



2018

February

ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

# De Soto Baptist Church



## From the Pastor's Pen ~

I suspect that many of you will be in agreement with me that it seems this new year has gotten off to a faster start than ever before, but in reality logic tells us it really hasn't. However, I think we would be in agreement that there seems to be more health issues than in previous beginnings of the new year. It also seems that *Mother Nature* has raised her head more than usual if comparing to other yearly beginnings. Whether any of this is true, or just *seeming* to be, the one unchanging truism is that just like any other new year, *we cannot see into the future with any accuracy!*

In reference to this, Roy Lessin, in his devotional book *Today is Your Best Day*, reminds us of some of the words of encouragement given by Jesus to us:

*"He doesn't say: 'You'll have to make it on your own.'*

*He says: 'I am your Shepherd.'* "

*"He doesn't say: 'You'll have to figure things out for yourself.'*

*He says: 'I am the truth.'* "

*"He doesn't say: 'You don't fit in my circle.'*

*He says: 'I have called you friend.'* "

As you face challenges which may come your way, as faith may be attacked in facing difficulties, as uncertainties may arise, my prayer is that each reader of this will allow Christ to be with you and to guide you in this journey embarked upon for 2018!

Privileged to be part of De Soto Baptist and the great Family of God~

*Pastor Richard*



Love one  
ANOTHER  
as I have  
LOVED  
you  
-JOHN 15:12



## Family & Children's Ministry



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

Due to Valentine's Day falling on our first meeting of the month we will not have a normal meeting this month. However, we will still have our **mom's night February 28th from 6-7:30**. A big thank you to Paula Rhodes for our awesome craft night January 24th. We had a great time! 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 February is the Seela family. Kelly Seela recently started as a para for the De Soto school district. She has 5 kids and a grand baby at home; Kaylan-20, Aiden-12, Colin-11, Piper-4, Brody (Grandson)-3, and Trinity-2. Please pray for this family over the next month.

For more information about MOPS, please Contact Samantha Stone at (816) 457-3230.



### ***ABGIRLS NEWS***

***Girls of Faith*** continue to work on memorizing the books of the Bible. We've gone all the way through Song of Solomon in the Old Testament. In February we will work on the major and minor prophets, completing the Old Testament books. Our January meeting had us thinking ahead to Valentine's Day, as we memorized an important "love" scripture. 1 John 4:19 reminds us that "We love because He first loved us." The girls had a great time creating a Valentine decoration using this verse.



Girls of Faith is for all girls from Kindergarten through grade 5. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 17, from 5:00 to 6:30. If you have questions, call Mary Jo McDaniel at 913-568-8313, or Vickie Haulmark at 913-583-3029.



***Girls of Grace*** for 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade girls will be focusing on becoming girls of grace in our families for the month of February. 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 February 12th & 26th from 6:30-8 pm.** If you have questions call Alicia Champlain 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](mailto: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

*Be of good cheer. It is I; do not be afraid. ~Matthew 14:27*

*You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. ~Psalm 32:7*

As I returned to consciousness, I was immediately aware of excruciating pain as my neck was being operated upon to attach some heart machine to any artery. The surgeon knew I was awake and he called me by name and said he was sorry they could not give me anything for the pain, but time was of the essence and they would finish as quickly as possible. What does one do in such a situation when you just want to scream to get it over and not panic? I called upon Jesus and told Him I knew He was here and He also knew what had happened even though I had no idea. I told Him I trusted Him though I was scared and heard and felt things I did not want to know or feel. I immediately heard Him say, "Jo, I am here. Trust Me and do not be afraid. He kept bringing scriptures to me-"I am your Shepherd, Jo, do not fear. I will not leave you or forsake you." Such words of peace, kindness, and gentleness were spoken to me.

Recently I have been writing in my prayer journal the words that Jesus spoke to frightened, hurting, and desperate people. I place these life-changing words in my heart to be available to bring forth when I am one of those ones who are walking the journey of trials and fears.

When I was a young mother and attending a prayer group, an elderly woman shared with me to memorize as much of the Bible as possible so when the need arises, the Word is there to accomplish what the Lord desires to do. The Lord does not want us to be scared, frightened, sick, sad, etc., He wants us to know His promises, provisions, and blessings. It is not only to help us, but to help and serve others and the great love He has for each one of us.

Matthew 9:22; Matthew 17:7; Matthew 29:9-10



## Join a Sunday School class this year...

to grow in your relationship with God and others!

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 ABGirls room.
- Middle/High School Youth lead by Pat Harralson, meet in Galen Weese room.
- Grades K-5 meet downstairs, teachers rotate.



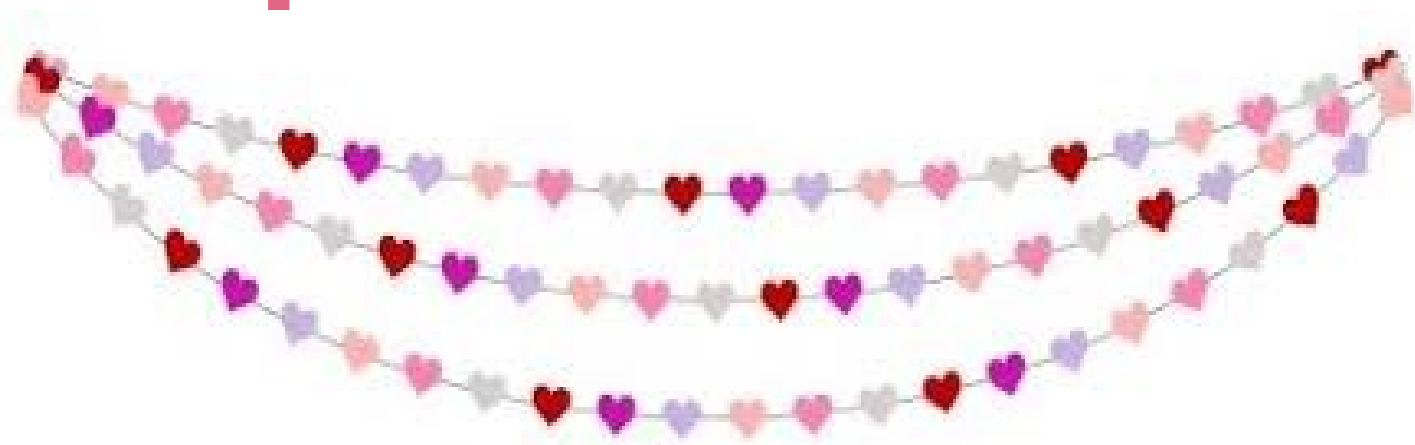
## *Doers of the Word Women's Bible Study*



All women of our church family are invited to join the *Doers of the Word* women's Bible study and prayer group. We have just started a new study based on the well-loved devotional Jesus Calling by Sara Young.

This second study in the series, *Trusting in Christ*, will "examine what the Bible has to say about relying on God for all your needs . . . "You will see that God loves you, cares for you, and provides the strength you need to get through any situation." Everyone will benefit from taking part in this study!

Please join us every Monday evening this month from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Contact Mary Etta (583-1425) or Karen Wall (669-1991) if you would like a book for our study. We have one "bargain" book remaining for \$5.50 - additional books will run about \$11.



## **Celebration of Love Banquet**



Sunday evening, February 11th, at 6 pm, will find the Church Fellowship Hall the site for our **48th** annual **CELEBRATION OF LOVE BANQUET**, a significant multi-pronged event celebrating within our families, between spouses, and throughout a world-wide arena! This is a major venue for giving to LOVE GIFT, a process established during the Depression Era by American Baptist Women, giving pennies and nickels and dimes . . . literally all they had . . . for God's work in a wide arena of need.

We still support this today, benefiting Regional work as well as World-wide Missions. And De Soto Baptist links all this with the celebration of our own families and spouses.

If you'd like to help with this major arm of obedient outreach, or have ideas you'd like included such as theme, etc., please let Mary Etta know by January 31st!

## Missions and Evangelism



The annual Missions & Evangelism Conference for churches of the Central Region was held this past Friday and Saturday at Cross Wind Conference Center at Hesston, and attending from De Soto Baptist were Dean & Karen Wall and Richard & Mary Etta Copeland. And while any such event involves some time and travel challenge, they are all in agreement of the value of having been part of this!

Three presenters stand out . . . REV. JULIE ROBINSON, a young and incredibly energetic and knowledgeable Central Region Staff member who has a calendar full of Mission and Ministry growth opportunities for Middle and Sr. High School Youth, even including working in one of our Missions in Alaska!!! Saturday morning brought connection with KAREN SMITH in Thailand via skype, with asking and answering questions even possible! And Keynoter DR. JEFF JOHNSON, head of American Baptist Division of Mission and Ministry from Valley Forge, through 2 energetic and mind expanding presentations brought insight into evangelism in dramatic, historic, and Biblical settings. His closure contained *two amazing phrases that De Soto Baptist has been involved with for 5 decades* . . . on Richard's Stationary, **ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION** . . . and on the sign in front of church, **PASTOR, RICHARD G. COPELAND ~ MINISTERS, EVERY MEMBER!!!**

Does this mean we're doing all that we're called to do as De Soto Baptist Church? Not at all, but truly an affirmation and confirming reminder of that to which we're called as God's people in a very needy world around us!!!

~ Pastor Richard



### ***A Prayer for Presidents Day, by Margaret Cagle***

Dear God, it is Presidents' Day  
In this nation in which we live.  
We are so grateful and thankful  
For the blessings that You give.

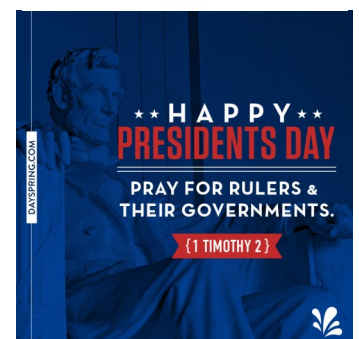
Please lead and guide our President,  
We ask as we earnestly pray.  
We pray for his heart to be right,  
So he can lead in a Godly way.

Lord, our President is just a man.  
He really needs Your help, we know.  
Please help him as he leads us,  
And upon him wisdom, please bestow.

In the past, You gave to us  
Some Presidents with visions.  
You gave to us some great leaders,  
Who prayed for the right decisions.

We thank you for the leadership  
Of great Presidents of the past.  
You used some to do Your will,  
And for You, they stood steadfast.

Now, Lord, please grant to us  
The forgiveness for our sin,  
And please guide us as a nation.  
This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.



# SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



Join us for a bowl of  
soup and compassion  
as we show our  
support for the  
Towner Family

## CHANGE THE GAME

MORE THAN 28 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

*“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”*

Since that day, more than \$135 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving.

The youth of De Soto Baptist Church have been a part of this movement from the beginning. Church members bring their favorite soups to share with others on Super Bowl Sunday and the youth serve and bus tables, all while gathering donations for a chosen charity. We invite you to join us and be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need.

Every dollar raised at this year’s event will go to benefit the Towner family, who are enduring incredible challenges after a terrible accident.

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, Jeremy and Coen Towner were burning trash when a gas can caught fire and blew up causing extensive burns covering 30% of Coen’s body and severely burning both Jeremy’s hands. Jeremy has been released from the hospital, but still has a long road of recovery ahead of him. Coen will be in the hospital for a minimum of 30 days. He has already undergone multiple surgeries and will continue to have many more in the days to come.

The family’s faith in God and strength they are finding in HIM during this difficult time is inspiring. Jamie wrote on Facebook 1/17/18:

*“Thank you all! I have nothing but grateful tears for the love that has been shown. I’m in awe and have no words. In a world that has been hard and ugly, there is so much love! You all are that love! The light! We are truly blessed. God is so good.”*

May the De Soto Baptist Church, and the whole De Soto community join together in continuing to share Christ’s love with our neighbor in need by covering them in prayer and by financially supporting them during this difficult time.

**When:** February 4<sup>th</sup> 12:00-2:00pm

**Where:** VFW - 33725 W 84<sup>th</sup> St. (84<sup>th</sup> & Penner)

**Cost:** Free will donation

# February 2018

## De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	
				AB Boys 6-8		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Communion 12-2 pm at VFW "Souper Bowl of Caring"	6:30 pm Doer's & Men's Bible Study		7 pm Deacons & Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm Business Meeting			7:30 am Men's breakfast at Wanda's Cafe
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
6 pm Celebration of Love Banquet	6:30 Girls of Grace 6:30 pm Doer's & Men's Bible Study	Pray for Central Region Churches	Ash Wednesday <i>Valentine's Day</i>			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	6:30 pm Doer's & Men's Bible Study		5-6:30 pm Girls of Faith (K-5th)			
25	26	27	28			
	6:30 Girls of Grace 6:30 pm Doer's & Men's Bible Study		MOPS 6-7:30 pm			

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	
4 Laurie Juhnke	5 Chester Robins John Holzshuh	6 Dale Cannell	7 Tami Reeves	8	9 Stephanie King	10 <i>Justin &amp; Jennifer McDaniel</i>
11 Jim Ingalls	12 Ted Morse Marge Morse Sharon Queen Don Bartholmew	13 Owen Brown	14 Ash Wednesday <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Richelle Hodges John Sweatt	16 Quinn Miller <i>Charles &amp; Willetta Lawhead</i>	17 Debbie Maniez Tara Bartholomew
18 <i>John &amp; Jo Sweatt</i>	19	20 Junior Maness	21 Patricia McAninch	22 Dana Blubaugh	23 <i>Jim &amp; Marilyn Etherton</i>	24 Richard Copeland Brooke Brownell
25 Cassie Shipman	26 Beth Couch	27 Patsy Allenbrand Scott Jones	28			



# February Calendar of Events

- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6-8 pm, AB Boys meeting
- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - Communion Sunday  
12-2 pm "Souper Bowl of Caring",  
donations go to Towner family
- Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Doer's of the Word  
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm Deacons & Trustees Meeting  
7:30 pm Business Meeting
- Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
- Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> - 6 pm Celebration of Love Banquet
- Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Girls of Grace (6th-12th)  
6:30 pm Doers of the Word  
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> - Pray for Central Region Churches
- Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word  
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> - 5:00-6:30 pm Girls of Faith (K-5th)
- Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Girls of Grace (6th-12th)  
6:30 pm Doers of the Word  
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study



## Monday Evenings

Monday evenings @ 6:30 P.M.  
in the new conference room

Contact Karen Wall or Mary Etta Copeland



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6:30 P.M.

In the Galen Weese Room

Contact Pastor Copeland

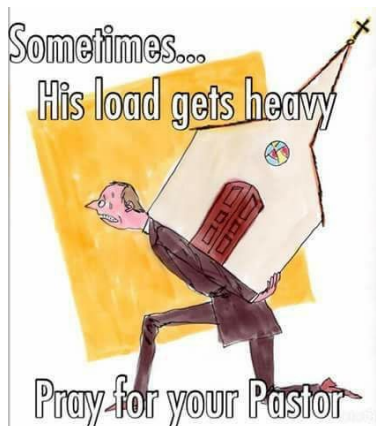


### THE SCRIP PROGRAM -

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!



***For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ~John 3:16***

### Finance Report for December

Bal. Forward	\$ 21,979.07
Deposits	\$ 34,104.00
Disbursements	\$ 22,790.70
Ending Balance	\$ 33,292.37
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 287,809.32



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