



"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot."



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De Soto Baptist Church



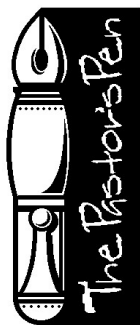
From the Pastor's Pen ~

Joys/Activities of September . . . How time flies when you're having fun . . . or serving the Lord!!! Gratitude abounds for the outreach of De Soto Baptist, including sharing with families of those whose loved ones have moved on to their Heavenly Homes . . . involvement with De Soto Days Parade and our AWARD WINNING 1ST PLACE FLOAT. . . participation/service with Pie Booth at Sunflower Festival . . . the All-Church Birthday Party in recognizing each one of our Church Family while raising money for Murrow Indian Home in Oklahoma . . . interaction with students through *DHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes*, sponsored by our own Junelle Woolery - all LTMS 8th graders ringing the church bell on Constitution Day - "5th Quarter" event after FB Game in co-operation with the Methodist Church and De Soto Youth Ministries . . . and possibly for events that have yet to take place at time of this writing!

As an American Baptist Pastor I am greatly blessed – and challenged – by the expanse of our outreach . . . from our own community to around the world. Each October we celebrate one of these *"arms of service"* with the WORLD MISSION OFFERING, which focuses on our International Ministries. To give you a "birds-eye-view" this includes outreach in the name of Christ in **30 locations around the world**, on every continent!!! In the process of sharing the Gospel of God's Love, this expands to Health and Wellness – Abolishing Global Slavery – Economic and Community Development.

This year's theme – *"You are the SALT of the Earth"* (Matt. 5:13) – comes from the unique power of this ordinary and plentiful substance which has a very unique power . . . that of *"bringing new sensations to our taste buds."* So relating this to God's call on our lives, we are to *"go into all the world and unlock the good that God is doing so others can be touched by the power of the saving grace of God."* A very special addition this year is the sharing of **60 days of prayers written by our Global Servants throughout the world!** These will be available in printed form so all can be involved throughout the month of October. Can you imagine the power of thousands of American Baptists throughout the world joined in praying in unity each day over 2 months time???? The thought literally is making my mind – and heart – explode!!!

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From the Pastor's Pen... continued

A closing thought . . . Jesus reminds that salt which “loses its saltiness” becomes useless and is tossed aside. This reference comes from the course white powder mined from the area of the Dead Sea, which included other minerals mixed in with the salt, which over time changed to the point that it was no longer useful for seasoning or preserving. For our lives this means that ***we MUST remain in Him to retain those qualities that arise out of devotion to His call on our lives.***

Our designated Sunday for this Offering is **October 7th**, but you may give at any time throughout the month. My challenge is for each of us to join in the “*passing of salt around the globe . . . in word and in deed!*”. In thinking of our Global Missionaries, my thoughts go back to the very limited Pre-Marital Counseling Mary Etta and I had around my Grandmother’s kitchen table at Thanksgiving time with my Uncle George, a long-time Southern Baptist Pastor in Missouri, who asked if either of us had felt a call to Missionary Service, with both our answers being negative. And it’s with great joy that we share our joy and gratitude that God’s call has been, and continues to be, the *Mission Field of De Soto, Kansas!!!*

Looking forward to the coming month as we join in *Mission and Service* together ~

Pastor Richard

Thank you

THANK YOU ~~ THANK YOU THANK YOU !!!

Thank you for your part in our wonder vacation time in Orange Beach, Alabama. It was truly the most restful, beautiful time of spiritual renewal we’ve had in a very long time. While we’ve had some interesting travel over the past 5 years, it’s basically been involved and filled to the brim with

Mary Etta’s Regional responsibilities – with her in working meetings and me having great study time. Thus, our August time was restful, inspirational, and fulfilling. . . from our wonderful visit with Marie Gillihan and family, in Mountain Home, Arkansas, to beautiful travel time through southern states to the beach, and return home. We enjoyed eating out usually every other day . . . spending time on the beach . . . and every morning sitting on our balcony in individual journaling with prayer, reflection and connecting with God with the book “*The Weekly Prayer Project*” as our guide. We then spent time sharing with discussion our journaling with contemplation



on the subjects of *Requests – Gratitude – Lament – Intercession – Faith – Repentance – Awe . . .* Designed to be used over the course of 52 weeks . . . (by using all morning we covered about 4 weeks a day!) we’ll now go back and revisit our journaling/sharing . . . over the course of a year!!! Again, our deepest thanks and love for helping make this possible!





DE SOTO BAPTIST PARADE FLOAT takes "BEST IN PARADE"



What a joy to have De Soto Baptist so visibly and well represented in the DE SOTO DAYS PARADE . . . and then to win Best in Parade with the incredible float with the cow's head stuck in the huge bale of hay and the message:

"FEELING STUCK . . . COME JOIN OUR HERD! DE SOTO BAPTIST CHURCH"



It was truly a great experience of collaboration between adults and young people. Creative leadership headed by Aaron Brownell and Tom Haung. Huge thanks to Cory and Tamara Sipe for providing the barn for building and Jim Brashears for loaning his trailer.

Walking behind the float and passing out candy were: Brownell Family, Champlain Family, Martin Family, Oliver & Isabella Sipe, and Tom Huang & Kristen Crosbie with their dogs, Charlie & Violet.

Girls of
Faith 

&

*girls of
grace* 

AMERICAN BAPTIST GIRLS

Girls of Faith (K-5th) & Girls of Grace (6th-12th) met in September to help with ABW prepare to raise money for missions at their pie booth at the Sunflower Art Fest. Karen Wall led the older girls in making pies. 13 pies were made with each having a beautiful design on top. The girls baked and ate 2 pies and they were delicious! The younger girls, led by Mary Jo McDaniel and Paula Rhodes used their crafting ability to make beautiful sunflower signs to display the types of pies and the prices for the various booth offerings.



The next meetings for Girls of Faith & Girls of Grace will be October 7th & 28th from 2-4 pm. Friends are welcome!

For more information about Girls of Grace contact Alicia Champlain at Champlain.Alicia@gmail.com/816-260-1548 or Girls of Faith contact Mary Jo McDaniel at 913-568-8313.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL... calling all kids!!!

The Youth Sunday School class has been given the opportunity to direct the Children's Christmas musical this year. Emma Brownell & Lilly Champlain have offered to lead the program. They have chosen the musical script "*The Christmas Express*", and are putting parts together now. They would love to have some older kids to play the lead parts and help out the younger ones. If your child (Pre-K-12th grade) would like to participate please let Lilly or Emma know by Oct 14th.

Rehearsals start November 4th and will be Sundays from 1:00-2:30 pm. There will be additional practices the week before the performance. The musical will be performed during the church service on December 9th.

5TH 
QUARTER

5th QUARTER — A Faith Community Partnership

The first 5th Quarter High School event was held after the De Soto Wildcats 38-12 victory over the Spring Hill Broncos September 28th, 2018 at the De Soto Youth Ministries building. Over 75 De Soto area High School aged teens and 20 adult volunteers from De Soto Baptist Church, De Soto Methodist Church, De Soto Youth Ministries, and The Cause Coffee.

The goal of the 5th Quarter Event was to provide a safe place where teens could gather for wholesome fun and have interactions with the positive influence of the Christians in our community. It was amazing to see how God brought together His body for this witness to our community.

Special thanks to Rod and Michelle Bowman of KJ's Pizza for providing a very substantial discount on the pizza and to the following De Soto Baptist Volunteers: Aaron Brownell, Josh and Alicia Champlain, Chad and Dawn Martin, Paula Rhodes, and Linda Lastofka.



SUNFLOWER ARTFEST and ABW PIE STAND

A great **THANK-YOU** goes out to all of those women and men who baked pies, cooked chili, worked the stand, and helped with the set-up as well as the dismantling of our booth at the ArtFest. This was held over the weekend of Sept. 14-16, and we took in over \$800 for our ABW treasury. These funds are used for local, regional, and even world projects and missions.

We greatly appreciate the support we received. The ABGirls of Grace provided a huge boost in our pie numbers by baking 10 pies for us. That translates to about \$180 in pie sales. The pies were not only delicious but beautiful, as the girls used their artistic talents in designing top crusts. **THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!**



DOERS OF THE WORD WOMEN'S GROUP

All women are invited to Participate in our *Doers of the Word* Bible Study and Prayer Group. Our group has a three-pronged mission: to learn more of the Word of God and apply it to our lives; to enrich our personal prayer time as well as praying for the needs of others; to serve and encourage others by *doing* not just *learning*. (James 1:22 – “Be doers of the Word, not hearers only.”) We meet on Monday evenings (except on ABW meeting nights) from 6:30-8:00 in the Copeland Gathering Center. Please join us.

This fall we are studying another devotional based on Jesus Calling by Sara Young. This 8-week study is entitled Experiencing God's Hope, and we would love to have you join us. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mary Etta Copeland, 583-1425, or Karen Wall, 669-1991.

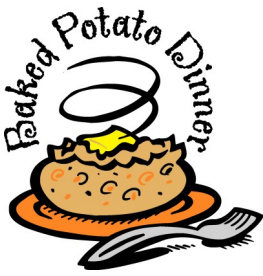


TRUNK OR TREAT at De Soto Baptist Church Saturday, October 27th—5pm

Mark your calendars for the annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 27th starting at 5 pm. This is a great time of fellowship for our congregation and also a way to build connections with our community by giving smiles, kindness, and candy to all that show-up. We will serve hot-dogs and roast marshmallows by the fire. Be on the look out for the sign-up sheet in the church entrance.

As always, our biggest need for this event is you! The more "trunks" we have in our parking lot, the more interactions we have with our community. If you've never participated before, please make this your year to do so.





POTATO DINNER & SILENT AUCTION



Sunday, October 21st
12:00 – 1:30 pm

Ladies, Gentlemen, Children. Don't forget to join us for our annual baked potato dinner and Food/Crafting Auction. This is one of the main fund-raisers for ABW Missions and Projects. We serve large baked potatoes – with everyone's favorite toppings: butter, sour cream, cheese, chili, and broccoli. Salads and desserts will be provided as well.

This year, we will have a Silent Auction for all of those favorite food items as well as crafts and home-made items (crocheting, knitting, sewing, woodworking, etc.). Cooks, you know who you are and what everyone is looking forward to bidding on....pies, fudge, other candies, cookies, lasagna, and home-canned goods. Crafters, we always look forward to your creative skills that produce items that we can purchase for our own.

Join in on the fun and fellowship as we raise funds for the many ABW projects throughout the year.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who would be willing to donate all of the "fixins" for those potatoes as well as salads and desserts.

Come with a good-natured competitive attitude for our Silent Auction! This should be much faster than the live auctions that we have enjoyed in the past, but, in order to make it successful, plan on continuing that competitive bidding – using your sneakiest moves to "up the ante."



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. This is the month that is set aside to make a special effort to recognize and show appreciation to pastors throughout our country. **De Soto Baptist tradition is for each of us to sign up for one day to do something special for Richard and Mary Etta.** This can be as simple as an encouraging card or note, a small gift, home-made food, taking Richard out for lunch, or whatever seems appropriate for each one involved. It is not the size of the remembrance, but the love and sincerity that is shown.

A calendar is posted on the church bulletin board. Please sign up for one of those days if you have not already done so. If all spaces are taken, it is just fine to have two names for the same day...a double appreciation day!

Cards or notes can be sent to Rev. Richard Copeland, Box E, De Soto, KS 66018.



A MOMENT WITH JO

*For the beauty of the earth; for the glory of the skies;
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.*

Author: Folliott S. Pierpoint

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork."
Psalm 19:1*

Early this morning as I awoke in the dark, I went to my prayer place and this song - "For the Beauty of the Earth" - was in my heart. John and I had just returned 2 days before from a marvelous trip to Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Teton Mountains. How awesome is the beauty of God's creation on earth and in the sky! There is also a beauty of God's children, when we marvel at His creation and stand in awe at what we are viewing. Every place our guide stopped, we would see some amazing view of bison, waterfalls, pronghorn antelope, Mama moose and her baby, Old Faithful, hot bubbling springs, Mama Bear and her 3 cubs, causing us to look at each other and speak words of amazement at the beauty of creation.

Let me tell you about our guide. He was very knowledgeable . . . had our days planned, was ready to change our route if needed, allowed stops for photos, and knew all the restroom and restaurant locations as well as when to arrive. He told very interesting stories about those early settlers and those who discovered these parks, as well as how this area was created. One day, a car passed us in a no "pass zone" in a dangerous manner and he yelled the name of our Lord in a way that was "not in worship." I nicely asked him to please not use His name like again, and he said he was sorry. As we sat for lunch, he began to eat his french fries and I asked him if he would join us to pray. He took off his hat, held our outstretched hands and said, "amen" after the prayer. As he left us at the airport several days later, I told him "thank you" for being such a wonderful guide, and he said again that he was sorry that he had used the Lord's name in vain. I told him that he had immediately asked for forgiveness and the Lord heard him. He had also told us that as a boy he had gone to the Lutheran church most every Sunday; but when his mother died, they stopped going. As our daughter, Beth, said, "planting seeds". The Lord continues to bring him to mind for prayer. I so ask the Lord to open his eyes and heart to His goodness, mercy, and glory.

—Jo Sweatt



AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

We welcome all "crafty ladies" to join us **Monday, October 1st at 7:00 pm**, for a fun night of crafting to prepare items for the silent auction. So get your "craft on" at our monthly ABW meeting, hope to see you there.

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."" -Isaiah 30:21

—Anita Woywod- Servant for God



MYANMAR SEMINARY STUDENTS at DBC

For a number of years now De Soto Baptist has been privileged to host several Doctoral Seminary students from Myanmar Institute of Theology, who come to Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Shawnee for short term study. **They will be with us on Sunday, October 7th, visiting our Church School classes and sharing briefly during Worship.** Being “Worldwide Communion Sunday” makes this visit especially significant! Also, Charles and Willetta Lawhead are heading the provision of lunch for them at the Seminary on Tuesday, October 2nd; and if interested in helping in either providing food or serving the meal, please contact them!

DMin Cohort from Myanmar Institute of Theology
September 23-October 5
Central Baptist Theological Seminary

Our MIT visitors arrive on Sunday and will begin classes the following Tuesday. Many churches and individuals are helping with meals and hosting for Sunday worship experiences.



AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES - ANNUAL GATHERING

Annual Gathering for all American Baptists of the 3 State Central Region will be **October 12 & 13** at Cross Wind Conference Center. This year's Keynote Speaker will be **Dan Buttry, Global Consultant for Peace and Justice with International Ministries of the American Baptist Churches**, along with his wife **Sharon**, who is also involved in similar work, specifically in Detroit, Michigan.

This is always an important time for churches of the Region to gather in celebration, planning, and inspiration for furthering God's Kingdom on earth. Let the Pastor know if interested in attending!



SUPPORT YOUR DE SOTO **FOOD PANTRY**


CURRENT NEEDS: Toilet Paper – Paper Towels – Oatmeal
Canned Corn – Canned Fruit

- There is a blue container in the vestibule of the church for food pantry collections. Monetary donations are gladly accepted as well
- Volunteers always needed, for more information check out the “De Soto Kansas Food Pantry” Facebook page or contact volunteer@commit2community.com
- The food pantry is located in the City Hall and the Community Center building. Anyone with a De Soto address or a student enrolled in the De Soto School District (and can show proof of residency) is eligible to receive food.

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

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De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	2	3	4	5	6 70 th Birthday Reception for Charles Lawhead
7 Visitors from Myanmar, World Communion Sunday & Offering, 2-4 pm AB Girls	8 Columbus Day 7 pm ABW & Men's Bible Study	9	10 7 pm Trustees & Deacons Meet 7:30 pm Business Meeting	11	12 Church Campout at Clinton Lake <i>ABC Annual Gathering, Heston KS</i>	13 Pray for Central Region Churches Men's Breakfast at Wanda's 7:30 am
14	15 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	16	17	18	19	20
21 10am Hillside Worship, Jo Sweatt bringing message, 12pm Potato Dinner & Silent Auction	22 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	23	24	25	26	27 Trunk of Treat 5 pm
28 Baptism Sunday 2-4 pm AB Girls	29 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	30	31 			

October 2018

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Sue Allen Alicia Champlain Bonnie Logan Evelyn Martin	2	3 Joyce Bassett Karen Wall	4 Charles Lawhead Ruby Nelson	5	6
7	8 Dean Wall Tanner McNamara	9 Jeff Griffin	10 Jenny Toner <i>Danny & Samantha Stone</i>	11 Brenda West	12	13 Terry Rhodes <i>Larry & Cheryl Towner</i>
14 Aubrey Miller <i>James & Holly Balch</i>	15 <i>Jake & Jill Miller</i>	16	17	18 Kenny Allenbrand Ashley Ingalls	19	20
21 <i>Ken & Pat Warsop</i>	22 Tyrone Flowers	23	24	25 <i>Carter & Sally Beck</i>	26	27
28 Megan Couch Rudy	29 Zora Ingalls	30 Jackie Rendzia	31 Aaron Lawhead Vivian Ruckert			

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 1st – 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men’s Bible Study
- Oct 6th – 70th Birthday Reception for Charles Lawhead
- Oct 7th – World Communion Sunday
World Mission Offering received
Seminary students from Myanmar visiting in
Sunday School and Worship
2-4 pm AB Girls of Faith & Grace
- Oct 8th – 7 pm ABW craft night
7 pm Men’s Bible Study
- Oct 10th – 7 pm Trustees & Deacons Meet
7:30 pm Business Meeting
- Oct 12th-13th – Annual Gathering of Central Region
Churches, Cross Wind Conference Center
- Oct 12th-14th – Church Campout at Clinton Lake
- Oct 13th – Pray for Central Region Churches
- Oct 13th – 7:30 am Men’s Breakfast at Wanda’s Café
- Oct 15th – 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men’s Bible Study
- Oct 21st – 10 am worship at Hillside Village Nursing Home
Jo Sweatt bringing forth morning message at
12pm Potato Dinner & Silent Auction
- Oct 22nd – 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men’s Bible Study
- Oct 27th – 5 pm Trunk of Treat in church parking lot
- Oct 28th – Baptism Sunday
2-4 pm AB Girls of Faith & Grace
- Oct 29th – 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men’s Bible Study

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 Linda Lane, 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 Linda Lastofka, meets down-stairs in Nursery.

Monday Evening Bible Studies



“The Doers” 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 August, 2018

Bal. Forward	\$ 33,589.81
Deposits	\$ 12,489.20
Disbursements	\$ 13,951.49
Ending Balance	\$ 32,127.52
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 298,733.55



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!



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