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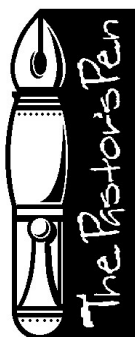
"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."
1 Chronicles 16:32

November



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

De Soto Baptist Church



From the Pastor's Pen ~

Thanksgiving is a very important day of the year in that it reminds us to stop and thank God for the bountiful blessings He bestows upon us. However, it is even more important to develop a thankful heart which then becomes an *attitude of gratitude* for each and every day of the year. With a thankful heart one sees each day as a gift; and rejoicing over the "*good stuff*" with thanksgiving helps us to get through the sometimes "*hard stuff*."

"A cheerful heart is good medicine." (Proverbs 17:22) Gratitude is an attitude we choose, not a reaction to our circumstances. The Scriptures remind us that "*On the night Jesus was betrayed he took some bread and gave thanks to God.*" (1 Corinthians 11:23-24). Note that the words "*betrayed*" and "*thanks*" are in the same sentence! He gave thanks; and you and I can do the same when we know and accept the fact that God is in control, directing each and every step of our lives as He works *everything* out for our good!

May each of your *Thanksgivings* be more than just *a day* of perhaps being with family and friends while enjoying a great feast; but may it be truly an attitude of the heart for each and every day, exemplifying lives of **ThanksLIVING!**

With a heart of *thanksgiving* for each of you . . .

Pastor Richard



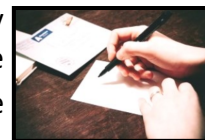


Girls of Grace

GIRLS AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Girls of Grace are starting a new adventure exploring how girls throughout history & the world have changed lives through their faith in Christ Jesus. At our October meeting we learned how Isobel Kuhn re-grew her faith after being choked by weeds of doubt & heartbreak. Finding peace through God's will, prayer, & well placed Christian mentors, Isobel became a missionary in China with her husband John.

Isobel & her family experienced many times of loneliness due to separation, but found strength in the letters they sent each other. Our Gracers wrote letters to members of our church family who are in nursing homes letting them know they're not alone. We look forward to learning about more life-changing girls.



Girls of Grace (6th-12th) & Girls of Faith (K-5th) will meet again Monday, November 12th, from 6:30-8:00 pm.



TRUNK OR TREAT FUN!!!

Baptists just love to bounce. On Saturday, more than 20 church families packed the parking lot of the De Soto Baptist Church with decorated vehicles, bounce houses, fire pits, smores, hot dogs, candy, and most importantly—people.

God blessed us with near idyllic weather. It was a rich blessing to enjoy a time of fellowship while providing a witness of kindness and generosity to the young families in our community. Thank you to all the trunkers that made the event a success by showing Christ's welcoming heart.

Also, a very special thanks goes out to Kaylynn DeRoulet who volunteered to serve at the grill.





A MOMENT WITH JO

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

As I write this article, I am very thankful for an autumn day with temperature reaching 65, clear blue sky, and a cool crisp morning. Even as I visited my doctor, she said, "Isn't this a lovely autumn day?" And then she asked if I had divided my irises and peonies? "No, I answered, I did it last year and decided not to do it this year." "Oh well, you do not have to do it every year, she replied." Whee!

I was reading my daily devotions and the author urged us to list those things for which we were thankful right now. I began my list: a good night sleep, warm house, comfortable bed, hot cup of tea, a sweet good morning from husband, John. I named each child, grandchild, and great grandchild, siblings and their families, friends and their families, living in USA, my body becoming stronger, but mostly for the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, who made the way for us to our Heavenly Father, and for all the above to know and love Him.

As I pondered the goodness, love, and faithfulness of blessed Jesus, tears of joy rose up in my eyes as I thanked Him and thanked Him for His bountiful goodness He showers upon us. May we praise and thank Him continually with songs, psalms, and blessings this Thanksgiving and every day. Blessings to each one you.

—Jo Sweatt



AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

Wow, what an amazing Potato lunch and Silent Auction, we had so many people that stepped in to serve in so many areas and everything was indeed wonderful. **Over \$2,000 was raised to assist Murrow Indian Children's Home**, which is our ABW Special Project again this year. We realize the needs are so great and I know each of us have a special place in our hearts for them.

Our annual **Church Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 18** immediately following the morning service. At our first meeting of the year a vote was taken to have **the ABW Christmas Brunch/Luncheon on the 1st of December**. We are working out details of this great event, however we will NEED a head count for the brunch by Thanksgiving. Please see Anita, Paula Rhodes, or Mary Jo to get your name in for this wonderful time of fellowship and ringing in the Season.

Many Blessings abound in Christ Jesus!

—Anita



KITCHEN RENOVATION UPDATE



Big Changes are Coming!! The Church Renovation Team has finalized some major decisions on the remodeling of the kitchen. A construction company was chosen in September; the company is M.B.F. Construction, headed by Mike Fowkes of the DeSoto area. The renovation will begin following the holiday season, so our kitchen will be “out of commission” for about 6-8 weeks during that time.

What Changes are being planned? Much input and discussion has taken place in formulating these plans, and there will be more decisions to be made. However, these are the major updates that you can expect:

- All cabinetry will be removed and replaced with modern cabinets, complete with pull-out drawers and deep storage bins.
- A large island will replace the tables that have been used for a work area in the center of the room. This will have electrical outlets for crock pots or small appliances as well as storage in the base, and an overhang for seating on two sides.
- The present pass-through window will be expanded on the east wall and another pass-through and serving window will be installed on the north wall. These will have the capability of being closed by sliding doors.
- One stove-top/oven will be replaced with an upright warming/holding oven that can hold as many as 18 casserole dishes at one time.
- One refrigerator will be moved to the west wall so that all ovens and refrigerators will be on the same wall. The present storage area behind the door will be replaced with open shelving.
- The present door will be moved to the east, and the swinging door will be replaced with a “barn door” that will slide to the west on the outside of the kitchen wall.
- A commercial garbage disposal will be installed along with a triple sink along the south wall.
- A commercial dishwasher will be installed on the south wall, being rented for a trial basis.
- New flooring will be installed; a new ceiling with modern lighting will be installed as well.

All of this will be possible within the approved budget. A big thank-you needs to go to the Renovation Team; members are Rodger Brackett, Fred Jones, Danny Lane, Debbie Maniez, Dean Wall, and Anita Woywod. If you have questions or want to share input, feel free to contact these members.

As these details are being finalized, the reality of a modern, efficient, and attractive kitchen is truly not far away. May we again extend our **great appreciation** to the Warsop Family, whose generous donations are making this all possible.



LETTER FROM ALAN & ROBIN STONE & FAMILY

Dear Richard, Mary Etta, and entire church family,

It is such a bittersweet time for us to say good-bye to all of you, as we move to Omaha.

Bittersweet in the fact that we will miss each of you terribly, but sweet in the fact that Alan and I will be together again after 11 years apart.

Where do we even begin to express our love for each of you, and the gratitude that we feel for all your love and prayers on our family's behalf.

You welcomed us with open arms when we arrived. You rallied around us to pray for Libby's transplant and healing, and you've continued your prayers and support throughout these past 15 years. We are eternally grateful for this church family and we thank you for loving us.

We will be visiting the area often to check on Ross, as he's remaining in Kansas City for his job. We hope we can stop in and visit you as often as we can.

We love you all, with all our hearts, and will continue to pray for De Soto Baptist Church, which encompasses "all of you".

Until we see you again, May God Bless each of you!

Alan & Robin Stone & family



GIFTS FOR AMOS MEDICAL MISSIONARY IN NICARAGUA

23 Layettes for Babies, 10 Art Therapy Bags + extras were given to Dr. Laura Parajon at her missions presentation which was open to all AB churches surrounding the KC Metro area & hosted by 1st Baptist KC, MO on Oct. 21st. **Thank you De Soto Baptist for you incredible response & generosity!!!** Dr. Laura is an American Baptist Missionary who works for **AMOS (A Mission of Caring)** for the furthering of God's plan with the people of Nicaragua. Below is a letter from Dr. Stephen Jones, the pastor of 1st Baptist KC, MO, in response to the gifts given.

Mary Etta and Richard and all the wonderful people at DeSoto Baptist:

Heart-felt thanks for the wonderful contribution you made last Sunday evening at our Rally of KC area American Baptists! You brought so many layettes and Healing Arts kits for AMOS and it really touched ALL OF US, but including Dr. Laura Parajon -- who was just overwhelmed by what you did!

We can't thank you enough for your partnership with AMOS. We have a mission team going down to Nicaragua in mid-January and we will be taking your supplies with us.

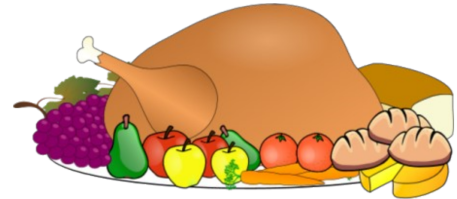
Blessings, Stephen Jones



HELP A DESOTO FAMILY OF THANKSGIVING DAY!!!

Fill a double-grocery bag or reusable bag with the following items:

- 1 box mashed potatoes
- 1 large can sweet potatoes
- 1 box stuffing
- 2 cans green beans
- 2 cans corn
- 1 can or jar of turkey or chicken gravy mix or base
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can French fried onions
- 1 can fruit
- 1 can applesauce
- 1 large package Jello gelatin
- 1 dessert mix (cake, brownies, etc.)



Return to DeSoto Baptist Church by Sunday, November 11th, or to the Chamber Office or Cedar Creek Pharmacy by November 15th.

We will be giving each family a \$15 gift card to Harps Grocery. If you would like to add that to your donation, you can either obtain a gift card for this amount or you can make a check out to **De Soto Food Pantry** and we will purchase the gift cards. **Please** attach to the outside of the bag or give to volunteer separately so that we can keep track of these and make sure each family receives one.

Thank you so much for your incredible support of our De Soto Community Projects!



CHRISTMAS FAMILY ADOPTIONS

De Soto Operation Christmas- Information will be coming the second week of November. Look for a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board *coming soon*. See Karen Wall for more information.

Bethel Neighborhood Center- We will be adopting 2-3 families for Christmas. In addition to adopting families there will also be a drive for collecting cleaning supplies for use throughout the year. **Sunday, November 18th** there will be buckets placed by pews in sanctuary for cleaning supply collection and the sign-up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board to adopt a family. **The last day to bring gifts and supplies for Bethel will be Sunday, December 9th.** See Mary Gale Kramer for more information.

IN THE COMMUNITY

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The City of De Soto will light up the holiday season with the annual Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting in front of City Hall on **Saturday, December 1st, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.**

Beginning at **5:00 p.m.** in the Senior Center, the **De Soto Rotary** will be serving their annual community soup, chili and dessert supper.

DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.



The **De Soto High School Band** and **Choir** will perform at **5:00 p.m.** Practice your scales and join in singing the holiday classics with them.



Visit the **De Soto Arts Council** in the lower level of City Hall. Artists will be on site displaying their work and gift purchases are available.

Please bring a donation to support our De Soto Food Pantry.



A World War I Remembrance

On Sunday, November 11, 2018 @ 11:00 am De Soto Baptist along with Americans across the nation will toll bells in remembrance of those who served and sacrificed in World War 1.



SUPPORT YOUR DE SOTO FOOD PANTRY

CURRENT NEEDS: * Soup * Apple Sauce * Tuna * Dry Beans *
* Mixed Fruit or Fruit Cocktail (canned) * Canned Chili * Sugar *
* Cooking Oil * Ketchup * Peanut Butter *

** Plastic or paper shopping bags for clients **

- 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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov 4th – Daylight Saving Time Ends
 – Communion Sunday
 – There will be a Special Called Business Meeting immediately following morning worship for considering the Church Shelter House proposal.
 – 1-2:30pm Children's Play Practice
- Nov 5th – 7 pm ABW
 – 7 pm Men's Bible Study
- Nov 6th – Election Day
- Nov 10th – 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
- Nov 11th – Veteran's Day,
 – 11 am Armistice Day, 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. Ringing of Church Bell.
 – 1-2:30pm Children's Play Practice
- Nov 12th – 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
 – 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
 – 6:30 pm AB Girls meeting
- Nov 13th – Pray for Central Region Churches
- Nov 18th – 10 am worship at Hillside Village Nursing Home
 – Noon, Church Thanksgiving Dinner
 – 1-2:30pm Children's Play Practice
- Nov 19th – 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
 – 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Nov 22nd – Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 25th – 1-2:30pm Children's Play Practice
- Nov 26th – 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 downstairs 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 downstairs 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 September, 2018

Bal. Forward	\$ 32,127.52
Deposits	\$ 15,868.48
Disbursements	\$ 16,941.03
Ending Balance	\$ 31,054.97
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 301,532.64



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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De Soto Kansas
 Baptist Church



Wi-Fi

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






CHURCH WEBSITE

www.desotobaptistchurch.org

Find a current copy of the **Church Newsletter**, an up-to-date **Church Calendar**, and under the password protected member section, view the **Church Business Meeting Minutes** and the **Church Directory**.

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De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 4 Communion, 12pm- Special Business meeting, Children's Play Practice 1-2:30pm	5 7pm ABW meeting & Men's Bible Study	6 Election Day 	7	1	2	3
11 Veterans Day 11am Ring Bells, Children's Play Practice 1-2:30pm	12 6:30 pm Doer's & Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm AB Girls	13 Pray for Central Region Churches	14	15	16	17
18 10am Worship at Hillside Village, Thanksgiving Din- ner, Children's Play Practice 1-2:30pm	19 6:30 pm Doer's & Men's Bible Study	20	21	22 	23	24
25 Children's Play Practice 1-2:30pm	26 6:30 pm Doer's & Men's Bible Study	27	28	29	30	
						10 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café

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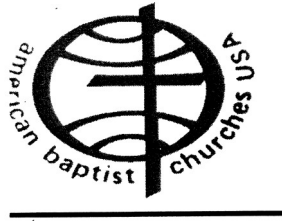
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Jeff Hodges CJ Prince Jerry Nalley Doris Fox	2	3 Carter Beck <i>Rick & Monica Walker</i> <i>Rodger & Linda Brackett</i>
4 Albert Lightwine Tim Queen	5 Kim DeRoulet	6 Pat Harralson Sannie Dibble	7 Jim Etherton Pam Titus	8 Kayla Ingalls	9 Crissy Allen	10 Calvin Hayden
11	12	13 Sara Tush Gayla Houghman	14	15	16	17 Nathan Martin
18	19	20	21 Seth Rhodes	22 Angela Prince	23 Dawn Martin Christian Stone	24 Cole Huang Jeff Sipe Desiree Edwards
25	26 Jason Weese Jason McAninch	27 Keri Serigny	28 Sun Dee Everett	29 Reta Ellis Steve Coker	30 Joe Woywod <i>Mark & Sandy Justice</i>	

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