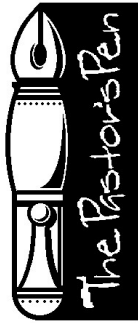


2018



“Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

—Isaiah 40:31



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

De Soto Baptist Church

From the Pastor's Pen ~

Greetings in the Risen Christ! During the past weeks of the Lenten Season, our thoughts have been directed and focused on a diversity of happenings in the life of our Savior and those early believers. And now we've reached not the end, but rather a significant, pivotal point in the journey of our Lord . . . and ideally our own journeys in becoming the followers we're individually – and as a Church Family – called to be! Just as our Savior's journey culminated in His great victory over death and sin, this is exactly the same journey we're called to take each and every day of our lives! As Christians – as true and *committed followers* – we can no longer walk or act in ways common to our lives before our decisive time of commitment to God's calling on our lives, for just as Christ rose from the grave, as committed people answering His call, we too are to RISE ABOVE our level of action in living out our daily lives.

The Holy Spirit is now a significant part of our Christian walk, day by day, and even minute by minute. In reality we are CALLED to place our trust in this truth, with acceptance of leading of the Spirit through every step we take, every action we choose, even every breath we take! Is this easy? Not so if we've not embraced this as part of our commitment as Christians. Is it possible? Absolutely! Is it easy? That depends!!! Involved is stepping “out of ourselves – our own mindsets” into the arena of TRUST. . . trust in God's will for each of us individually and as a Church Family. . . trust in His presence, help, and leading with every breath and every step we take. . . trust perhaps to step into areas of SERVICE and INVOLVEMENT only God could orchestrate.

God has truly blessed De Soto Baptist and each of our individual lives in ways we could not on our own even begin to imagine. And as part of our Christian journeys of following His way – which did NOT end, but only just BEGAN with our individual decisions to follow Him as believers – we are truly called to be active in living out our Faith in service to Him through what we do for others. A blank canvas lies before us, ready to be filled with the beauty of each and every life of De Soto Baptist Family involved in answering His call as true followers. Jesus made the ultimate and true sacrifice, and our call then is to in trust, take up that Cross in journeys of service and outreach and love throughout our Church family – our community – our Central Region – and into every widening areas of service through spreading His Love. If our lives don't answer “Yes, Lord, Yes”, then what are we saying about the greatest sacrifice of God giving, on behalf of each of us, His only Son. The answer lies individually within each of our hearts.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” – Proverbs 3:5

Pastor Richard



Family & Children's Ministry



M.O.P.S. (Mothers of Preschoolers)-

MOPS will be meeting **April 11th from 6-7:30**. Doors open at 5 if you would like to bring dinner to eat before the meeting. MOPS moms will have their moms night **April 25th from 6-7:30**. Check out our Facebook page, MOPS At DeSoto Baptist Church, for upcoming events or changes. As always we ask for the congregation to pray for this outreach: pray for the leaders, the schedule, the moms coming, and the moms who haven't come yet.

Our MOPS family for March is the Brownell family. Aaron and Brooke Brownell are members of DeSoto Baptist Church. They have been married for almost 16 years. Aaron is a Data Analyst and Brooke is an amazing child care provider at home for families in the DeSoto area. They have 4 kids. Emma is 14, Micah is 12, Providence is 7, and Amelia is 5. Please pray for this family over the next month.

For more information about MOPS contact Samantha Stone at (816) 457-3230.



GIRLS OF FAITH

A very special Girls of Faith meeting was held in March! A huge thank you to the moms who filled in at a time when Vickie and Mary Jo were both unable to meet with the girls. The meeting was spent preparing and sharing a delicious Mexican food meal, then delivering the same yummy food to the Haulmarks and McDaniels at a time when their love and thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. The girls also made beautiful and very meaningful cards for both leaders. What a blessing to see our young moms and girls carrying on the De Soto Baptist Church tradition of serving others by providing meals, prayers, and encouragement to those in need.

Girls of Faith will meet next on April 18 from 5:00 to 6:30. All girls Kindergarten through grade 5 are welcome and encouraged to attend and bring along friends. You may contact either leader for information; Vickie at 913-583-3029, or Mary Jo at 913-568-8313.

GIRLS OF GRACE

Girls of Grace is for 6th to 12th grade girls. During the month of April we will be focusing on friendship and how to be a girl of grace in the relationships we have with our friends. Join us as we continue to learn how to grow in our relationship with God and with each other. Friends are always welcome.

Girls of Grace will be meeting March 16th and 30th from 6:30-8 pm. Girls of Grace is lead by Alicia Champlain and Holly Balch. Questions call Alicia at 816-260-1548.



AB BOYS

AB Boys generally meet the first Friday of every month. The AB Boys group exists to disciple the younger men of the church to be disciples of Jesus. We aim to do this by eating together, praying together, studying scripture together, and playing together. If you are interested, then Collin Champlain, Ethan DeRoulet, or Micah Brownell can tell you more.

To subscribe to the alerts for schedule changes or hidden events, email Josh Champlain (joshchamp5@gmail.com) or text AB Boys to (816-520-3441) and you will be added. The goal for the AB Boys for the remainder of this year is to learn how to read and study the Bible and in doing so get to know God and his plans for us better. We will be working through 1 Peter the rest of the year.



A MOMENT WITH JO

*"Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear?
And do you not remember?" —Mark 8:18*

Last Sunday in our Florida church, our pastor shared the above scripture and He also read Mark 10:46-52- when Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus. Sometimes we see, but we do not truly see or understand or realize that we have experienced a miracle, a wondrous working of the Holy Spirit. It has been stated many times by police officers that there may be many witnesses, but they see things differently as to what happened. We all do it, but what if we began asking the Holy Spirit to help us see, hear, and understand as our Heavenly Father.

Five years ago in September, John and I took one more ride to Upper Valley in Red River, NM, before leaving to return to KS. As we were driving down the mountain, the sky was filled with those huge fluffy clouds and they were a beautiful pink. I have never seen anything like them. I knew I was in one of those God places, but did not know what or why. I asked the Lord to put this experience in my heart, so I could pull it out and remember what a lovely experience. One month later, I was diagnosed with Lymphoma and I brought to my mind often for His love, beauty, and courage.

Remember in I Samuel 16, Samuel is directed by the Lord to go to Jesse the Bethlehemite to anoint David to be king. When Samuel looked at the handsome first-born son, he said *"Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him."* The Lord said to Samuel *"For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."*

Our grandson, Josiah, who was 9 at the time, was seriously injured when he thrown from the car. It rolled over him causing a crushed lung and other injuries. We knew it was a miracle that he had not been killed, but when the doctor explained that the earth had recently been very dry and hard, but earlier the day of the crash, a wonderful soaking rain had softened the earth and had caused his body to sink into the earth instead of being totally crushed. We knew what a tremendous miracle the Lord had performed for this boy. We praised and thanked the Lord for His kindness.

May we routinely ask the Holy Spirit to help us see, hear, and understand as our Heavenly Father does. Jeremiah 29:12, *"Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you."* What a good Daddy we have.

—Jo Sweatt



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

Thursday, May 3 – National Day of Prayer, Observance at City Hall, 12-1 pm.



Sunday, May 20 – Recognition of Graduates



Friday & Saturday, June 1-2 — ABW Conference at Cross Wind – with the theme of **FEEL HIS LEADING**. This could well be one of the most significant opportunities ever in learning about understanding and working with others – in our Families, our Church, and Workplace.

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American Baptist Women

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

“And a child shall lead them.....”

This is part of the Isaiah 11:6 scripture that perfectly describes our last ABW Meeting. With just a few ladies joined together to do the Lord's work in rolling bandages we were blessed to have Alicia ask if the Girls of Grace could join us. Oh my goodness it warmed my heart to see the sweet young women (and several mothers) having fun and helping us "rip and roll" the quota of 81 bandages. What a blessing to also have Doug with us, what an amazing servant's heart he has. It was especially sweet since Holly is one of the leaders of this group of girls, and with such a diverse group we worked and laughed and had a wonderful time of fellowship. I felt God reminding me that this generation of girls and their mothers will in the near future continue the work that was started so many years ago by so many dedicated women coming together answering God's call of Servant hood. There are many opportunities to serve, going to a inspirational meeting, Easter celebrations, the Barn sale, and of course conference coming up, please seek the will of God in your life to serve in areas as He has called you.

I know everyone was touched and moved by Holy Week, again what a privilege to serve beside such a powerful, dedicated group of women that leave their homes and family to lead girls to God, to roll bandages, to serve a funeral dinner, sew for others fix a meal, send a card, make a telephone call. We are blessed,

"To whom much is given, from him much will be required: and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more." Luke 12:48



Blessings abound in Christ
-Anita Woywod





RUMMAGE SALE / FLEA MARKET AT KILL CREEK BARN

Saturday, April 7th , 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

All \$\$\$ goes to Missions!

The church will have a rummage sale/flea market at the Barn at Kill Creek on Saturday, April 7 from 9 AM to 4 PM to raise money for mission projects. We need everyone's help with donations, setting up the sale on Friday, April 6, working the sale on Saturday, and loading and delivering left over items to Savers after the sale.

Donations: Any clean items you might put in a garage sale from clothing to toys, books, cd's, glassware, dishes, etc. Please put a price on each item. Using masking tape for price stickers is cheap and works well.

Set up: Starting around 4 on Friday, we will need help setting up tables and sorting items for sale. The more people we have to help, the faster we will finish.

Sale day: Help will be needed to assist buyers and take money. A kitchen committee will be needed to decide on what kind of food to sell and work the counter during lunch. Food donations will be needed.

Take down: When sale is finished we will need a clean- up crew with cars, vans or trucks to load left over items to be taken away. The barn will need to be left as we found it.

If there are some who wish to sell their own merchandise, there will be a \$25 charge for an outside space approximately 10 x 16. You would need to supply your own tables and tents if needed. Profits from your merchandise will belong to you.

YOUTH - this is a great Community Service opportunity to add to your resume.

Watch for sign- up sheets at church!



Girls of Grace Make Pies for Rummage/Barn Sale

The Girls of Grace met with Karen Wall who taught them how to make fruit pies. There were 11 pies made, 2 were taste tested by the girls that night, and got rave reviews! The remaining 9 pies will be sold at the Barn Sale on April 7th to raise money for missions. Come out and try a piece.





And **HERE IT IS!!!**
The Theme for our 2018 VBS!!!
SHIPWRECKED
Rescued by Jesus!



Join Us for a Week FULL of
 Fun and Surprises!

June 4-8, 1:00 - 4:00, Ages 3-12

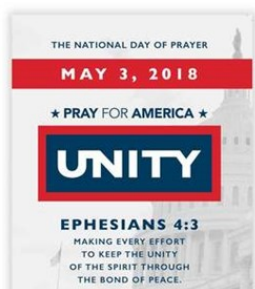
When you're lonely. . .when you worry . . .when you struggle. . .when you do wrong. . .
 when you're powerless. . . **JESUS RESCUES YOU!!!!**

SIGN-UP WILL BEGIN ONLINE by May 1. BUT, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Our VBS is FREE!! PLEASE JOIN OUR CREW!!

We will need middle-school, high school, young adult, and adult helpers!! Moms & Dads - come join us as one of the many crew leaders - share the joy and the learning with your children.

Need more information??? Contact Rev. Copeland, 583-1425, Karen Wall, 669-1991; Richelle Hodges, 481-7610



National Day of Prayer Theme for 2018 — UNITY!

Please pray daily for our country and our leaders. Pray for unity within the church.
 Pray for understanding and unity within our country.

***Join us at De Soto City Hall on May 3rd, from 12 — 1 p.m.
 for the National Day of Prayer Observance.***

Join a Sunday School class

Classes meet Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m.- 10:45 a.m.

- Adult Class led by Charles Lawhead meets in the conference room upstairs.
- 2nd Adult Class led by Josh Champlain, meets down stair in AB Girls room.
- Middle/High School Youth lead by Pat Harralson & Samantha Stone, meets in Galen Weese room.
- Grades K-5 meet downstairs, teachers rotate between Donna Gulley, Vickie Haulmark, and Richelle Hodges.

Monday Evening Bible Studies



Monday evenings @ 6:30 P.M.
 in the new conference room
 Contact Karen Wall or Mary Etta Copeland



Monday Evenings @ 6:30 P.M.
 In the Galen Weese Room

April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday 8 am Early Service, Breakfast following 11 am Worship	2 6:30 pm Doers Men's Bible Study	3	4 7 pm Deacon & Trustees Meet 7:30 pm Business Meeting	5	6 4 pm-Setup for Barn Sale, 6-8 pm-AB Boys	7 9 am-4 pm- BARN SALE for Missions
8	9 6:30 pm Doer's Men's Bible Study	10	11 6-7:30 MOPS	12	13 Pray for Central Region Churches	14 7:30 am- Men's Bkfst at Wanda's, 9:30 am- Mission Speaker at Gardner 1 st Baptist Church
15 Fellowship Din- ner following wor- ship for exploration of ministry expansion opportunities	16 6:30 pm Girls of Grace (6-12) 6:30 pm Doer's Men's Bible Study	17 Taxes Day	18 5-6:30 pm Girls of Faith (K-5th)	19	20	21
22	23 6:30 pm Doer's Men's Bible Study	24	25 6-7:30 pm MOPS, mom's night	26	27	28
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April 2018

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Rick & Patricia McAninch</i>	2 Joanna Bushnell <i>Jeff & Sharon Coatney</i>	3 Harry Shultz Bentley Serigny	4 Rodger Brackett	5	6	7
8 Walt McDaniel	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Jack McDaniel	16 Jim Berola	17	18	19 Karl Beesley Ben Woolery	20 Sally Beck <i>Leland & Frankie Lister</i>	21
22	23 <i>Hank & Mary Gale Kramer</i>	24 Betty Hughey Gretchyn Reeves	25	26	27	28
29	30 Rachel Coatney					



Calendar of Events

- Apr. 2nd - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Apr. 4th - 7:00 pm Deacon & Trustees Meeting
7:30 pm Church Business Meeting
- Apr. 6th - 4 pm Setup for BARN SALE, Signup Sheet on Bulletin Board
6-8 pm AB Boys meeting
- Apr. 7th - 9:00 am-4:00 pm Barn Sale for Missions, including Bethel Neighborhood Center & ABW Special Project
- Apr. 9th - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Apr. 11th - 6-7:30 pm MOPS
- Apr. 13th - Pray for Central Region Churches
- Apr. 14th - 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
9:30 am- Mission Tour with speaker Dr. Anita Gutierrez, Missionary in Health Services from South Africa, speaking at Gardner 1st Baptist Church
- Apr. 15th - Fellowship Dinner following worship for exploration of Ministry Expansion Opportunities
- Apr. 16th - 6:30-8:00 pm Girls of Grace (6th-12th)
6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Apr. 18st - 5:00-6:30 pm Girls of Faith (K-5th)
- Apr. 23th - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Apr. 25th - 6-7:30 pm MOPS, mom's night
- Apr. 30th - 6:30-8:00 pm Girls of Grace (6th-12th)
6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

All members invited to attend the Church Business Meeting, April 4th 7:30 pm, in the conference room.





Support your De Soto FOOD PANTRY

Tues. 10 am-12 pm, Thur. 4-6 pm & Sat. 9-11 am

Current items needed: cereal, laundry soap, liquid dish soap, toilet tissue, paper towels, peanut butter, jelly, any and all canned goods.

- There is a blue container in the vestibule of the church for food pantry collections.
- The food pantry is located in the same building as City Hall and the Community Center. Anyone with a DeSoto address or a student enrolled in the DeSoto School District, and that can show proof of residency, is eligible to shop.

Finance Report for February, 2018

Bal. Forward	\$ 21,058.81
Deposits	\$ 33,288.83
Disbursements	\$ 20,487.68
Ending Balance	\$ 33,860.00
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 288,732.40




THE SCRIP PROGRAM -

These are gift cards that are available to numerous merchants such as **Applebee's - Chili's - On the Border - Long Horn Steak House - Borders - Kohl's - Pizza Hut - Panera Bread - Red Lobster/Olive Garden - Wal-Mart.**


These merchants donate a portion of each purchase back to our church.

Contact Rick and Monica Walker for more details. Some cards are available immediately. Other merchants may be available upon request. Order today!



Find a current copy of the church calendar, and newsletter on-line AND you can view the church directory on a password protected page at www.desotobaptistchurch.com

<http://www.desotobaptistchurch.com>



Wi-Fi is available for all your church needs—log in information is listed on the front bulletin board.



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