



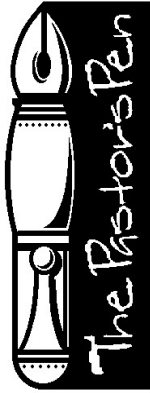
Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ~Romans 12:10-11

2019



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

# De Soto Baptist Church



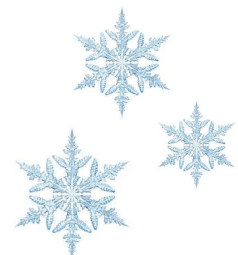
## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

A Joyous, Meaningful, and Healthy New Year to each of you as we continue our journey together serving our Savior! We leave a year of significant progress in decision making and goal setting. We can now clearly see that goals are very soon to be reached! Our purpose in reaching these goals is that our "Mission" Outreach right here in our *De Soto Mission Field* might be more effective. Our Vision remains synonymous with our Mission Statement: "*Engaged in the Ministry of Reconciliation*", and my hope and prayer is that each member of De Soto Baptist Family may recognize their individual offerings of time and talent.

In Romans 12:1 the Apostle Paul emphasizes this principle by which we should live our lives: "***I beseech therefore, Brethren, by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.***" The challenge, the opportunity, which lies before each of us is to recognize and identify those gifts freely bestowed on each of us individually by our all-loving, all-knowing God, and then to freely and in faith and trust step out in those areas of service to which He calls us. As God has presented to us His Son – recognized in many venues of celebration throughout the past month – we now have the opportunity in continuing and renewed ways to present our lives in grateful avenues of service to which He calls us!

In joy and anticipation I thank God for, and look forward to, the countless ways in which we'll be privileged to join in service for His Kingdom and the expansion of His Love in our community and in expanding fields of Mission and Service throughout our world!

*Pastor Richard*



# ADVENT

De Soto Baptist is truly a *blessed congregational family*, throughout this past month we have experienced exceptional services of Advent.



**HOPE** a fitting introduction to this incredibly important time of year in our journey with Christ, both individually and as a Church Family. Singing the Christmas responses brought to life greater meaning of the Season, and the sermon "*Jesus Mission*" set the tone for the weeks to follow.



**JOY** which was highlighted by the musical drama "*Christmas Express*" performed by the "*Junior Joys*" with outstanding leadership from High School students **Emma Brownell** and **Lily Champlain** and set design and construction by parents **Aaron Brownell** and **Tom Haung**. Not only are these young people to be thanked and congratulated for their sharing in this manner, but also appreciation is extended all parents for their support and guidance!



**PEACE** which came to life through the beautiful musical gifts of the Adult Choir performing the Cantata *Bethlehem's Child*, under the leadership of Choral Director **Jeff Hodges**. With focus on the meaning of Christ's coming into the world as a baby, and the conclusion of the service with the traditional candle lighting and Christmas Offering, we rejoice in the "One Great Hour of Sharing Offering", with a total of \$5,588 going to National Outreach for emergency situations throughout our country and world. A joyful time was enjoyed afterward at the Reception, and appreciation is extended all who made this possible.



**LOVE** became reality through the sharing of the Inn Keeper, portrayed by **Pastor Copeland**, in his annual sharing of the message through performance as a Biblical character. Outstanding musical offerings were part of the service as **Caleb Martin**, violinist, played a medley of carols for the offertory and **Jeff and Richelle Hodges** who concluded the Inn Keeper's sharing with the beautiful duet "*Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus.*"





## RECOGNITIONS OF DE SOTO BAPTIST LEADERSHIP

This year seems to be exceptional in accomplishments, leadership, decisional activities, and sharing in a vast arena of God's love and leadership!

In thinking of the highlights of these services, bringing outstanding meaning to our services throughout the year, we also express great appreciation for the Piano/Organ giftings of **Mary Etta Copeland**, **Lana McPherson**, and **Karen Wall**, who so faithfully and beautifully contribute to our Worship Service through Piano and Organ, as do Worship Leaders **Holly Balch**, **Jeff Hodges**, and **Rick Walker**. Also enhancing our worship each week are the contributions of our Audio Visual Team, **Danny & Linda Lane** and **Mary Gale Kramer**.



Also faithful and important for each of our Worship Services are the Greeters and Ushers, which include **Kenny & Patsy Allenbrand**, **Jim & Rita Ellis**, **Aaron & Brooke Brownell**, **Doug & Vergie Opdycke**, **Mac & Mary Jo McDaniel**, **Tom Huang & Kristen Crosbie**, **Jim Brashears & Dean Wall**, **Jean Epperson & Reta Jenks**, **Debbie Maniez & Anita Woywod**. And a thank you to those not scheduled who on occasion fill in as needed!



## CHRISTMAS OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

*We have much to celebrate in recent Major outreaches this Christmas season.*

- ◇ "Coat Drive" headed by the Rotary Club.
- ◇ De Soto Operation Christmas– the adoption of a local family for Christmas.

### Thank you letter sent to De Soto Baptist:

We can not begin to express how thankful we are for your help this year with Operation Christmas. We thank you for your generosity to the children of De Soto. This year we were able to help 50 families with 126 children!

- ◇ The gathering of warm clothing by **Fred & Paula Jones** for meeting needs of homeless served by the Turner Baptist Church.

It's very exciting to share that on January 13<sup>th</sup>, **Steve Neal**, Pastor of this church will be sharing in our Service of this Ministry. Steve attended Sunflower & Countryside Elementary Schools and De Soto Jr. High, so two of his teachers, **Mary Etta Copeland** and **Doug Opdycke** are thrilled to recognize the ministry he now leads.

- ◇ Bethel Neighborhood Center was blessed once again by not just the adoption of 3 families, but also by the contribution of enough cleaning supplies for each of the 69 families benefiting by Bethel's outreach to receive some. Also sent was 50 new items of clothing to be used where needed. This outreach was led by **Mary Gale Kramer & Debbie Maniez**. **Pastor Copeland**, the incoming President of the Bethel Board, also assisted on the day of distribution to 69 families.
- ◇ Several hundred Christmas cards were written and sent to those deployed in the military over Christmas.





## CHANGES COMING SOON!!!

Relevant to a long journey of decision making over many past months, decisions have now been made based on much research and study from a number of committees. Work will soon begin on remodeling of the Kitchen and downstairs restrooms and the addition of a shelter house and playground outside the church building!

### KITCHEN & BATHROOM REMODEL:



The remodeling of the kitchen and bathrooms will start following the holidays. The kitchen will be “out of commission” for about two months. We will be able to use the Fellowship Hall most days, and the classrooms will be available. The restrooms will get a “facelift,” with new stalls, flooring, vanities, and wall treatment. Both restrooms should be handicap accessible with this remodel.

We will need to take all dishes, serving ware, pans, everything out of the kitchen and pack it in boxes until the new kitchen is completed. If you have any packing boxes that we could use, or if you are interested in helping us pack up the present kitchen, please contact Karen Wall, 913-669-1991 or email her at karenwall61@yahoo.com.

### SHELTER HOUSE & PLAYGROUND:

The Outdoor Enhancement Committee expanded the long-ago vision of a Prayer Path to include an outdoor Shelter House with nearby Playground equipment!

Many of you have surely noticed the work being done and equipment being used on the northeast side of the church building. Following the research, desires and decisions of the Church’s committees on Outdoor Enhancement and Outreach and approved by the body of the Church, the construction of a new shelter house and playground area has begun. A great expression of thanks goes to Duncan Construction for clearing the land and forming the base for us.

On the north side of the oak tree east of the Church you probably have seen ground being prepared for the concrete base of the shelter, and south of the tree equipment is presently waiting for the preparation groundwork on the playground to be finished. It looks as though they will both be completed well before the weather becomes more suitable for outdoor fun. These are both exciting and long talked about additions to our facilities that will truly enhance services for our Church families and current and future activities.





## ABW Christmas Brunch



*The ABW Christmas Brunch was held at Mary Jo McDaniel's home. It was a great time of fellowship as we kicked off the Christmas season.*



## 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](mailto: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*



## A MOMENT WITH JO

*God's Mercies are New Every Day*

*"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.  
They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.*

*The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I hope in Him.  
The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him."*

*Lamentations 3:22-25*

As I write this article for the newsletter, my heart is peaceful and blessed as my quiet time with Jesus has been very precious and special. I ponder the above scripture, which is one of my favorite, and consider the coming year with expectation of hope and joy. None of us know what lies ahead, some pain, hurt, joy, goodness, perhaps fear, but we know in Whom we trust. All of us have concerns, hurts, and uncertainty, but let us determine in our hearts and remember His word, *Psalm 30:5*, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." His mercies are new every morning.

It is a new day, it is a new year, Lord, we will trust in You with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind. May you have a blessed 2019, may each one of us honor you, Lord Jesus, and may we be obedient, kind to others, and extend grace to those we meet and interact with. Shine through us, Holy Spirit, and may we be the Light of Jesus to all we meet.

~Jo Sweatt



Mark your calendars for the 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring


**Sunday, February 3rd — 12 p.m.**

All proceeds will stay in De Soto and go to either the De Soto Food Pantry or a De Soto family in urgent need.

*Watch for more details soon!*

# January 2019

## De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday	7 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	8	9	10	11	12 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Cafe
13 Pray for Central Region Churches	14 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	15	16	17	18 American Baptist Central Region Missions Conference, Cross Wind Conference Center, Heston KS	19
20 10 am Lead Worship Service at Hillside Village Nursing Home	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	22	23	24	25	26
27 Josh Champlain bringing message	28 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	29	30	31		

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Josh &amp; Alicia Champlain</i>	2	3	4 Maggie Champlain Anita Martin Jennifer Weese	5 Chris Chandler
6 John Toner	7 Samuel McQuality	8 Patti Hollingsworth Griffin Cosby	9 Wanda Hughes	10	11 Jonny Hodges	12
13	14	15 Sandy Justice	16 Frankie Lister	17 Jeff Coatney	18	19 Harry Cates
20	21 Diezel Hastings	22 Kristen Crosbie <i>Jim &amp; Reba Berola</i>	23 Jim Ellis Alan Hines Mark Justice	24 <i>Jeff &amp; Candy Sipe Jack &amp; Mary Ann Peck</i>	25 Ruby Walker	26
27	28 <i>Richard &amp; MaryEtta Copeland Tanner &amp; Leslie McNamara (29<sup>th</sup>)</i>	29 Jim Brashears Jackson McQuality Jessica Reed Blake Saiz	30 Mason Griffin Julie Riffel Samantha Stone	31		






## CALENDAR OF EVENTS


Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – New Years Day  
 Jan 6<sup>th</sup> – Communion Sunday  
 Jan 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm Doers of the Word  
           – 6:30 pm Men’s Bible Study  
 Jan 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 am Men’s Breakfast at Wanda’s Café  
 Jan 13<sup>th</sup> – Pray for Central Region Churches  
 Jan 14<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm Doers of the Word  
           – 6:30 pm Men’s Bible Study  
 Jan 18-19<sup>th</sup> – American Baptist Central Region Conference,  
                   Cross Wind Conference Center, Heston KS  
 Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – 10 am Leading Worship at Hillside Nursing Home  
 Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – Martin Luther King Day  
           – 6:30 pm Doers of the Word  
           – 6:30 pm Men’s Bible Study  
 Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – Josh Champlain bringing the morning message  
 Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm Doers of the Word  
           – 6:30 pm Men’s Bible Study  
 Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12 pm Super Bowl of Caring (*more info. to follow*)

## Monday Evening Bible Studies



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

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Monday Evenings @ 6:30 P.M.  
 In the Galen Weese Room  
*Contact Pastor Copeland*

## 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.




## CHURCH WEBSITE

[www.desotobaptistchurch.org](http://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**.

## Finance Report for November, 2018


Bal. Forward	\$ 47,891.70
Deposits	\$ 28,891.02
Disbursements	\$ 31,351.72
Ending Balance	\$ 45,431.00
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 284,227.05



Remodel/Construction Expenses Paid-

Shelter House/Play Ground- \$8,000.00  
 Kitchen/Bathroom Remodel- \$12,220.00  
 (\$20,220.00 transferred from Imp/Exp Fund)

## 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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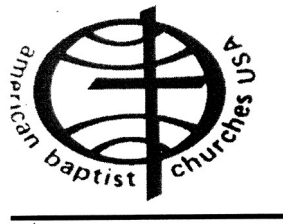


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