

The Saltshaker



Pastor's Heart

June 2026

The Golden Rule

"So, whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 7:12

I would think that everyone agrees that the Golden Rule is the Mt. Everest of Ethics. Yet, I also am very much aware of no one who applies it perfectly. We strive to live by this principle and often fail in carrying it out. But the essence of success to continue to do your best is to overcome failure. We do well in abiding by this rule of engagement.

Most religions have some form of the Golden Rule, and still Christianity is unique in that Jesus states it positively, "do also to them," not "don't do." Thus, we are called by Jesus to do the positive, to act in others' lives well. If stated negatively, we can do nothing and meet the requirement of the rule. But the Golden Rule, as Jesus expressed it *calls us to action*. It becomes the understanding of goodness and mercy, the kind of love that God shows us. The command to love is what separates the Christian ethic from every other religion's teaching.

The Bible commands Christ followers to love even our enemies (Matthew 5:43-44). You do not hear of this in other religions. Think of a kind and helpful action you can do for someone today. Jesus commands us to take initiative. A command from God is an order that cannot be ignored. This command is impossible for a follower of Jesus to escape.

People universally demand respect, love, and appreciation, whether they deserve it or not. Jesus understood this desire and used it to promote godly conduct. Do you want respect? Then show respect to others. Do you desire a kind word? Then speak words of kindness to others. The Golden Rule is also part of the second greatest commandment, superseded only by the Great Commandment to love God (Matthew 22:37-39) above all.

Obedying this Christian essential to love others is a mark of a true Christian (John 13:35). Christians cannot claim to love God if they do not actively love other people. "If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). The Golden Rule captures this idea and is unique to Christianity.

When Jesus proclaimed, "for this is the Law and the Prophets," his audience knew to pay heed to these words. The disciples understood this reference to be "to the writings of Moses and the prophets." We know these words today as the Old Testament. They had studied these scriptures for the entirety of their lives. Here was the Teacher giving them and us a simple way to keep the commandments. We, like the disciples, must heed this rule and live by following this instruction.

Thinking in the right way is victory, but only through taking the right actions does one find a successful, joyful life. When we allow God's truth to inform our pattern of living, only then can the Holy Spirit transform us into the image of Christ. The Golden Rule may be the most universally famous thing that Jesus ever said. In his day, it was an idea that had never been expressed, a new view of life and living. The absolute wisdom in the way Jesus spoke this rule was in its positive nature upon the Christian conscious and example that we demonstrate with others.

As we begin our summer adventure let's commit to living out this Golden Rule with those around us. Read it once again and pledge to follow this teaching from Jesus our Lord! (This article first appeared in the ***Saltshaker***, June, 2024)

JUNE 8-12
6-8:45 PM

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Themed Songs

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2-12

Science and
Crafts

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**WONDER
JUNCTION**

Games and
Snacks

Bible Lessons

Howdy, partners! First Baptist Church welcomes you to Wonder Junction! There's no greater joy than to praise the name of the Lord all day long. But how can yer kids do that if they don't know who Jesus is or what he's done for them? Here at Wonder Junction, we marvel at Jesus and live for his glory.


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COME ONE COME ALL TO EXPRESS YOUR APPRECIATION FOR PASTOR JAMES & VICKI CONLEY!

THEY ARE RETIRING FROM DELTA FIRST BAPTIST AND WE WILL BE HOLDING A "THANK YOU" PARTY ON

JUNE 14TH, FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

POTLUCK STYLE!

Come and show your appreciation for Pastor James and Vicki as they end this incredible 31+ year journey at Delta FBC and embark on the next adventure God has in store for them!

To RSVP (So we know how much food we need) or any questions, please contact our church office: (970) 874-3847

WHEN? June 14th, 2026. **WHAT TIME?** 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
WHERE? DFBC 1250 Pioneer Road, Delta, CO 81416

Come anytime and bring a side. The Church will be providing Hamburgers and Hot Dogs!

CELEBRATE!



YOUTH FOR HIRE
\$25 an hour per person

Do you need help with yard work, house work, cleaning your car, washing the dog, babysitting or whatever else? Then let the youth help you clean up as you help them go on their Mission trip to California.

Call Thaddeus Conley @ 970-712-4903 or Vicki Conley in the office at 874-3847 to set up a date and time. Thank you! (Available May - July)

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FATHER'S DAY



All Father's & their families are invited to stay after church for a luncheon at 11:30AM, prepared by the Deaconesses.

JUNE | **21st 11:30AM**



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SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY

Saturday, June 6th, 6:00PM

Meet at "The Yard" behind City Market. The cost is \$5 per person. This is going to be fun!
Eat before you come!



MINIATURE GOLF

Day

LUAU Party

Saturday, June 20th, 6:00PM

GAL PALS

All ladies are invited

Meet in the pavilion.
Please talk to Angela if you can assist or want to bring something. 432-2641

Childcare is provided!

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YOUNG SINGLES & YOUNG MARRIEDS

(ages 18-49)

Sunday, June 28th,
5:30PM

MINI GOLF & PIZZA



Cost is \$5 per person.

Come and let's have some friendly competition.



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Our Mission Offering for June! Please give!

2026 OFFERING
Planning and Resource Guide

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HAPPY
June
BIRTHDAYS + ANNIVERSARYS

Eh Ku Shee Wah	2
Malachei Wah	3
Mary Fritzsche	6
Melvin Majesty	6
Jedidiah Lamm	6
Mary Fritzsche	6
Moo Soe Lah	7
Vikki Jo Nelson	8
L.J. Davis	12
Htoo Ler Moo	12
Messiah Htoo	13
Zoey Conley	17
Jaylena Gibson	18
Gay Do So	21
Howard Wilson	26
Paul Ash	30
Peggy Monter	30
Brandon & Stephanie Lamm	1
Pla So Kay & Htee	18
Richard Saw Peter & Su Su	22

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BALLOON FESTIVAL
4TH OF JULY WEEKEND

COMMUNITY WORSHIP
JULY 5TH, 7:30AM

MEET AT BALL FIELD NEXT TO BILL HEDDLES REC. CTR.

SPECIAL SPEAKER:
PASTOR JAMES CONLEY

BRING LAWN CHAIRS & BLANKETS
FREE COFFEE AND DONUTS

WORSHIP BY ROB WOLCOTT & FRIENDS

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2026 camping season! Thank you for volunteering to participate in the Grand Mesa Christian Association's (GMCA) Adopt-A-Cabin program. Your time, talents, and support help care for the Grand Mesa campus and continue the ministry of camp for children, youth, families, and the community.

The Building and Long-Range Committee has identified several projects that may include:

- Cleaning and sanitizing cabins
- Removing graffiti from bunk beds
- Cleaning windows
- Painting cabin exteriors and interiors
- Filling knot holes in walls
- Washing or replacing curtains

GMCA will provide all necessary materials and supplies for the projects. Exterior paint colors are selected in accordance with Forest Service guidelines. If your group plans to paint the interior of a building, please submit your request prior to the workday so the appropriate paint can be prepared and available.

This is a family-friendly day, and we encourage you to invite others to join you. Pets are welcome but must remain on a leash or long line at all times.

The 2026 Adopt-A-Cabin workday will take place on **June 13, 2026**, beginning with a soft start around 9:00 a.m.

Please come prepared for light painting and cleaning projects. Helpful items to bring may include a step stool or small ladder, water bottle, sunscreen, snacks, and a snack lunch.

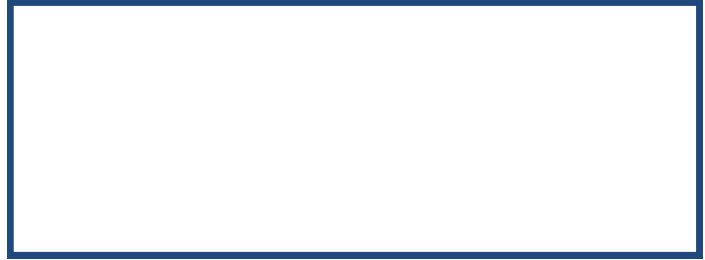
If June 13th does not work for your group, or if another arrangement is needed, please contact Joel Currier at ejcurrier@gmca.org to discuss alternative scheduling options.

Thank you again for your partnership, support, and willingness to serve. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

God bless,

Grand Mesa Christian Association

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Children's Sunday School Classes and Adult Classes

Room 110, Leta Duran

Room 111, Mike & Sherry Burns

Room 201 Scott & Mary Fritzsche

Room 207 Cathie Tiffany/Ruth Grass

Children (K-5th Grade)

High School/Adult

Middle School

Discussion on Sermon

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