



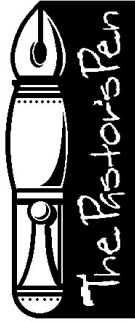
"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
~Romans 5:8



2018

ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

De Soto Baptist Church



From the Pastor's Pen ~

The month of February was highlighted by 2 very special events . . . *The Souper Bowl of Caring* and our 48th annual *Celebration of Love Banquet!* Words of thanks are unending for the many who made this annual fund-raising soup event a most successful effort that involved hundreds of people, not just from De Soto Baptist, but truly from our entire community. Headed by the Brownells and Champlains, assisted by dozens of other parents and Youth as well as younger siblings, the venue made possible by the VFW, with soups and desserts numbering nearly 100, the blessing of **more than \$10,000** was given the Towner family during this challenging time of healing! This is certainly ***Christ at work in the world***, despite the surprising snow blizzard which paid a visit during Worship time!

Our annual *Celebration of Love* event benefitting Missions around the world was another gathering of sharing, celebrating, and reaching out in meeting our worldwide call to spread God's Word and Love. Congratulations are due ***Debbie & Time Maniez***, recognized as King and Queen for their 46 years of marriage! Also recognized were ***Jerry & Linda Nalley***, recognized for being the most recently married! The theme focused on "***Being Golden***", with the reminder of what we are in the reality of God's presence in our lives, especially as we serve, as reminded by the "golden hands" which decorated all tables!

Special thanks for the beautiful golden decorations provided by the Hodges, Joneses, and Queens; and greatly appreciated was the help with serving from 7 Youth! For me as Pastor, this is one of our greatest emphases, as we not only celebrate "ourselves", but we combine this with Missions outreach. For this I am each year more thankful for the witness of De Soto Baptist in this area. And to the Committee for planning and working, the greatest of appreciation goes to Mary Etta, Richelle Hodges, Rita Jenks, Paula Jones, Linda Lane, Paula Rhodes, and Anita Woywod, Also working along side the women were Fred Jones, Tim Queen, and yours truly – Mary Etta made me add this last one!!

As we celebrate these past weeks, we also look forward through the season of Lent, for which you'll find a separate article covering this most important season in our Church year. Blessed to serve with each of you ~

Pastor Richard



Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

LENT

Remembering Christ, His Sacrifice, and His Glorious Victory

As we observe this season of Lent with thoughts of “*giving up something*” in remembrance of the sacrifice Christ made for us, perhaps Hebrews 13:16 best describes how this can be put into practice . . . **“But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”**

The Scripture exhorts us to give of ourselves to something good as a **positive kind of sacrifice**. This could be a note to someone, sharing encouragement or gratefulness, or letting them know you’re praying for them. Another sacrifice for good could be to give more this year than you usually give to the **America for Christ** offering, which supports Mission work across our own country. This opportunity will take place on March 4th through the Deacon’s Offering as you leave following the service.

March 4th will be the third Sunday of Lent, and together Pastor and Choir will bring focus to the mental anguish and pain endured by Jesus for each of us. We will observe the Lord’s Supper, emphasizing the symbolism of the Cup. We see in this both a reminder of His blood shed for us and also the pain and suffering He would soon endure. It was with this thought that Christ’s prayer was that God might “let this cup be removed” . . . followed by His words “*not my will, but thine be done.*”

March 11th & 18th will continue with remembering the price of our redemption, with March 25th a time to remember Christ and His triumphal entry into Jerusalem as “*King*” on **Palm Sunday**. This being the beginning of Holy Week . . . the last days of our Savior’s life before the cross, the Choir will join the Pastor in the sharing of this observance. A most significant worship service is our observance of **Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** when we remember and honor Christ as He imitated the Lord’s Supper prior to the betrayal and being led away by the Roman soldiers to suffer His execution.

With **Easter Sunday** we celebrate the victorious Good News of our Lord’s Resurrection! We begin the day with our **8:00 a.m. Worship**, followed by our **celebrative breakfast** and then the **Easter Worship at 11:00 a.m.**, again with meaningful contributions by the Choir with Pastor.

Children will have special opportunities of involvement during this timeframe with Morning Messages from Mrs. Opdycke, the waving of Palm leaves for opening of service on Palm Sunday, and on **March 31, the Saturday before Easter, at 10:00 a.m. the annual Egg Hunt, for those through 5th grade, with eggs, candy, and prizes for all!** My prayer is that you’ll all be a part of these events in your walk with Christ during this most significant time of the Christian year.

AMERICA
FOR CHRIST
OFFERING
2018



Holy Week



Family & Children's Ministry



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

MOPS will be meeting **March 14th from 6-7:30 pm**. Doors open at 5 if you would like to bring dinner to eat before the meeting. MOPS moms will have their **moms night March 28th 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 Baker family. Shane and Abby Baker grew up together. They have been best friends for 25 yrs, married for 13 yrs. Their family lives here in DeSoto. Shane has his own tree service company, and Abby sells life insurance. They have 2 girls. Olivia is 12 yrs old, and Avery is 10 yrs old. They also have a little boy Hank that is 2 yrs old. Please pray for this family over the next month.

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



AB GIRLS NEWS

Girls of Faith- Girls of Faith is for all girls from Kindergarten through grade 5. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 21st, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm**. If you have questions, call Mary Jo McDaniel at 913-568-8313, or Vickie Haulmark at 913-583-3029.

Girls of Grace- Girls of Grace is for 6th to 12th grade girls. During the month of March we will be focusing on friendship and how to be a girls of grace in the relationships we have with our friends. 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 March 12th and 26th from 6:30-8 pm. Girls of Grace is lead by Alicia Champlain and Holly Balch. Questions call Alicia at 816-260-1548.



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. We will be working through 1 Peter the rest of the year.



A MOMENT WITH JO

*For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous;
with favor You will surround him as with a shield.*

~PSALM 5:12

The word righteous does not mean flawless, but it means to be clothed in "the righteousness of God, making us acceptable before God and qualifying us for His favor", 2 Corinthians 5:21.

This past weekend, John and I experienced 4 days of amazing and "pouring down upon us" God's favor. We celebrated John's 83rd birthday on the 15th and our 56th anniversary on the 18th in St. Augustine, FL, the oldest city in the United States. All of us experience God's favor everyday, but this was extravagant love and favor. Champagne was awaiting us in our room, a card welcoming us with other goodies, and a large piece of delicious cake was given to us after our breakfast the next day. I had never had cake for breakfast, but we ate it and enjoyed it very much. It was not our anniversary, but the concierge told them the real day and a dessert was given to us on that evening.

Everywhere we went, the Lord had such affirmation and joy greet us. A store owner gave John a lovely free book, because he said we were a nice couple. Another owner sent us to another shop where John's wedding ring could be sized (he has lost weight and was concerned he would lose it). We felt we were well taken care of by all. We knew we had done nothing to receive all this great grace and favor, but we knew we are clothed in the righteousness of Christ and Father loves to bless His kiddos just like we do.

—Jo Sweat



Love Banquet King and Queen

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

What a beautiful Winter Banquet focused on Love Gift. We are so thankful to Mary Etta & Richard Copeland, Paula & Fred Jones, and Tim & Sharon Queen, Paula Rhodes, and Vickie Haulmark for all their hard work on this wonderful event. We were so sorry so many were absent with various illness. Our new King and Queen are Tim & Debbie Maniez, what a nice honor for them. Around \$550.00 was made for Love Gift.



I would also like to thank Alicia, and MaryJo for their hard work on the pillowcase project for Hope House. I was able to deliver them the day before Valentine's Day and they were so appreciate and grateful because they hadn't gotten the girls gifts for Valentine's Day, and God's provision helped me show up at just the right time.

So many areas to serve and we are so thankful to everyone who continues to step up in so many areas. Please join us in March for our next meeting. It is always wonderful to have so many serving our precious Lord. Blessings abound in Christ.

—Anita Woywod





NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - MAY 3, 2018

The 2018 theme for the National Day of Prayer is **UNITY**. Under the new leadership of Rev. Ronnie Floyd, the theme was chosen, as the leaders of the NDP organization see division or disunity as possibly the most pressing issue facing our country today. Certainly, our country has become a nation divided on many topics, and Christians are also struggling with deep division across our land. Below is part of Rev. Floyd's call for prayer leading up to May 3:

"We will be praying for unity in America for the next several months. We chose this theme because we strongly believe this is God's heart. Therefore, from now until and even beyond our Thursday, May 3, 2018, National Day of Prayer, we are going to call for, forward, and pray for unity in America.

1. Pray for unity of thought and strategy among our nation's leadership over these critical issues in America today. #PRAY4UNITY *"Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him."* James 1:5
2. Pray that we agree clearly, unite visibly, and pray extraordinarily for the next Great Spiritual Awakening in America. #PRAY4UNITY *"They all were continually united in prayer."* Acts 1:14
3. Pray for God to intervene supernaturally across America as we call upon all Americans to pray for our nation on the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 3, 2018. *"Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."* Ephesians 4:3 "

—Karen Wall, ABW Church and Community Associate



"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor:15:57-58

BILLY GRAHAM

This morning, the news reported that Billy Graham died and he was 99 years old. As I heard this announcement, I began to thank and praise God for this man of God, who was so faithful to the call of God on his life. He spoke to over 200-250 million people throughout the world the simple yet powerful word that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life-John 3:16.

As a child, I attended Sunday School and church every Sunday and had a love for Jesus Christ. As a young mother, I was watching Billy Graham on television and as he invited people to the altar, I knelt down and I felt the drawing of the Holy Spirit to repent and make a new response to Jesus Christ to follow Him fully. Throughout the years, the ministry of Mr. Graham and two of his children, Franklin (Samaritan's Purse) and Anne Graham Lotz have been very dear to me as the word of God has been preached with integrity, honoring Jesus Christ, and faithfulness. I have been involved mainly in prayer ministry for these 3 wonderful ministries.

Early this morning, I was awake between 3 and 4:30 am. I was praying, praising, and just resting in the Lord. At one point, Billy Graham came to my mind and as I praise God for this wonderful man and ministry, I remembered he was 99 and I asked the Lord if he would live to be 100. When the news was reported, how amazed and honored I was that the Lord brought him to my thoughts and prayers in the night.

Can you just imagine the day of rejoicing in heaven today when those words from our blessed Lord Jesus Christ are spoken, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

"My home is heaven, I'm just traveling through this world. Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God."
~Billy Graham

—Jo Sweat



**“SAVE THE DATE”
FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 4-8, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.
Ages 3-12**

**Middle and High School Students:
Come serve as Junior and Teen Leaders!!**

**Plans are being made for this summer’s VBS!!
YOU WON’T WANT TO MISS IT!!!**

BIBLE ADVENTURES – GAMES – TREATS - SONGS – CRAFTS – LOTS OF FUN!!

We’ll be announcing the theme next month, but start making plans now: set aside the week of June 4-8 for all of the joy and spiritual growth that VBS brings to children, helpers, and leaders!

We need helpers: Tweens, Teens, and Adults, help us spread the joyful news to these young learners. We have great fun and know we are serving the Lord in a special outreach program. Contact Richard, Richelle, or Karen if you have questions.... volunteer today!!



www.KickForChrist.org

KANSAS CITY COMETS SOCCER GAME

Sunday March 4th, 5:05 pm

Kansas City Comets vs. Florida Tropics

Silverstein Eye Centers Arena, Independence, MO.



Kick for Christ founder and Kansas City Comets player, Leo Gibson, has invited church members and soccer camp attendees to his last home game of the season. Leo, along with many other players, have secured free tickets for us to attend.

Please contact Aaron Brownell at brownell_aaron@yahoo.com or 785.456.3080 by Thursday, March 1st if you would like to attend.

We will organize transportation/carpooling once we know how many are going.

Join a Sunday School class

Classes meet 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 ABGirls room.
- Middle/High School Youth lead by Pat Harralson, meet in Galen Weese room.
- Grades K-5 meet downstairs, teachers rotate between Donna Gulley, Vickie Haulmark, and Richelle Hodges.

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



RUMMAGE SALE / FLEA MARKET AT KILL CREEK BARN

Saturday, April 7th , 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

All \$\$\$ goes to Missions!

The church will have a rummage sale/flea market at the Barn at Kill Creek on Saturday, April 7 from 9 AM to 4 PM to raise money for mission projects. We need everyone's help with donations, setting up the sale on Friday, April 6, working the sale on Saturday, and loading and delivering left over items to Savers after the sale.

Donations: Any clean items you might put in a garage sale from clothing to toys, books, cd's, glassware, dishes, etc. Please put a price on each item. Using masking tape for price stickers is cheap and works well.

Set up: Starting around 4 on Friday, we will need help setting up tables and sorting items for sale. The more people we have to help, the faster we will finish.

Sale day: Help will be needed to assist buyers and take money. A kitchen committee will be needed to decide on what kind of food to sell and work the counter during lunch. Food donations will be needed.

Take down: When sale is finished we will need a clean- up crew with cars, vans or trucks to load left over items to be taken away. The barn will need to be left as we found it.

If there are some who wish to sell their own merchandise, there will be a \$25 charge for an outside space approximately 10 x 16. You would need to supply your own tables and tents if needed. Profits from your merchandise will belong to you.

YOUTH - this is a great Community Service opportunity to add to your resume.

Watch for sign- up sheets at church!



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thank you De Soto Baptist Church family for all your support during the Souper Bowl of Caring. Despite the snow storm, God blessed the event with over **300 people attending** and **more than \$10,000 raised for the Towner family.**



It was amazing to see how God worked to bring both the church and community together to support this family that we love.

Thanks to all who made food and helped in various way, especially the youth, who did a great job serving those who attended the event.

HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH

The children will join in during the Palm Sunday Service to wave leaves and join in the singing of the Palm Song, a yearly tradition at De Soto Baptist. Both the adult choir and children will rehearse at 10:15 am.



MAUNDAY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, March 29th, 7:00 pm

The Annual Maundy Thursday Communion Service is a time we gather to remember the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31st, 10 a.m.

All children of the community through 5th grade are invited to attend. Bring a basket and a friend!



Donations Needed: Filled Plastic Eggs (2 dozen), bags of wrapped candy, money for prizes (to Richelle or Monica, & prizes (springtime item, stuffed bunnies, puzzles, kites, frisbees, bubbles, etc. Please keep \$\$ amount from \$1-\$4 if possible.

Helpers Needed: *Youth please come help and earn community service hours.*

Friday 10 am - sorting eggs & candy

Saturday 9 am - set up and hiding eggs & candy



EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST

8:00 am - Early Morning Service

Breakfast, immediately following early service

9:45 - Sunday School

11:00 - Easter Worship Service, adult choir leading in worship.



EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

April 1st, Immediately following the 8 am Service

Donations: Monetary donations accepted to help with purchase of food. Please give to Rick/Monica Walker or Jeff/Richelle Hodges.




Help Needed: sign up on bulletin board in vestibule

Saturday- Set-up following the Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday- Clean-up following the breakfast

March 2018

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 -Communion -America for Christ offering taken -noon Choir Practice -Comets Soccer 5pm	5 6:30 pm Doer's & Men's Bible Study	6	7	8	9	10 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
11  Daylight Saving Time Begins -noon Choir Practice	12 6:30 pm Doer's, Men's Bible Study & Girls of Grace	13 Pray for Central Region Churches	14 6-7:30 pm MOPS	15	16	17 
18 -noon Choir Practice	19 6:30 pm Doer's & Men's Bible Study	20 Spring Begins	21 Girls of Faith (K-5th) 5:00-6:30 pm	22	23	24
25 Choir Practice, noon Easter Sunday	26 6:30 pm Doer's, Men's Bible Study & Girls of Grace	27	28 6-7:30 pm MOPS, mom's night	29 7 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service	30  GOOD FRIDAY	31 10 am Easter Egg Hunt

March 2018

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Tracie Griffin	3 <i>Larry & Donna Gulley</i>
4 Lucas Walker Nora Miller	5 <i>Ron & Joy Mann</i>	6 <i>Danny & Linda Lane</i>	7 Merle Couch	8 Justin McDaniel Pat Reeves	9 Karen Adcock	10 Abby Champlain
11	12 Dakota Allen	13 Linda Brackett	14 Kathryn Hines Brandi Hastings	15	16 Nathan Cardiff Don Griffin	17
18 Doug Opdycke Mark Coatney	19 Mike Montgall	20 Rick McAninch Derrick McAninch	21	22 <i>Gene & Rebekah Cosby</i>	23	24
25 Brandon Riffel	26 Austin Thompson Linda Nalley	27 Wanda Riedhart Bailey Rendzia	28 Gary Logan Amelia Brownell	29	30 Don Gipson	31



Calendar of Events

- Mar. 2nd - 6-8 pm, AB Boys meeting
- Mar. 4th - Communion Sunday
America for Christ Offering Taken
Noon Adult Choir Practice
5:05 pm Comets Soccer Game,
- Mar. 5th - 6:30 pm Doer's of the Word
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Mar. 10th - 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
- Mar. 11th - Daylight Savings Time Begins
Noon Adult Choir Practice
- Mar. 12th - 6:30 pm Girls of Grace (6th-12th)
6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Mar. 13th - Pray for Central Region Churches
- Mar. 14th - 6-7:30 pm MOPS
- Mar. 18th - Noon Adult Choir Practice
- Mar. 19th - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Mar. 20th - Spring Begins
- Mar. 21st - 5:00-6:30 pm Girls of Faith (K-5th)
- Mar. 25th - Palm Sunday
Noon Adult Choir Practice
- Mar. 26th - 6:30 pm Girls of Grace (6th-12th)
6:30 pm Doers of the Word
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Mar. 28th - 6-7:30 pm MOPS, mom's night
- Mar. 29th - 7 pm Maundy Thursday Evening Worship
- Mar. 30th - Good Friday
- Mar. 31st - 10 am East Egg Hunt, grades 5th and under
- Apr. 1st - Easter Sunday:
8 am Early Service, followed by Breakfast
9:45 am Sunday School
11 am Easter Worship Service
- Apr. 7th - Rummage Sale at Kill Creek Barn,
All money to benefit missions



Support your De Soto FOOD PANTRY

Tues. 10 am-12 pm, Thur. 4-6 pm
& Sat. 9-11 am

Current items needed: cereal, laundry soap, liquid dish soap, toilet tissue, paper towels, peanut butter, jelly, any and all canned goods.

- 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.

Finance Report for December, 2017

Bal. Forward	\$ 21,979.07
Deposits	\$ 34,104.00
Disbursements	\$ 22,790.70
Ending Balance	\$ 33,292.37
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 287,809.32



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!



-Sunday, March 11th



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



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

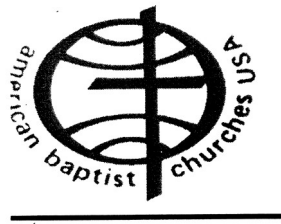


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