



"Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life."

—Philippians 2:14-16



From the Pastor's Pen ~

In Philippians 2:14 the Apostle Paul tells us that we shouldn't complain, but instead, as he says in Philippians 4:4 we should "*rejoice always.*" It is true, there is much we can complain about because so much is not as we would like for it to be. And indeed, it seems it is a human trait to be prone to complain.

In my vocation as a Pastor it seems there is always much to rejoice in with my Church Family and the Ministry of the church. The month of June is no exception.

With my wife being so active in the ABW Ministry of the Central Region I enjoy very much accompanying her as she attends the annual Women's Conference in early June. . . including help and support with some of the responsibilities involved as well as sitting in on some of the presentations of really renown speakers, enjoying good fellowship with other Christians, and of course . . . the exceptional food at Cross Wind! And looking as far back as experiencing my own Mother's involvement in the Women's work at Garnett Baptist, words are not adequate to express the importance of what women do in carrying out the work to which God continues to call us.

Then comes Vacation Bible School and the joy of being just a small part of this outreach involving so many children, youth, and adults in celebrating together the great message of God's love and care for us.

Each and every Sunday is a joyful time in and of itself. Whether it be Communion Sunday, VBS Sunday, Father's Day or any other Sunday as we consistently celebrate the Easter Message as we continue to do each and every time we congregate. Then for me as a Pastor, I have the added joy of helping with the weddings this month of two young men who grew up in the De Soto Baptist Church!

In reality, there are difficulties and sorrows involved in the life of every church, as in everything else. However, as Christians, the joys far outweigh any of these which come into our individual lives and that of our Church Family. In conclusion, our shared relationship with God in our *ministry of reconciliation* IS the joy we share in our relationship with each other.

I continue to thank God for each of you and the personal relationship we share in Christ.

In joy for God's call on each of our lives in the De Soto Baptist Family and the continuing and growing commitment evident in the lives of all God's people . . .

Pastor Richard

ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

De Soto Baptist Church



Family & Children's Ministry



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

Our MOPS year is coming to an end. We have talked about a lot of great things including being aware of anger, being parents who say yes, the importance of moms having friends, being generational aware, and how to help our kids be good sleepers. We greatly appreciate our MOPS grandmas Paula Rhodes, and Karen Wall for being there once a month to help with the pre - k and nursery. Also our middle school and high school girls that volunteer in the nursery Emma Brownell, Lilly Champlain, and Maggie Champlain. We couldn't participate in this group without all your help. Thank you to the church for your prayers through out our year.

Praying for a safe summer for our MOPS families. We will not meet again until next August. For information about MOPS contact Samantha Stone at (816) 457-3230.



GIRLS OF FAITH (Girls K-5th)

Watch for information about a fun gathering later this summer. All girls Kindergarten through 5th grade 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)

Wow, what a wonderful year we have had. We have had 9 middle school & high school girls join the group this year. We started off in October learning how to be "Girls of Grace" by growing in our relationship with God, then moved on to focusing on our relationships within our family (ie. parents and siblings). We are now ending the year on how to be "Girls of Grace" in the relationships we have with our friends.

During the summer months we will be doing our meetings a little different, we will have a few "Girls of Grace Serve Camps" instead of our regular school year meetings. **Our first "Girls of Grace Serve Camp" is scheduled for Friday, June 15th from 10 am - 4 pm., we will be sewing stuffed animals to give to children in need.** If you have questions please contact Alicia Champlain or Holly Balch at 816-260-1548 or Champlain.Alicia@gmail.com.



AB BOYS

AB Boys meeting times will be irregular during the summer months. We are planning to meet, but we are unsure when. The AB Boys group exists to disciple the younger men of the church to follow Jesus. We aim to do this by eating together, praying together, studying scripture together, and playing together.

To subscribe to the alerts for schedule changes or hidden events, **email Josh Champlain (joshchamp5@gmail.com) or text AB Boys and include your name to (816-520-3441)** and you will be added.



SHIPWRECKED Rescued by Jesus!

BE PREPARED FOR A WONDERFUL WEEK AT VBS!

June 4-8 1:00 – 4:00 pm Ages 3-12
De Soto Baptist Church

We hope all children and their families are excited about spending a week at DBC for our annual Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." Each day we will learn how knowing Jesus can rescue us from being lonely, worried, feeling guilty, struggling with difficulties, and even feeling powerless.

Children will have these lessons taught in a variety of ways and reinforced at every activity center they visit. The Bible Stories, Bible Points, and Bible Verses will be shared at every stop: Bible Discovery, Ship-Rec Games, Tropical Treats, KidVid Cinema, Imagination Station, and at the opening and closing gatherings.

Children ages 5-12 are divided into small "mini crews" of 4-5 children. Three "Mini crews" will make up the "Main Crews" that are led by adults. Either adults or teen/junior leaders will be in charge of the "mini crews" so the children have one special person who knows them by name and works just with them. They will rotate from one station to the next throughout the afternoon. Children ages 3-5 (who have not attended Kindergarten) will be in the Pre-K class, led by a Certified Pre-K teacher and many youth helpers. They will rotate through the stations as well.

Each year we choose a service project of some kind for our children to learn about and to be the recipient of their daily offerings. This year we will be supporting one of our own American Baptist Home Missions: the Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, Oklahoma. We hope to share the many needs and provisions provided at Murrow as well as having them see pictures of the activities

Please be sure to share this information with friends, neighbors, and extended family members. We would love to have increased enrollment this year. . . touching more children than ever before. We would prefer to have them **register online by going to www.desotobaptistchurch.org**. If paper enrollment is needed, one is provided in this newsletter. Parents can also enroll their children on June 4th at the church, starting at 12:40.



VBS CELEBRATION SUNDAY!!!

All members of our church family are encouraged to attend our VBS Celebration at our Sunday Service, June 10. Be sure to take part in the all-family picnic in the church basement and outdoor area following the service.



All children who attend VBS are encouraged to bring their families for the VBS Program and stay for the picnic lunch following – complete with Bounce Houses!!

Our menu is standard picnic fare: hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, watermelon, cookies. If you as a church family member wish to bring a side dish, you may. If you wish to contribute \$\$ to help purchase food, there is information about how to contribute in the article titled, *Outreach – How You Can Help*.



OUTREACH - HOW YOU CAN HELP!

We all like to think of our church as being inviting, encouraging, welcoming, and providing ways to grow in our Christian walk. During this month you have a great opportunity to “extend the hand of fellowship” to friends, neighbors, and strangers by attending and participating in several events. Here are some wonderful opportunities:

1. Promote and invite children to attend our week of Vacation Bible School.
2. Attend the VBS Program AND the picnic that follows. Take time to introduce yourselves to the visiting families – learn something about them, and let them learn about the wonderful people who attend De Soto Baptist!
3. Attend the Kick for Christ Soccer Camp – to encourage the children, to interact with the parents attending, to help with registration, serving snacks or other needs. This is a way for people of our community to learn about the people of DBC.
4. Support our youth in their sports activities. Try to attend a game or two; check with Aaron Brownell or Josh Champlain on games and how to provide water bottles that promote our youth activities.
5. Pray for our Outreach Programs.
6. If you cannot be involved but would like to support our VBS program, the picnic, or the Kick for Christ Camp, you can make a special donation to the church to help with the costs. Envelopes are placed in the hymnal holders for such donations. If making out a check, please write “Outreach” on the notation line.



REGISTRATION

SHIPWRECKED REGISTRATION FORM

GO TO www.desotobaptistchurch.com for online registration.

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 ()

If unable to complete online registration online, then return paper registration to De Soto Baptist Church – in the Shipwrecked Bucket or mail to De Soto Baptist Church, P.O. Box E, De Soto, KS 66018

Questions?? Call Karen Wall (913) 669-1991



www.KickForChrist.org

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



Look for a sign up sheet on the bulleting board in the vestibule coming soon!

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

**NEW!
WEBSITE!**

CHECK OUT THE NEW CHURCH WEBSITE

www.desotobaptistchurch.com



Register for VBS, find a current copy of the church newsletter, an up to date church calendar, and under the member section view the updated church directory on a password protected page.

Thanks so much to Aaron Brownell for all his hard work in getting the new church website up and running!



www.KickForChrist.org

LEO GIBSON OF THE KANSAS CITY COMETS' WINS HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Kansas City Comets Leo Gibson was named the inaugural winner of the Major Arena Soccer League's (MASL) Ed Tepper Humanitarian Award for his charity Kick for Christ and his work with the local Kansas City community.



As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. — 1 Peter 4:10

Leo has partnered with De Soto Baptist for the last 4 years to put on the Kick for Christ soccer camp for children of De Soto & is preparing to do so again on June 22nd & 23rd. Kick for Christ is a Christian charity organization founded by Liberian natives Leo Gibson and Worteh Sampson, both soccer players of the Kansas City Comets. The purpose of this organization is to provide soccer gear and professional soccer training opportunities to the youth of Liberia, West Africa, Haiti, and Kansas City. Leo collects gently used sporting and athletic equipment which he then distributes to kids who could not normally afford them on their own. Each year he coordinates a trip to Liberia where he distributes equipment, along with everyday essentials to those in need.

The vision of Kick for Christ in Kansas City is to exemplify Christ's love to the youth of Kansas City through sports ministries, and life coaching, that would: Encourage them with the gospel of Christ through local outreach coaching clinics (soccer camps, etc.). We are so thankful that Leo uses his gifts and talents for God's glory and has blessed the children of De Soto with this wonderful ministry as well. May the Lord continue to bless Leo and Kick for Christ!

For more information about Kick for Christ charity, visit KickForChrist.org.



A MOMENT WITH JO

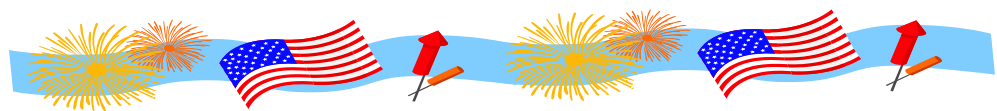
*"Children's children are the crown of old men."
—Proverbs 17:6*

Most of us have experienced children and grandchildren graduating from school or other events that are an exciting time for them and the entire family. Last week, we had a very blessed time of joy when our grandson, Jacob, invited us to come to Manhattan, Ks., to attend his engagement party to a lovely girl, Whitney. He planned a scavenger hunt for her in Overland Park on Friday evening and then one at KSU the following day, ending at the Holiday Inn, where her parents and family, friends, his mother Beth, and John and I waited in a small banquet room that we all had decorated. He had proposed to her at a building that held such importance in their lives and her brother and sister-in-law were hiding to take photos. When they walked into the room, it was evident that she had said yes as they were both smiling joyously. How special John and I felt to have been invited to share in this precious time in their lives.

A few days later, Grandson Taylor, invited us to attend Kansas City, Ks. Community College where he was graduating after completing paramedic school. When the speaker began to tell of the different colors and meaning of cords and robes, we learned that he had received honors. This is a young man who did not know what he wanted to do and when he was accepted by Lenexa Fire Department and began the process of med act and then on to paramedic school, he decided he wants to go to nursing school and then on to become a nurse practitioner. How amazing when we find our passion, things turn around. It also helps tremendously to have a Christian wife who is in agreement with you.

I think of the many prayers I have prayed for these two young men and all of our grandchildren and great grandson. I was just reminded of reading about James Dobson, the founder of Focus on the Family. His father and mother lived in Olathe and Father Dobson prayed for each of his children, grandchildren, and greats every day for some hours. Let us continue to great work of blessing and covering our loved ones with the arms of our Heavenly Father for His glory.

—Jo Sweatt



Come Join the City of **DE SOTO**
KANSAS

Food, Fun & Festivities for all ages

July 4th Celebration at Riverfest Park

The food and fun begin at 7:00 p.m.

"Good Sam Club Band" performs at 7:00 p.m.

Fireworks display at 9:45 p.m.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a night under the stars.

No personal fireworks or alcohol allowed at this event.



DONATIONS FOR COMMUNITY CRISIS CENTER



There will be a basket in the Church entry throughout the month of *June* to collect items for clients of the *Community Crisis Center* in Elgin, Illinois, near the location of the National AB Women's Ministry Annual meeting. These will be included in kits which Mary Etta will be taking to the Conference. This "Special Project" was organized by the Young Adult Women's Ministries Team.

Needs include: trial sized shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, feminine hygiene products, and socks.



If you're not getting prayer requests or other notifications via e-mail, but would like to, will you please send your email address with your request to be included, as it's been several years since we initiated this. Address to be included is marvettablessings@kc.rr.com. There is no longer a "phone tree" in place like we used to use, but if you don't have computer access and need phone communication to please let the Pastor know by calling the church at (913) 585-1026.

Looking forward to hearing from you!



SUPPORT YOUR DE SOTO **FOOD PANTRY**



CURRENT NEEDS: Cream Soups (Cream of Chicken, etc.) – Broth – Applesauce – Ramen Noodles – Boxed Skillet Dinners (Hamburger Helper, etc.) – Cereal – Peanut Butter – Sugar – Paper Towels – Toilet Tissue – Laundry Soap.

- There is a blue container in the vestibule of the church for food pantry collections. Monetary donations are gladly accepted as well
- 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 receive food.
- Volunteers always needed, for more information check out the "De Soto Kansas Food Pantry" Facebook page or contact volunteer@commit2community.com

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

June 2018

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Communion Sunday | 4  VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, AGES 3-12, MONDAY — FRIDAY, | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 1:00 - 4:00 | 9 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Cafe |
| 10 VBS Sunday & Picnic Celebration | 11 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study | 12 7 pm Deacon & Trustee's Meet 7:30 pm Business Meeting | 13 Pray for Central Region Churches | 14 | 15 10 am-4 pm Girls of Grace Serve Camp (6 th -12 th) | 16 |
| 17  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY | 18 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 Kick-4-Christ Soccer Camp 6:00-8:30 pm | 23 Kick-4-Christ Soccer Camp 9 am-12 pm, Lunch following |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

June 2018

Birthdays & Anniversaries

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 <i>Paul & Wanda Hughes</i> | 2 Ron Mann Lora Peterson |
| 3 Tim Maniez Paul Pingleton | 4 | 5 Leroy Davis Reta Jenks | 6 Mary Etta Copeland <i>Leroy & Luella Davis</i> | 7 <i>Alan & Kathryn Hines</i> | 8 Caleb McQuality | 9 |
| 10 Ross Stone Debbie Chandler <i>Ben & Junelle Woolery</i> | 11 Devin Hagginbotham Rylee Miller | 12 Sharon Coatney <i>John & Julie Riffel</i> | 13 | 14 Chad Martin <i>Jeff & Richelle Hodges</i> <i>Fred & Paula Jones</i> <i>Brian & Audrey King</i> | 15 Zachery Yarbrough | 16 Will Smalley |
| 17 <i>Paul & Debbie Chandler</i> <i>Karl & Barb Beesley</i> <i>Bob & Pat Harralson</i> <i>Don & Grace Gipson</i> | 18 | 19 James Ingalls | 20 Matt McQuality <i>Dale & Sandy Cannell</i> | 21 Linda Lane <i>Bruce & Nichole Yarbrough</i> <i>Gary & Bonnie Logan</i> | 22 Joyce Lightwine | 23 Marie Gillihan |
| 24 Danny Stone <i>Mike & Bonnie Montgall</i> <i>John & Jenna Toner</i> | 25 Charlene Prudden | 26 Brian Brown Whitney Hastings | 27 Nichole Yarbrough | 28 | 29 Abigail Yarbrough | 30 Josh Champlain |

June CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 1st - 2nd - American Baptist Women's Conference at Crosswind Conference Center in Heston, KS
- June 3rd - Communion Sunday
- June 4th - 8th - 1:00-4:00 pm Vacation Bible School
- June 9th - 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Cafe
- June 10th - VBS Sunday with Picnic Celebration following
- June 11th - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- June 12th - 7:00 pm Deacon & Trustee's Meet
7:30 pm Business Meeting
- June 13th - Pray for Central Region Churches
- June 15th - 10 am-4 pm Girls of Grace Serve Camp (6th-12th)
- June 17th - Father's Day
- June 18th - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- June 22nd - 6:00-8:30 pm Kick-4-Christ Soccer Camp
- June 23rd - 9 am-12 pm Kick-4-Christ Soccer Camp, Lunch immediately following
- July 4th - 7:00 pm City of De Soto July 4th Celebration at Riverfest Park

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

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| 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!



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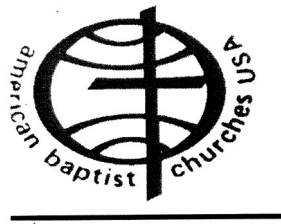
is available for all your church needs—log in information is listed on the front bulletin board.



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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Rejoice
in the Lord always



Again I will say rejoice!
Let your gentleness be
known to all men. The
Lord is at hand.

- Philippians 4:4-5