis 12:1ff.

Secondly, God is all-powerful, we call him **omnipotent**. His power works through us! Job 42:2 indicates that his power exceeds our imagination, whatever God wants to accomplish cannot be stopped. His power does not compare to ours, Matthew 19:26 *"But Jesus looked at them and said, With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."* He chooses to work in and through surrendered followers. He can do amazing things through a life totally committed to Jesus. He reminded his disciples that he would continue to be with them and use them to reach the world. We are the remnant of his followers aligned to reach the world around us.

Lastly, we see from this prayer that we are made to bring him glory. Are you more interested in making a name for yourself? Are you looking for recognition or notice? Our aim as Christ followers is to bring glory to God. Where? First, in the church. We are to love God and love one another and then take this love into the world around us. We are called to serve both in church and in community. We used to call politicians "public servants." Each one of us should look for opportunities to serve the public. When we serve others, it is as though we are serving Christ Jesus himself. See Matthew 25:34-40 ESV. This brings honor and glory to our Lord.

Something else I see in this prayer is that our service, when done according to God's leading and with his power, will not only glorify him today, but we will leave a legacy or a lasting impression on future generations. Do you see that? We can and must have an impact on those who follow in our footsteps. If you were to ask Merna Fraser's children and grandchildren about her influence on their lives, what do you think they would say? Yes, I agree . . . just think, we can have that same impact through Christ our Lord, Amen!



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH US

MACY VANDERLAAN

AND

CHAD VANDERLAAN

invite you to their wedding day on
Sunday, May 4th @ 11:15AM
A reception will follow in the gym.

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MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH Celebration

MAY 11TH, 2025

Starts in the gym at 11:30AM.

Hosted by the
Men's Fellowship

EVERYONE IS INVITED!



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Joseph
Alan
Meador

Grand Mesa Arts
& Events Center
Cedaredge, CO

Wed. May 7th
7:00 pm

NEW CD Release!

@josephalanmeador

Joseph will
also be
doing a
concert at
Delta First
Baptist
Church on
Sunday,
May 25th
@ 6:30PM.
It will be
FREE!


**ORDINATION SERVICE
FOR**
Larry Wallace



SATURDAY, MAY 31ST, 2:00PM @ FBC
**A RECEPTION WILL FOLLOW
AND EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

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Please lift up
Larry, Cheryl &
Logan Wallace
in prayer as
they seek
wisdom from
God
for
their
future.



*Compelled to
Celebrate!*

BRINGING FREEDOM BEHIND BARS IN THE DELTA CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Friday, May 9th
 Doors open at 6:00 PM, Event 6:30-8:00 PM

Crossroads Church
 515 S Hillcrest Drive Montrose, CO 81401

INFO - Chaplain Ryan Dyer
ryan.dyer@goodnewsjail.org or 719.310.7356

REGISTER NOW!
<https://gnglobal.org/event/delta-banquet>




**GOOD
NEWS
GLOBAL**
 Freedom Behind Bars

**WESTERN COLORADO
FRONTLINE**



COME AND BE ENCOURAGED BY BROTHERS WHO ALSO FIGHT EVERY DAY TO KEEP THEIR FAMILIES FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE ENEMY. BE A PART OF A MOVEMENT WHERE ROLE MODELS AREN'T FOUND ON THE PLAYING FIELD...BUT ARE FOUND ON GOD'S BATTLEFIELD.
LET'S BECOME THE MEN THAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO BE.
HUSBANDS AND FATHERS...STANDING WITH JESUS.
SIDE BY SIDE AS BROTHERS, FOR WHAT'S TRULY IMPORTANT... THE TRUTH.

WHAT: FRONTLINE MEN'S GATHERING
WHERE: GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
WHEN: MAY 3, 2025 6:00 PM
DINNER WILL BE SERVED...NO COST

"...FIGHT FOR YOUR BROTHERS, YOUR SONS, YOUR DAUGHTERS, YOUR WIVES AND YOUR HOUSES."
 NEH 4:14

May

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Brandon Lamm
- 3 James Conley
- 3 Leatha O'Dell
- 3 Josh Vigil
- 5 Lay Lah Paw
- 7 Crystal Sanford
- 8 Per Kaw
- 10 Janet Reyher
- 12 Portia Vigil
- 15 Viola Carothers
- 16 Jim Cross
- 17 Ko Gi Hae
- 22 Julie Butler
- 22 Logan Wallace
- 23 Suzanne Baker
- 23 David Bray
- 25 Andy Holton
- 25 Wiki La
- 28 Emily Kolonick
- 31 Adele Creasey
- 31 Leta Duran
- 31 Kloey Ingram

Anniversaries

- 21 James & Vicki Conley
- 22 Warren & Crystal Sanford
- 23 Frank & Patti Antal 50th

Congratulations to you both and we wish you many more!

Packing the Covered Wagon

Senior Adults Ministry
(50 and older)

Cost is \$12.50 per person.



**Pack up your sack lunches, we are headed to the
Montrose County Historical Museum.**

Dawn Nelson will be our tour guide.

**We will meet at the church at 9:00AM
on Saturday, May 24th.**

**Wear your western clothes, bring a hat,
walking shoes, water bottles and canes.**

MISSION SPOTLIGHT FOR MAY

**Delta County
Younglife**



**Todd Laws, Younglife
Small Town Ministry**

A public school ministry!
Reaching kids for Christ in a
safe, fun environment. They
could use your financial support.





GRADUATES OF 2025

Alicea Manzanares - Delta
Jaw Cha Pla Moo - Delta
Eh Nah Htoo Key Paw - Delta
Nay Kue Soe - Delta

**CONGRATULATIONS FROM YOUR
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY,
WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!**

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"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit..."
JOHN 15:8

TRUTH ENCOUNTER MINISTRIES'

The ENGAGEMENT project

WITH Dr. Del Tackett



A 10-WEEK SMALL GROUP STUDY

Pastor James will be hosting this video series on Wednesday nights @ 6:00PM in the Library, beginning April 30th. Warning: this might change your life.

Summer Camp 2025



"Join the Fun"

Dates: July 13-19, 2025

Location: ABCRM Front Range Camping
Quaker Ridge Camp
Woodland Park, CO

Ages: Entering 2nd grade - 12th grade

Early Bird \$25 off Rates by May 31st
Elementary \$325 -- Middle/High \$350
Afterwards the cost goes up \$25!

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Elementary Activities include:

Tree climbing
Low Ropes course
Scenic Hikes
Swimming
Crafts
Sand Volleyball
Team-building exercises

Middle School Activities include:

Rock Climbing
Low Ropes
Messy Games
Swimming
Archery, Hiking

High School Activities include:

High Ropes,
Archery
Swimming
Rock Climbing
Hiking
Night Games

WE GIVE OUR THANKS

Dear First Baptist Church,
Thanks so much for the delicious meat and cheese platter that Pastor James brought to us at our time of loss. Also, for the paper plates and plastic ware. We appreciate all the cards, prayers and support you gave to the Hubbard family in the death of our loved one.

The Hubbard Family
(A graveside service is planned for Saturday, May 17th @ 2:00PM at the Olathe Cemetery).

First Baptist Church,
Thank you for chartering our Scout Unit. Your facilities are a perfect fit. Special thanks to Vicki for all the scheduling help.
Scout Unit 485

Dear Friends @
Delta First Baptist,
thankyou so much for
your faithful work in the
Lord! I am so grateful for
your prayers for me, my
Mom and family and for
the many people from
Afghanistan and other
countries around the
world! What a privilege to
be a sister honored by His
people to do the work of
the King of Kings! God is
working and so great to
be working in our worlds!
Much joy in Jesus,
Dawn Fondy!



LADIES NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY

May
9th

6 PM

HOSTESSES:

*Leta Duran &
Angela Stafford*

Come out and enjoy
an evening
fellowshipping with
other sisters. We
want to bless you!
Fingerfoods will be
provided. It's FREE!

Meet at the church in room 111.

PONY CAMP

COWBOY AT THE CROSS

21573 AUSTIN ROAD, AUSTIN

MAY 30TH - JUNE 1ST

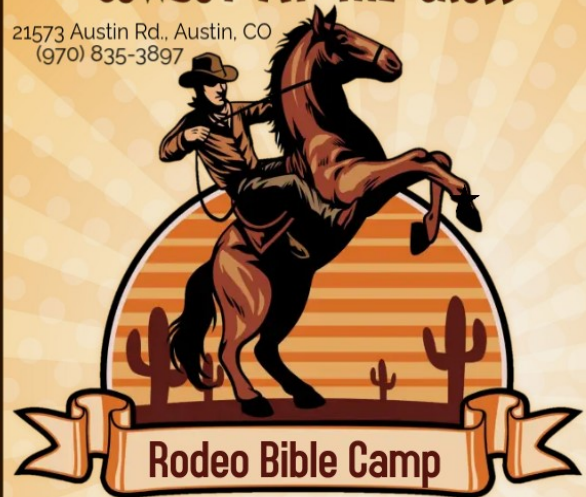
FRIDAY 9:00AM - SUNDAY 11:30AM

Pony Camp is a day camp for kids ages 8 & Under. Each day consists of a craft project, arena time, snack and chapel time where there is an age appropriate Bible lesson and song. Please note, horses are NOT provided. You must either bring your own (or borrowed) horse or enter the Ranch Hands class. Cost is \$50. (This is not an overnight camp). Sign up online at cowboyatthecross.com/pony-camp



COWBOY AT THE CROSS

21573 Austin Rd., Austin, CO
(970) 835-3897



Rodeo Bible Camp will be held June 19-22, 2025. Rodeo Bible Camp, located east of Delta, Colorado, is three days of exciting, rodeo-related or riding instruction, contests and crafts, combined with fun, music, encouragement and biblical teachings. Staff includes spiritually mature Christian leaders and speakers, gifted musicians, and knowledgeable horsemen.

LIMITED TO AGES: 9-18 (age as of Camp 2025)
We have a wide range of events available! Each kid chooses ONE of the events to work on under instruction by an experienced clinician:

COWBOYATTHECROSS.COM/RODEO-BIBLE-CAMP

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Delta First
Baptist Church
1250 Pioneer Road
Delta, CO 81416



Address Service Requested

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

Room 110, Leta Duran

Room 201, Josh Vigil

Room 207, Steve Grover

Room 111, Scott & Mary Fritzsche

Room 208, Mike & Sherry Burns

Children (K-5th Grade)

Adult Class

Adult Family Group

Middle School

High School

Delta First Baptist Church
1250 Pioneer Road, Delta, CO 81416
Phone 970-874-3847

E-Mail: deltafbc@yahoo.com

Pastor James Conley

Youth Director: Thaddeus Conley

Office Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday 8:30AM—2:00PM

Website: firstbaptistchurchdelta.com