

The Saltshaker



The Pastor's Heart

January 2025

Have you ever wondered what Jesus is up to these days? What is he doing now? We are coming through the time where we have celebrated his birth and moving towards his death and resurrection from the dead. But what would we find Jesus doing now? That is the focus I would like to pass on to everyone reading this article.

You see the Bible is not silent about the activities of Jesus Christ today. We can know without a doubt what he is doing and how he is using his time. For me, that is helpful wisdom. As a follower of Christ, I can also follow his example as I live my life in these days. Fact is, I would like to invite our whole church family on this adventure with Jesus. If, these things are important to Him, then they should be important to us.

For starters, Jesus is reigning from heaven. As Paul states in I Corinthians 15:25 *"For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet."* The power of his reign does not reside in his physical absence, but instead in his heavenly position. He is seated at the right hand of the Majesty of God (Hebrews 8:1-2). This is the most prominent position in all the universe. Jesus sees all, knows all, and is strategically positioned to direct all things according to God's will of whom he is seated beside. Even we have been adopted into the family of God and given the name "Christian" it means that we belong to the reign or party of Christ.

Secondly, he is still directing the progress of the gospel. Just as he sent out the twelve Apostles, he is sending out his disciples to all parts of the world today. Missionaries are called into service every day by the Lord. They make the gospel known in all languages and to every nation. Jesus is also directing the Church of today. It is the Church that he established to be the witness of the truth to every generation. We are called to share this good news with our families, neighbors, and even strangers.

Thirdly, Jesus is interceding for us in this moment. Hebrews 7:25 confirms, ***Therefore, he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.*** Have you thought about this? Jesus the Savior of the world continues to hold us upon his heart. He remembers us and everyone throughout the world in his prayers without ceasing. We have someone to go to when we are in need. He is our permanent high priest (Hebrews 7:24). He represents us in heaven before the Father. He is in conference with God on our behalf right now, determining what is best and good, and making provisions. He stands in the gap for us.

The enemy is our great accuser, constantly pointing out our failures and faults to God. But Jesus is our great defender, eternally satisfying God with his perfect righteousness given over to clothe us. In your weakness before God today, Jesus is strong. In your failure before God today, Jesus answers for you. In your confusion before God, Jesus makes requests for you. Jesus always lives to make intercession for you. He laid down his life long ago so that he might stand up for us today.

Another part of Jesus activity today is to prepare a place for us to join with him in heaven. In John 14:1-3 he describes this work. He is anticipating our arrival. He will come again and receive us. Having heaven in our future should be heart warming to each of us (Phil 3:20). This world is not our home. When the brokenness of this world becomes unbearable, remember Jesus is preparing something better.

Jesus has done so much for us, and he has promised so much more. But, to miss out on what he is doing right now is to minimize the fullness of his work. The works of Jesus today is wholly good, sustaining you, protecting you, and making perfect and abundant provision on your behalf. To God be the glory!

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!

SECRET SISTERS

**TIME TO REVEAL YOURSELF!
WHO HAS YOU?**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH, 2:00PM
BRING FINGER FOODS AND YOUR LAST GIFT!
SIGN UP FOR 2025

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WINTER

**BRRRR BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE!
GOOD TIME TO FELLOWSHIP INSIDE!**

**Quarterly Business Meeting
& Potluck Luncheon**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH @ 11:30AM
BRING FOOD & LET'S FELLOWSHIP & GREET 2025!

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AWANA
JANUARY 2025

8TH CRAZY HAIR NIGHT
15TH SNOWFLAKES NIGHT
22ND HAT/BALL CAP NIGHT
29TH BIBLE NIGHT

WELCOME BACK!!!



JOIN US FOR THE
ANNUAL CHURCH SUMMIT

JANUARY **11** 10 AM

ALL BOARD MEMBERS
ALL CHURCH MEMBERS
ALL LEADERS
ALL INQUISITIVE PEOPLE
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!!!

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH
12:00PM

SENIOR ADULTS MINISTRY
SANDWICHES, CHIPS & DESSERT SUPPLIED

MOVIE
"The Forge"

DONATIONS FOR LUNCH APPRECIATED!



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE WEDDING OF
Angela Dawn Herrmann
&
Eric Lee Stafford
Sunday, January 26, 2025
11:15am

Delta First Baptist Church
1250 Pioneer Rd
Reception will follow

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YOUTH **2025**
ACTIVITIES

BOY SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS OF AMERICA
MONDAYS @ FBC 6PM TO 7PM

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS
THIRD MONDAYS @ FBC 7PM

YOUNGLIFE (HIGH SCHOOL)
Mondays 6:29PM

High School Youth Group
Tuesdays @ FBC 6:00PM

WYDLIFE (MIDDLE SCHOOL)
THURSDAYS 6:29PM

Karate
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays @ FBC 4-6PM



Birthdays

Ra Do	1
Htoo Chi	1
Poe Ku La	1
Kue Rue	1
Way Lay Say	1
Paw Sen Wah	1
Mary Dull	2
Eh Ku Thay Paw Eh	3
Christ Ler Paw	3
Kelly Fladeland	5
Tobias Vigil	7
Luka Htoo	7
Sherry Burns	9
Andy Grange	9
Luella Schoonover	14
Roe Sickles	16
Gene Darter	17
Aidan Grange	17
Alan Hrabé	18
Willie Gordon	20
Banpaw Too	21
Ku La Moo	22
Patty Antal	22
Jeffrey Dyer	24
Larry Durant	28

Anniversaries

Mike & Sherry Burns	1
Andy & Cheryl Grange	19

DELTA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GYM

SQUARE DANCE

JOIN US
NOW



LEARN TO
DANCE

THURSDAYS

6:00PM TO 8:00PM

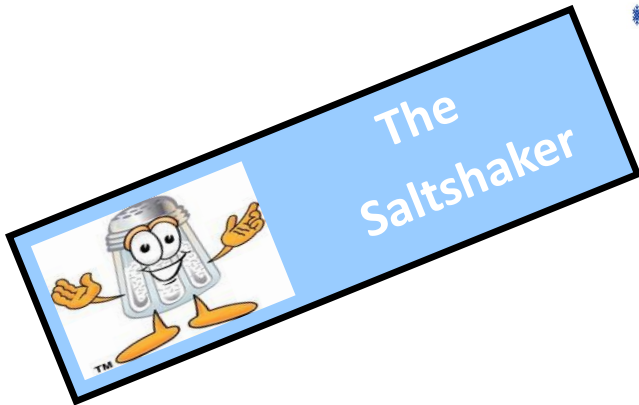
JANUARY 16TH - APRIL 24TH

COST IS \$5 PER SESSION OR \$60 FOR ALL

CALL ABBY PALMER TO ENROLL (352) 339-0809

Father, I pray that 2025 be a year of radical forgiveness, love, and compassion. As we walk into a new year, I pray that we release all wrongs done to us and choose to exemplify you through acts of forgiveness. God I just ask that you strengthen our hearts as we choose to love our enemies, let your grace and mercy flow through our minds as we choose to love your creation as you do. (v.35) Give us your eyes to see your children how you see them, remind us that each person has a story and is cherished by you. LORD, above all else, help us to be compassionate, just as you are compassionate. (v. 36) Give us the wisdom to choose kindness when our desires drive us to do otherwise. May this be a year of supernatural forgiveness, genuine love, and overwhelming compassion. (Church on the Rock, Tx)

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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	Children (K-5th Grade)
Room 201, Josh Vigil	Adult Class
Room 207, Steve Grover	Adult Family Group
Room 111, Scott & Mary Fritzsche	Middle School
Room 208, Mike & Sherry Burns	High School

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Let it snow