



"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

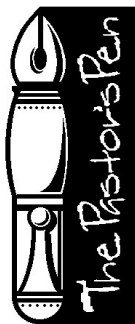
2 Corinthians 5:17-18

2018



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

De Soto Baptist Church



From the Pastor's Pen ~

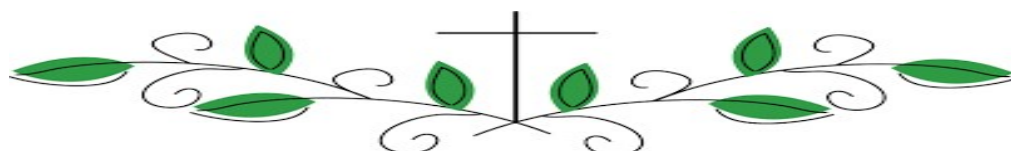
As a Pastor I can't help but be impressed by the three committees made up of volunteers who thus have demonstrated their interest in the ministry and outreach of our Church! Equally impressive are the reports presented to our Congregation as part of the morning message on Sunday morning of April 15th! Chairmen of these outstanding committees . . . Doug Opdycke, Outdoor Enhancement, Fred Jones, Indoor Enhancement, and Josh Champlain, Outreach Enhancement . . . all did an excellent job in representing and presenting the work of more than a year on the initial "brainstorming ideas."

Moving from this step, appreciation goes to all those who responded in writing, following the service, to the request from these Committees for further reaction and evaluation. It is very obvious that God is ALIVE and AT WORK in our Church, including through the Committees who've spent untold hours in the initial work, as well as through the entire congregation. And as we move forward into actual decision making I'm asking that we all, with grateful hearts, be involved in prayer seeking God's guidance with **faith** in His leading, and in **harmony** with each other in seeking together to be in **God's will**.

I truly believe we are in this **incredible** position because God is "well-pleased" with our history of faithfulness . . . He is calling us – entrusting us – with the great responsibility to not just continue, but to expand the spreading of HIS love in a very needy world. Please join me in giving thanks to God and to those through whom God has worked to make available the funds to proceed with progress concerning these enhancements to His glory!

In His love and service ~

Pastor Richard





Family & Children's Ministry



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

MOPS will be meeting May 9th from 6-7:30 pm. Doors open at 5 pm if you would like to bring dinner to eat before the meeting. MOPS moms will have their **moms night May 23rd from 6-7:30 pm.** 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 Stone family. Daniel and Samantha are members of DeSoto Baptist Church. Daniel is a Maintenance Manager and Samantha is Logistics Coordinator. They have 4 kids. Christian is 11, Blake is 10, Isabella is 9, baby Easton is 9 Months old. Please pray for this family over the next month.

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



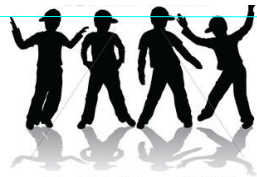
GIRLS OF FAITH (Girls K-5th)

Girls of Faith will meet next on May 16th, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. 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 6th-12th)

Girls of Grace had a fun meeting in April. We had a talk show called "Gabbin' with Grace" hosted by your very own leaders Holly and Alicia, in which we counted down the top ten traits that make a good friend. We all had a great time.

During the month of May we will continue to focus on friendship and how to be a girl of grace in the relationships we have with our friends. Girls grades 6th-12th are invited to 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 next on May 7th & May 21st from 6:30-8 pm.** Leaders are Alicia Champlain and Holly Balch. Questions, contact Alicia at 816-260-1548 or Champlain.Alicia@gmail.com.



AB BOYS

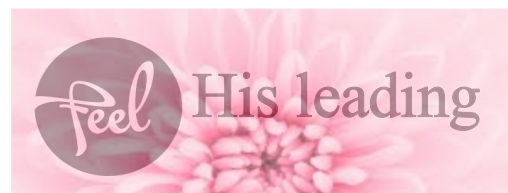
AB Boys generally meet the first Friday of every month. The AB Boys group exists to disciple the younger men of the church to be disciples of Jesus. We aim to do this by eating together, praying together, studying scripture together, and playing together. If you are interested, then Collin Champlain,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



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

**CALLING ALL WOMEN . . .
THIS IS GOD . . . PLEASE ANSWER . . .**



How are you **FEELING** today? I've been thinking about you and hope you're thinking about me! Actually, I'm seeing, hearing, **FEELING** so many things surrounding each one of you that it makes me all the more thrilled to know you have the opportunity for Central Region's Women's Conference June 1 & 2 at Cross Wind! Those women in leadership are just ALWAYS listening and taking my leading, and I'll share with you that I know . . . and I think you know . . . that the theme of **FEEL** (chosen 3 years ago) couldn't be more important for each of you personally – in your families – your church – the workplace – and even throughout the world. So I'm looking forward to seeing and being with each of you Friday and Saturday, June 1-2, at Cross Wind Conference Center. Oh, yes . . . it will only cost you \$50, and that's for a "semi-luxury" lodge room – 4 meals – 3 Workshops – 3 presentations from a National leader – a Communion time to re-affirm your relationship with God – the greatest fellowship with De Soto Baptist women . . . and you can "only imagine" what else!!! I've got a helper named Mary Etta, who has Registration forms, and if you need some scholarship help with your \$50 she's the one to contact. Sending each of you my love and assurance of presence in your daily walks . . . looking forward to seeing and being with each of you at Cross Wind . . . Love to each of you . . . GOD

P.S. If you're a spouse or son or daughter reading this, give that woman in your life a big nudge to take advantage of this incredible growth opportunity in her Christian journey with me!!!

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

As we wrap up our year in ABW, please mark your calendar to celebrate **Mother's Day on Saturday, May 5th, at 10:00 am**. It will be a potluck brunch, so please bring your favorite dish to share. We have a wonderful time of fellowship sharing memories of "mothers" that have gone on to their Heavenly Home as well as all the Mothers in our lives.

It is very important that we get a head count for the brunch as we are having a fun "craft event" hosted by Linda Lane & Paula Rhodes. **Please RSVP to Paula at (913) 208-5317 or pjrhodesx4@gmail.com.**

Also, thank you everyone that worked so diligently on the Barn Sale, it was a huge success.

Remember that Conference is only a month away, and Mary Etta will be taking the registrations so please get those in as soon as you can.

Many blessings for all the Servanthood in our church family,

—Anita





SHIPWRECKED Rescued by Jesus!



S.O.S. - Calling All Fans of VBS!!!

This is a wonderful theme, teaching our children that Jesus is there ready to rescue us from every danger and every need.

PLEASE CHECK THE "HELP WANTED" AD IN ANOTHER PART OF THE NEWSLETTER!!

Whether you can help during the week of VBS or not, there are some very important things you can do!

- (1) **ENCOURAGE** all children ages 3-5th grade to attend! Have them enroll on-line at www.desotobaptistchurch.com starting May 8th or on the registration form below.
- (2) **PRAY** for the success of our camp, for guidance and inspiration for our leaders, for many children to respond to our teachings, for God's blessings in all our endeavors.
- (3) **GIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT** so that we can provide special treats and mementos to help each child remember the lessons and the love they experienced while they were with us. Make sure to write VBS on the "For" line if you write a check. Put in an envelope marked with VBS if you donate cash.



REGISTRATION

SHIPWRECKED REGISTRATION FORM

GO TO www.desotobaptistchurch.com for online registration beginning May 8th

Or fill out this form

De Soto Baptist Church - June 4-8 - 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Ages 3 through 5th Grade

Name _____ Age _____

Grade completed this year, if child is in school. _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Home Telephone: () _____ Cell: () _____

In Case of Emergency, contact: _____

Telephone: (if different from above) _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Email address: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Please mark yes or no to the following release:

De Soto Baptist Church may photograph or video my child during VBS week and may use that photo or video to show in the church or on a church publication. Yes () No ()

Please return to De Soto Baptist Church – in the Shipwrecked Bucket in the church or mail to De Soto Baptist Church, P.O. Box E, De Soto, KS 66018 **Questions?? Call Karen Wall (913) 669-1991**



BARN / RUMMAGE SALE A SUCCESS!

Thank you . . . Thank You . . . THANK YOU!!!

One “thank you” is certainly not enough when reflecting on our very successful “Flea Market”. A more fitting venue could not have been possible, with a true “specialness” because of the long history of the Zimmerman family with De Soto Baptist. And rarely can there be remembered an event where every element of planning and following through became reality in the most positive of ways; and we would be remiss if we failed acknowledgement of God’s hand in proving the weather forecaster wrong on that day. Praise God for Prayer Warriors throughout the ranks of ABW across the State who lifted our needs on that Friday when potential for icy conditions were predicted.

On the evening of Tuesday, April 10th, **\$1,600 was presented to Bethel Neighborhood Center** (from Barn Sale & Easter Breakfast) at their wonderful “Birthday Party”, put on with entertainment and a Taco dinner carried out by their Youth. And a check for \$49.00 was received from one of the Vendors, following her pledge to give a TITHE on what she sold!!! Plus, there was \$156 from Savers for the 5 vans of donations taken from our “leftovers”!

After all funds are in a 2nd check will be sent to the Region for the ABW Special Project that will bless a Sr. Center in Wichita and our Regional Office with Conference Furniture that will be more usable than what they’ve been using for decades. Thanks to each who in any way made this opportunity a success, and greatest praise to our Heavenly Father for blessing the obedience of De Soto Baptist Family in reaching out in ministries of caring and serving!



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.***



MOTHER'S DAY

POTLUCK BRUNCH

Saturday, May 5th - 10:00 a.m.

Please join us as we celebrate Motherhood!

There will be a fun craft time where everyone will get to chalk their own flower vase under the instruction of Paula Rhodes, all materials will be supplied. ***Please RSVP to Paula by Wednesday, May 2nd*** at (913) 208-5317 or pjrhodesx4@gmail.com so she can be sure to have enough supplies. Bring a brunch dish to share.



VBS HELP WANTED!!!

Join Us for a Week FULL of Fun and Surprises!

June 4-8, 1:00 – 4:00, Ages 13 - ????

We need a FEW GREAT Men & Women!! VIP'S!!!

***Recreation Director:** We have lots of great teen helpers, but need someone to simply organize the games from the Shipwrecked Leader's Manual – The helpers will do much of the work.

***Crew Leaders:** We need 3 adult (Over 18) leaders and 12 junior or teen leaders to work with crews of 4 to 5 children. You do NOT have to plan any lessons, just work with your team and go from station to station with them. **GREAT INTERACTION TIME** with children!

***Decorating Team:** Are you artistic and enjoy a little decorating?? We need some folks willing to help change the front of the sanctuary to something that resembles a beach. We have some materials already and can order more. . . Please talk to Karen or Richelle if you might enjoy helping us.

THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD!

Ask Karen if you have questions. This is a great opportunity to help with our outreach! Karenwall61@yahoo.com; Karen Wall, 913-669-1991

VBS CELEBRATION PICNIC! SUNDAY, JUNE 10!!!

Join us for our VBS Program during our regular church service at 11:00 am. Then, come to the basement for an All-church family picnic and play time!



We will be celebrating together with a picnic lunch AND we will have two inflatable **BOUNCE HOUSES!!!**
COME JOIN THE FUN!



Support your De Soto **FOOD PANTRY**

Current items needed: Cream soups (Cream of chicken, etc.), Broth, Apple sauce, Ramen noodles, Boxed skillet dinners (Hamburger Helper, etc.), Cereal, Peanut butter, Sugar, Paper towels, Toilet tissue.

- 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.

Food Pantry Hours: Tues. 10 am-12 pm, Thur. 4-6 pm & Sat. 9-11 am



KICK FOR CHRIST SOCCER CAMP

Friday, June 22nd - 6:00-8:30 PM
 Saturday, June 23rd - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

FOR ALL KIDS AGES 4 years old - 8th Grade



Leo Gibson, a Kansas City Comets soccer player, and his team will be back this summer to continue our soccer ministry in De Soto. This year marks the 5th year De Soto Baptist has partnered with Kick for Christ to provide this unique camp. We are amazed how God has blessed us to do this year after year.

Please support us through prayer leading up to the event.

What to be praying for:

- Pray for the youth and families that will be attending, that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to receive the message of Christ during the camp.
- Pray for Leo's team and Church volunteers. Safe travel for Leo's team, and patience and endurance for us all.
- Pray for safety and good attitudes of all throughout the camp.
- Pray for good weather.
- And most of all, pray that *GOD WILL BE GLORIFIED THROUGH IT ALL!*

We always love to have as many church members as possible at camp. **NO soccer experience needed**, just the courage to meet new families and love your neighbors. If you are unable to attend, but still want to be a part of the outreach, please do pray for the above. We do not make this happen alone, but it is God's working through us that makes this event what it is!

The church body already donates a sizable \$ amount back to the Kick for Christ ministry, but if you feel led to give beyond that, I know we will put it to good use. **We will be collecting gently used sporting equipment and clothes for Leo's ministry to be taken back to the youth of his home country, Liberia.** If you have any items lying around, that the kids or grandkids have out-grown, please bring it to the church, *it will be a blessing for someone else!*

Lunch and more fun after camp on Saturday, starting at noon.

High School aged youth are encouraged to be helpers.


Lastly, if you have questions, would like to help in any way, have items to donate, etc. please contact Aaron Brownell in person at church or at 785-456-3080 and brownell_aaron@yahoo.com.

Thank you all for your continued support of this wonderful outreach event!

—Aaron Brownell

May 2018

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 National Day of Prayer Observance 12-1 pm, De Soto Community Center	4 6-8 pm AB Boys	5 10 am Mother's Day Potluck Brunch
6 Communion Sunday	7 6:30 pm Girls of Grace (6 th -12 th) 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	8	9 6-7:30 pm MOPS	10	11	12 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
13 <i>Mother's Day</i> Pray for Central Region Churches	14 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	15	16 5-6:30 pm Girls of Faith (grades K-5 th)	17	18	19
20 Recognition of Graduates during Worship	21 6:30 pm Girls of Grace (6 th -12 th) 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	22	23 6-7:30 pm MOPS, Mom's Night	24	25	26
27	28  MEMORIAL DAY	29	30	31	1 June 1-2, American Baptist Women's Conference at Crosswind Conference Center in Heston, KS.	2



May 2018

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Chris & Allison Haynes</i>	2 Marilyn Etherton	3	4 Cheryl Toner	5 Allison Haynes
6 Gary Crowley Larry Gullely Jr. Jake Miller Samantha Tush	7 Amy Culver <i>Alan & Kathryn Hines</i>	8 Paula Rhodes	9 Dennis Allen Brandon Prince <i>Terry & Paula Rhodes</i>	10	11 Emma Brownell	12 River Hastings <i>Whitney & Brandi Hastings</i>
13 Maya Huang	14 Kyle Walker Kaylynn DeRoulet Nathan Martin Jack Miller	15 Heidi Gutknecht-Copeland	16 Kathy Holzschuh	17 Jennifer McDaniel Tari Thompson Jayme Nelson	18 Leland Lister	19
20	21	22 Barb Beesley <i>Jeff & Traci Griffin</i>	23	24	25 Nicholas Cardiff Raquel Krout Mary Jo McDaniel	26 Brody Serigny <i>Don & Tara Bartholomew</i>
27 Lilly Champlain	28 Colby Harraison	29 <i>May 30th Anniv. cont.</i> <i>Dean & Karen Wall</i> <i>Dennis & Diana Zwahlen</i>	30 Gene Cosby Cassandra Miller Jo Sweatt Ken Warsop Junelle Woolery	31 Paul Hughes Noah Phillips <i>Walt & Mary Jo McDaniel</i>		



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 3rd - 12-1 pm National Day of Prayer, Observance at De Soto City Hall
- May 4th - 6-8 pm AB Boys
- May 5th - 10 am Mother's Day Potluck Brunch, RSVP to Paula Rhodes by May 2nd
- May 6th - Communion Sunday
- May 7th - 6:30-8:00 pm Girls of Grace (6th-12th)
6:30 pm Doer's of the Word
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- May 9th - 6-7:30 pm MOPS
- May 12th - 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
- May 13th - Mother's Day
Pray for Central Region Churches
- May 14th - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- May 16th - 5-6:30 pm Girls of Faith (K-5th)
- May 20th - Recognition of Graduates in worship
- May 21st - 6:30-8:00 pm Girls of Grace (6th-12th)
6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- May 23rd - 6-7:30 pm MOPS, mom's night
- May 28th - Memorial Day

Sunday School Classes

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, meets upstairs in Galen Weese room.
- Grades K-5 meet downstairs, teachers rotate between Donna Gulley, Vickie Haulmark, and Richelle Hodges.
- Birth—Pre-K class led by Samantha Stone, meets downstairs in Nursery.

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
Contact Pastor Copeland

Finance Report for March, 2018

Bal. Forward	\$ 33,860.00
Deposits	\$ 16,109.95
Disbursements	\$ 11,177.10
Ending Balance	\$ 38,792.85
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 291,041.55



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!



Wi—Fi

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



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

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