



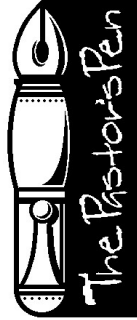
*"I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."
-John 17:23*

2018



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

De Soto Baptist Church



From the Pastor's Pen ~

Wow!!! Our special called Church Business Meeting July 11th was well attended and great needed progress was made concerning plans to expand our ministry outreaches via various ways! Dean Wall, Chair of the Church Kitchen remodeling project presented a progress report resulting in approval to seek bids and move forward, thus addressing certain safety measures as well as to provide improved and better working areas for the many uses of this facility.

The same mindset of approval followed the progress report by Jeff Hodges on the outdoor construction of a Shelter House with play area near the Prayer Path, providing increased outreach especially for young families with children. Our thanks to not only these individuals, but also to the extended committees and all who take time to participate in meetings of decision making.

Other possibilities of future needs were also discussed and placed on hold for future considerations. Several thoughts come to mind when thinking of these happenings . . . opportunities for outreach . . . service . . . blessings . . . responsibility . . . creative evangelism . . . and the conclusion is "open-ended"! May we all join in gratitude for the opportunities God has and is providing for us each and every one to serve as His people in a world very much in need and thirsting for His love

In conclusion, during the month of August, we will be taking a "real vacation", spending 2 weeks on the beach, something we've not done for years! And it's with great joy and gratitude that we thank you for helping make this possible through your gift at the end of our 50 years here! And it's also a great feeling to be leaving the 2 Sunday services in great hands, with Josh Champlain and Jeff Hodges leading these services!

Pastor Richard



Girls of
Faith 

&

 girls of
grace

AMERICAN BAPTIST GIRLS

The AB Girls had their 2nd “**Summer Serve Camp**” on July 13th with 17 girls attending. The first half of the camp was held at the church where they made non-slip socks for bingo prizes, had a devotion led by Mary Jo McDaniel, ate pizza for lunch, and Vergie Opdycke taught them how to play Card Bingo.

During the second half of the Serve Camp the girls went to **Hillside Nursing Home** where they taught the residents on both the Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing sides how to play Card Bingo. Everyone had a great time, the residents especially loved all the fun bingo prizes. The stuffed animals the Girls of Grace made last month and the non-slip socks were big hits, as well as other various prizes that were donated.

Girls of Grace (6th-12th) & Girls of Faith (K-5th) will start back up with regular meeting, being held twice monthly, on Monday evenings from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm, starting September 10th & 24th.

For information about Girls of Grace (6th-12th) contact Alicia Champlain at 816-260-1548 or Champlain.Alicia@gmail.com. For information about Girls of Faith (K-5th) contact Mary Jo McDaniel at 913-568-8313 or maryjomcdaniel@kc.rr.com.

SUMMER SERVE CAMP





A MOMENT WITH JO

"He opened the rock, and water gushed out; like a river it flowed in the desert."

Psalm 105:41

Throughout the entire Midwest of the country to the western states, there is a great need for rain to crush the drought. Fires are raging in many states with the loss of hundreds and thousands of homes. People have died, which is the saddest of all. We are now in our cabin in the mountains of New Mexico. There was very little snow in the winter and small amounts of spring rains. Before we arrived, the canyon we travel through to the cabin had burned to the tops of the mountains. Fires were raging north of us with 110 homes destroyed. The entire Kit Carson Forest was closed, but we were allowed to come to our place. What a desperate time for many many people. Thank the Lord, the monsoon season has come and the Forest is opened, but what about the other places.

The other morning while reading one of my devotionals, I began reading that when the Israelites came to camp in a place where there was no water, they were to the point of stoning Moses. They had forgotten the miracles they had seen the Lord perform. Just as they, we sometimes forget what He has done for us and that we may press in to His promises for His help.

The word "gushed" from Psalm 105 means when He provides, water does not just trickle, it gushes. Many of you, as well as myself, I have been praying, asking, believing for the Rock, our Lord Jesus Christ, to pour out of Himself, rivers of living water to crush the power of the enemy to refresh and heal our land.

As I was praying one day, this song that my dear friend, Stephanie Bloodshed, wrote and recorded, kept coming to my mind and I began to sing it as a prayer to the Lord.

*"Let it rain, let it rain, let it rain, let it rain, let it pour.
May your power come down, may your glory abound as before.
We are thirsty and dry, so please don't pass us by, precious Lord.
Let it rain, let it rain, let it rain, let it rain, let it pour."*

The church we attend in Red River prays very much for this community and we are rejoicing for rain, but let us continue until this curse is lifted.

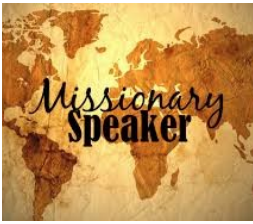
-Jo Sweatt



NEW 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**.



DUSTIN & NIKI STEWART

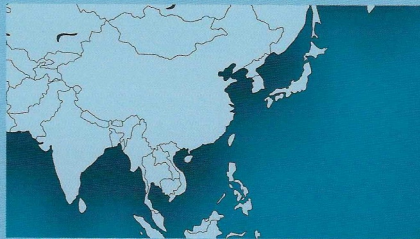
MISSIONARIES TO CHINA

SHARING DURING AUG. 5TH WORSHIP

Join us on August 5th, when we host two very dear friends of De Soto Baptist: Dustin and Niki Stewart. Both Dustin and Niki grew up in the De Soto area and graduated from De Soto High School (1996 & 1997). Dustin took part in our high school Sunday school class where he and the teacher, Jeff Coatney, developed a very significant relationship. Dustin attended Moody Bible Institute and received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees there. Niki graduated from LaGrange University in Hannibal, Mo.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE STEWARTS
AS THEY WORK TO MULTIPLY DISCIPLES



Their adult lives have been devoted to the people of China--- to bring the Good News to them. **They have served 14 years in this mission, teaching, making disciples, & planting churches.** They have three children: Jonas, Silas, and Nora. Their missionary program is under the auspices of T.E.A.M. (The Evangelical Alliance Mission).

Dustin & Niki will be sharing their experiences in the Sunday school classes as well during the Worship service.



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
- 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



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Benefiting:

BETHEL NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER



On **Saturday, August 25th**, the annual tournament to raise funds for our Home Mission outreach just 30 minutes from us will be held at Painted Hills Golf course in KC, KS. **Needed are players, sponsors, and items for the Silent Auction.** If you're interested in any of these ways listed, let Jeff Hodges know!



4-Person Scramble, Prizes. Tournament to benefit the Bethel Healthy Lifestyles Program for youth and senior adults.



THE SUNFLOWER ARTFEST

means

PIES, PIES, AND MORE PIES!!!



Calling all cooks to provide our ABW with **PIES** for our Pie Booth at the Sunflower Artfest on the weekend of **Sept. 14-16.**

This has become an annual event and a **great "money-maker"** to help with the many missions and projects of our **ABW**. We need **home-made** pies of all kinds (purchased pies do not sell.) We can also use a few cobblers. There will be a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board in late August so that you can tell us which pies you can provide **AND** if you can **work one of the shifts**.

We will be having a couple of **Pie-Baking 101 gatherings** so that we can work together to make fruit pies that will be frozen until August. Be looking for those dates!

Please consider working at the Pie Stand for a two-hour shift. It is fun to do, and you have a great opportunity to meet and greet many people as they stop by. No great skills are needed – just serve pie with a smile!!

Contact Karen Wall at karenwall61@yahoo.com or 913-669-1991 if you have any questions or would like to be a part of the team!!



WHAT WILL SPILL OUT?

I found this analogy interesting...
made me really think today....



You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

"Well because someone bumped into me, of course!"

Wrong answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup.

Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.

****Whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out.****

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which WILL happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled. **So we have to ask ourselves... "what's in my cup?" **

When life gets tough, what spills over?

Joy, gratefulness, peace, and humility?

Or anger, bitterness, harsh words, and reactions?

You choose!

Today let's work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation for ourselves; and kindness, gentleness, and love for others.

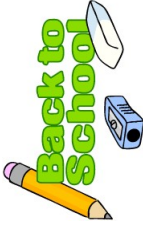
Wishing you MORE POSITIVITY IN YOUR CUP..

Blog by [Muthender Velishala](#)

<https://www.speakingtree.in/blog/what-will-spill-out>

August 2018

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Dustin Stewart, Missionary to China, bringing the morning message	6	7	8 7 pm Trustees & Deacons Meet 7:30 pm Business Meeting	9	10	11
12 Jeff Hodges bringing the morning message	13 Pray for Central Region Churches	14 	15	16	17	18
19 Josh Champlain bringing the morning message	20	21	22	23	24	25 Golf Tournament at Painted Hills Golf course, Benefit for Bethel
26	27	28	29	30 De Soto Days Festival 6-10 pm	31 De Soto Days Festival 6-10 pm	1 De Soto Days Parade & Festival

August 2018

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Bailey Crosbie Oliver Sipe	3	4 <i>Allen & Robin Stone</i>
5 Kyndel Reeves Robin Stone <i>Pat & Tami Reeves</i>	6 Rose McAninch <i>Rick & Danielle Miller</i>	7 Luella Davis	8 Logan Miller Micah Brownell	9 Gwendy Olivarez Vergie Opdycke	10 Andy Everett Brady Renzia	11 Danielle Miller
12	13	14 <i>Gary & Nancy Crowley</i>	15 Lana McPherson Janet Nalley Lily Phillips	16 Reba Berola John Riffel <i>Jim & Reta Ellis</i>	17 Drew Haynes	18 Barbara Bosworth
19 Geraldine Reed	20 <i>Doug & Vergie Opdycke</i>	21 Glenna Beytein	22	23	24 Ryan Allanbrand	25 Nate Tush Bonnie Montgall Anita Woywod Grace Gipson
26 Alex Thompson Joy Mann	27 Jenny Miller Mary Gale Kramer <i>Tim & Debbie Maniez</i>	28	29	30 Providence Brownell	31 Bob Welch <i>Darrell & Ruth Zimmerman</i>	



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug 5th - Dustin & Niki Stewart, Missionaries to China, sharing during Sunday School & Worship
- Aug 8th - 7:00 pm Trustees & Deacons Meet
7:30 pm Church Business Meeting
- Aug 12th - Jeff Hodges bringing the morning message
- Aug 13th - Pray for Central Region Churches
- Aug 19th - Josh Champlain bringing forth the message
- Aug 30th & 31st - 6-10 pm De Soto Days Festival
- Sept 1st - De Soto Days Parade, watch for the De Soto Baptist Church float
10 am - 11 pm De Soto Days Festival

*I want to be so full of Christ
that if a mosquito bites me
it flies away singing...*



***“THERE IS POWER IN
THE BLOOD!”***

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 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 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!



Wi—Fi



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, AND you can view the church directory on a password protected page at **www.desotobaptistchurch.com**

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