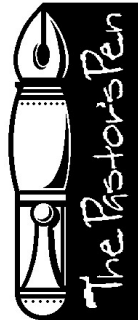




"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

~2 Chronicles 7:14



From the Pastor's Pen ~

WOW! Words are truly not adequate for the wonderful VBS experience, which we credit with thanksgiving to God's incredible providence, as well as to so many faithful servants of DBC who responded to God's call to be part of this ministry, in the many and varied uses of the "giftings" with which God has blessed each of you! Any Pastor would feel very blessed to have such great, talented, and committed leadership and helpers in the many and varied avenues of service needed to bring about such an experience as we've just had. Our prayer is that the impact of this experience for the involved children and youth will have a very positive and far-reaching influence.

It's very significant to note that the daily offerings received were used to enhance the Ministry of our American Baptist Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, Oklahoma! This constituted a mission outreach beyond our own local church and will bless in the coming weeks 19 children of Indian heritage, especially as the school year begins.

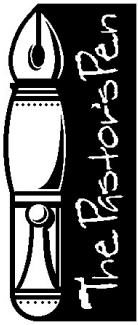
Nearing completion of 58 years in Pastoral or Christian Education leadership, I **am convinced as never before of the very strong connection between our efforts of outreach, or sharing, and the successes and blessings realized both as individuals and as a corporate "Body of Believers"**. Now this may sound a little "wordy", but in reality it's quite simple. In our De Soto Baptist family I see a phenomenal picture as described in this statement. As we in obedience have consistently and increasingly been involved in support of Missions, including within our denomination, our community, and in a diversity of ways God calls. While our very close and meaningful interaction with *Bethel Neighborhood Center* goes back 50 years when several families brought children out to De Soto to spend a week away from the poverty-stricken neighborhoods in which they lived, as the decades have passed involvement has changed, although still meaningful through more than a dozen different ministry outreaches to all ages.

As we're aware Bethel has been in a very focused campaign to raise funds for expansion and correction of needs in the existing structure – begun with the \$39,000 AB Women across our Region raised so the 2 aging vans would not continue to be victimized by stealing catalytic converters! --- and after the unplanned dealing with contaminated soil and other issues work is now well underway on restructuring and updating of the existing facility which ministers to more than 10,000 individuals in the KC, Ks. area. Especially important is the outside restructuring so that children won't be dropped off on the very busy 12th street in front of the current building. The sad situation is that the adjoining "new" facility is on hold for lack of funds, meaning some ministries such as that to the Sr. Citizens cannot continue.

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ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

De Soto Baptist Church



Pastor's Pen continued...

This being the case, God's people (meaning the Board) have secured a foundation which will match all funds up to \$300,000 so progress can include the planned new facility; and by the time you read this a major phone campaign will have taken place, but work will continue until all needed funds are raised. I well remember the meager "Pre-Marital" counseling we had with my beloved Uncle George (who pastored 1 Southern Baptist Church for 28 years) around my Grandmother's small kitchen table at our family Thanksgiving gathering, when he asked if either of us had felt a call to be Missionaries, to which our answer was negative. And we both continue to be blessed beyond words that our "Mission Field" has primarily been DE SOTO BAPTIST, but also joyous for such Missions opportunities as BETHEL and MURROW INDIAN CHILDREN'S HOME - - - and we were offered the opportunity by the Home Missions Board in Valley Forge to be Directors at Murrow, with the head actually coming to De Soto to visit with us 40+ years ago.

This is both a great "prayer need" as well as "monetary challenge", so may we all be in prayer for God's incredible presence and providence in the furtherance of His Kingdom on earth . . . and in the lives of not just our De Soto Baptist Family, but also within the 10,000 in the circle of Bethel's Ministry!

In His Love and Service,

Pastor Richard

Vacation Bible School





SHIPWRECKED

Rescued by Jesus!



What a wonderful week we had at our Vacation Bible School! From June 4 – 8, the church was filled with songs of praise, squeals of fun, exciting bible stories, games, treats, crafts, and joy. This year we experienced a significant increase in our attendance numbers: we had between 97 and 107 children between the ages of 3 and 18 involved every day. We also had 30 adult volunteers who contributed their time and talents in making the week truly unforgettable.

The theme of **Shipwrecked** holds promises for children and adults alike as we learned that no matter what happens, Jesus is ready to rescue us from our fears, our loneliness, our struggles, our mistakes, and our powerlessness. The songs, stories, crafts, and bible verses were all designed to help us remember that no matter the problem, **JESUS RESCUES!!**

This year, our daily offerings are being sent to the Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Over \$500 was collected to purchase art and craft supplies for the children to use to make baskets and other art work that will be sold at various craft fairs to bring more money back to Murrow. Thank you to all who contributed to this important project!

We enjoyed a wonderful day on Sunday when the children shared their songs and lessons during our worship time. Then we proceeded to the basement and outdoors for our all-family picnic, including a new addition, two bounce houses for the children to enjoy. We had a great opportunity to get to know the children, their parents and grandparents. Great appreciation goes to the young adult Sunday school class that took care of all of the food and preparation for Sunday!

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who helped – either by their presence throughout the week, with their offerings, and certainly with their prayers.

- Karen Wall





Family & Children's Ministry



Girls of Faith 

&

girls of grace

AMERICAN BAPTIST GIRLS going to Hillside Nursing Home

All girls going into K-12th are invited to join us Friday, July 13th from 11 am - 4pm at our next "Summer Serve Camp". We will be meeting at the church at 11 am to make bingo prizes and have pizza. At 2 pm we will go to **Hillside Nursing Home** to play Card Bingo with the Assisted Living Residents then head over the Skilled Nursing Residents at 3 pm. Mom's are welcome to come and join their daughters in the fun.

For more information contact Alicia Champlain at 816-260-1548 or by email at Champlain.Alicia@gmail.com.



The Girls of Grace (6th-12th) had a great time at our June "Summer Serve Camp" sewing stuffed animals for the Skilled Nursing Residents at Hillside Nursing Home.

POOL
Party



POOL PARTY All Boys & Girls, K-12th Invited

Join us **July 27th from 6:30 pm—9 pm** for a joint AB Boys & AB Girls pool party. Thanks to Danny & Linda Lane for graciously volunteering to host us at their pool at their home. Dinner will be provided and parents are also welcome.

For more information contact Josh Champlain at joshchamp5@gmail.com / (816) 520-3441 or Alicia Champlain at Champlain.Alicia@gmail.com / (816) 260-1548.





KICK FOR CHRIST SOCCER CAMP A SUCCESS!

Thank you for your continued support of our Kick for Christ Soccer Camp. We had beautiful weather both Friday and Saturday. In light of the recent heat waves, that was an answered prayer!

We saw many new faces, which provided many opportunities to connect with new families. Pastor Copeland and Mary Etta were also able to join us this



year, which was a real blessing. Pastor gave the message to the campers Friday evening and Leo shared about growing up in war-torn Liberia on Saturday. Pastor taught about the “underdog”, while sharing scripture about David vs. Goliath. Leo spoke about the struggles of growing up during a war, constantly moving to stay ahead of the fighting. He spoke about his steadfast faith in God and how He used it all to prepare him, having blessed him immensely throughout his life. Leo also spoke about his ministry while contrasting the situation for children in Liberia today with the reality our children live in in America. They were both powerful messages to the children and their parents, and were not lost on them. The donation buckets were overflowing by Saturday.

It warmed up just enough Saturday afternoon for the kids to enjoy getting cooled down by the fire trucks, while parents enjoyed lunch provided and prepared by the Walkers.

All in all the weekend was a success. Thank you all who were able to come out and others who supported the event prayerfully or financially.

Please continue to pray for families that attended, that the messages they heard would continue to touch their hearts, and lead them into a relationship with our savior, Jesus Christ.

-Aaron Brownell





SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE NEW PURPOSE . . . NEW DRIVE!



Due to changing needs at Starside Elementary, we are turning our annual school supply drive into a Communication Campaign. Donations from other groups have taken care of the school supply needs for fall enrollment. However, the Starside staff wants to supply each child with a special communication notebook to carry home each day. Because they want to have uniform 3-ring binders for this program, we and the Methodist Church are **working together to raise the \$700 needed** to provide these notebooks for all of the Starside children.

If you would like to help us with this drive for our local school, any and all donations would be greatly appreciated. You can write checks to De Soto Baptist Church with “Schools” on the memo line and place in the offering plate, or if you would prefer giving cash, please put in an envelope marked “schools.” We will be running this drive throughout the month of July. Please consider supporting our schools in this way.



NATIONAL AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN’S CONFERENCE

On Again – Off Again . . . On Again – Off Again . . . And on it goes . . .

For some months we’ve been planning to attend the National ABW Conference this summer at Elgin, Illinois . . . motivated by several facets . . . It’s the closest it will be for some time in miles, near Chicago . . . As Past Regional President I’m an “Alumni” and get to attend a special dinner(!) . . . and the Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque (who Central Region had last year) is the Keynote Speaker, to which Rich’s response is “I’m in”!!! But in the past few days thoughts have turned negative . . . “too much to do” here . . . what if we have car trouble . . . tiredness . . . etc. ad nauseam . . . and none of these very “God centered.” So now I’m back (momentarily at least!) to a positive mindset, especially thinking of the incredible response you’ve already made in bringing a variety of travel size toiletries for which we’ll fix packages for a Women’s Shelter in Chicago. We now have more than half a laundry basket full, and you can still bring things through **Sunday, July 15th**. This is a mission outreach for clients at the **Community Crisis Center** in Elgin, Illinois (where Judson University is located).

The following items are needed:

Trial-sized versions of *Shampoo* ~ *Conditioner* ~ *Hand lotion* ~ *Toothpaste* ~ *Toothbrush* ~ *Feminine hygiene products* ~ *Socks*. If anyone would like to organize the packaging of these in quart zip-lock bags, please let me know!

And even more importantly, more info will be shared on our new theme **FEEL**, which as a former Psychology teacher I see as one of the most significant areas for understanding within our church groups, activities, and ministries! So . . . an “attitude adjustment” has/is taking place . . . thanks to a great Pastor/Husband who understands and appreciates the involvement of ABW in Ministry Outreach !!!

—Mary Etta



A MOMENT WITH JO

*"Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word),
in God I have put my trust." ~Psalms 56:3-4*

The other morning, I was sorting through some notebooks and saw the writing was October 16, 2013, October 17, and October 31. The first writing on the 16th was a day after I was called by my doctor's nurse. She told me I had lymphoma and here is the name and number of an oncologist and then hung up the phone. Soon after that call, our daughter, Amy, a nurse, and her husband, Dave came and began looking for oncologists at KU Med Center. I was very grateful to have them take over and relieve me of that duty.

In the notebook, I had a list of people to call, scriptures, dates of doctor visits, biopsy appointment, and encouragement from the Lord to come away and hear His plan. We left for a few days to Branson, where we prayed, pondered this new direction in our life, and to hear His plan. One night in Branson, I was lying in bed and praying for His help to stay the fear that would arise in me. I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit's warmth and I heard Him say that He would heal me. After returning to De Soto, I awoke to taunting voices of the enemy. I arose from bed and turned on the Pandora music that is always peaceful to hear. The song that was playing was about holiness. I said to the Lord that I so needed to hear His sweet voice. He put His arms around me and said "only listen to My voice." I told Him that my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and something that wasn't of Him could not remain in my body. Immediately, I had a text from my dear friend, Mary, who said to read the day's devotional from Anne Graham Lotz. Here are the Scriptures I wrote: Zech. 4:6, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord." I Sam. 17:47, "the battle is the Lord's." Hag. 2:5, "My Spirit remains among you, do not fear." Later, I began singing the song Holy Ground.

I knew a long and difficult journey was ahead, but He reminded me that He held me in the palm of His hand and as Is. 43:13 tells us, that there is no one who can deliver from His hand; He will work and who will reverse it? It was a blessing to me that I found this notebook and remembered the many emotions, fears, pain, but most of all the kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ. At my last consultation with my oncologist, he said, "Jo, you are 4 years out and I do not think it is coming back." Praise the name of the Lord.

-Jo Sweatt



CHECK OUT THE NEW CHURCH WEBSITE

www.desotobaptistchurch.org



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 to Aaron Brownell for all his hard work on the new church website!



Church Kitchen Renovation

The renovation team has been working on plans for the remodeling of the kitchen. If you would like to learn more and provide your input, we will meet briefly after church on July 8th to share the preliminary plans and hear your suggestions. Or, you can call, text or send an email, to Dean Wall at crownrobin24@yahoo.com or (913) 669-1991.



SUPPORT YOUR DE SOTO FOOD PANTRY

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

- 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 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.
- 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



BILLY GRAHAM: A Prayer for our Nation

As we celebrate Independence Day, we are reminded of this prayer, written by Billy Graham on the National Day of Prayer in 2001. Today, we hope you will join us in giving thanks for this great nation and praying for spiritual renewal.

Our Father and Our God, We praise You for Your goodness to our nation, giving us blessings far beyond what we deserve.

Yet we know all is not right with America. We deeply need a moral and spiritual renewal to help us meet the many problems we face.

Convict us of sin. Help us to turn to You in repentance and faith. Set our feet on the path of Your righteousness and peace.


We pray today for our nation’s leaders. Give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it.

You have said, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.” May this be a new era for America, as we humble ourselves and acknowledge You alone as our Savior and Lord.

This we pray in Your holy name, Amen.

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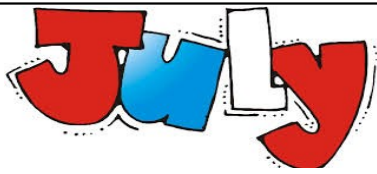
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday	2	3	4 	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Special Church Business Meeting 7:00 pm	12	13 AB Girls "Serve Camp" 11-4 Pray for Central Region Churches	14 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Josh Cham- plain bringing the morning message	23	24 ABW Summer Rally—Paola, KS	25	26 Copelands away for National	27 A B W Conference 18 th -25 th	28 AB Boys/AB Girls Pool Party 6:30-9 pm
29 Copelands away for National	30	31				

July 2018

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Rick Walker	4	5 <i>Jerry & Linda Nalley</i> Dennis & Crissy Allen Larry Towner	6 Leah McQuality Rebekah Cosby <i>Aaron & Brooke Brownell</i>	7 Alex & Tari Thompson
8 Fred Jones Jack Peck	9	10 Allen Stone Monica Walker Rylie McDaniel Hank Kramer	11 Rick Miller	12 <i>Chad & Dawn Martin</i>	13	14
15 Ethan DeRoulet	16 Easton Stone <i>Rick & Susan Lewis</i>	17 Sharon Brashears <i>John & Darlene Hackworth</i>	18	19 Devin Haynes Tom Huang	20 Candy Sipe Mary Ann Peck	21 Kurt Clark
22	23	24	25 Jon Copeland Tamara Sipe	26	27 Larry Gulley Sr. Jim Adcock	28 Graycee Reeves
29	30 Larry West <i>Glen & Ruby Nelson</i>	31				



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 1st - Communion Sunday
- July 4th - Independence Day, 7:00 pm City of De Soto
July 4th Celebration at Riverfest Park
- July 11th - 7:00 pm Special Church Business Meeting
- July 13th - 11 am-4 pm Girls of Grace & Girls of Faith
"Serve Camp", going to Hillside Village.
- Pray for Central Region Churches
- July 14th - 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
- July 18th-25th - Copelands away for National ABW Conference
- July 22nd - Josh Champlain bringing forth the message
- July 24th - ABW Summer Rally in Paola, KS
- July 27th - 6:30-9 pm AB Boys/AB Girls Pool Party at the Lane's House



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



"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 May, 2018

Bal. Forward	\$ 40,950.39
Deposits	\$ 13,989.20
Disbursements	\$ 19,155.39
Ending Balance	\$ 35,903.53
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 296,769.86



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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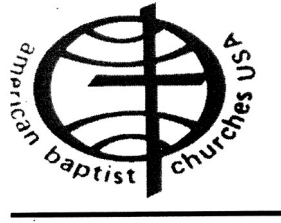


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