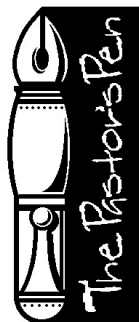




*"Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us." Philippians 3:13-14*



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### *From the Pastor's Pen ~*

It was the first Sunday of September in 1967 that we began our Ministry as Pastor of De Soto Baptist Church, and after being here several weeks I preached a sermon entitled *"I'M EXCITED"*! As a young Pastor I was very excited about the church's ministry because of the dedication and commitment of a significant number of people.

Today, I can once again say that I AM still excited about the ongoing and unfolding ministry of our church because of such an incredible church family composed of very insightful and God-focused people seeking to follow and do His will. This dedication is evident all the way from repairing a hymnal pew rack . . . to teaching Sunday School and working with our Children and Youth . . . to leading in the many aspects of worship . . . to serving in the kitchen as your altar of dedication . . . to showing community support in countless ways from the very young to those with many decades behind them . . . to supporting Missions work reaching thousands of lives through the countless and creative ways God lays before us . . . and to expanding and unfolding answers of YES as God opens both eyes and ears to His calling for sharing of our time, talents, varied abilities, and financial *giftings*.

And to all these we can add the evident interest in the Church Enhancement Visions with regard to improvements to the Church Building and Grounds, as well as expanding projects of outreach. Though at times progress may seem slow, how could I – or any of us – not be highly excited as part of this "family" and the unfolding process of expansion in the ways to which God has called us!

Looking back, my text for that Sermon so many years ago was Proverbs 28:19 . . . *"Where there is no vision, the people perish."* . . . The people of De Soto Baptist Church are certainly not lacking in "Vision", and my joy and continuing prayer is for lifting our praises to God as we move forward together.

*(Looking at this evidence of my first sermon here 51 years ago, Mary Etta suggests that I confess that she is NOT the only "packrat" in our house!)*

*Pastor Richard*



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

# De Soto Baptist Church



## AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

It's that time of year again, get out your crayons, notebooks, paper, pencils and get ready for school, or if you are involved with ABW, then it's get ready for a great year of serving. I do really miss those years of going with Matt and buying all the fun school stuff, makes me want to go buy a box of crayons and just smell them.

**Again in September on the 10th we will start another fun year with the great women of DBC.** Bring all your great ideas, your pen and paper and a snack to share and we will commence the planning of another great year.

Bring your spiritual gifts of service with you to share, as it says:

*"There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit.  
There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord."*

*1 Cor 12: 4-5*

Sharing and Serving,  
Anita



## DOERS OF THE WORD

### **COMMUNITY - FELLOWSHIP - CHRISTIAN GROWTH**

**As** we start the "new" year with school and our regular activities resuming, we invite all women of the church to join us in our DOERS OF THE WORD bible study and prayer group. In several of his letters, Paul encourages us to gather together to encourage one another, to learn from The Word, to pray for each other and to always give thanks. Our women's group is designed to do just that: to be "doers" not just "hearers" of God's Word- - to learn, to share, to pray for one another, to encourage one another and to do good for those within and outside our group. We develop such an appreciation for each other and for the bond of friendship and Christian love that grows within our group.

We will continue with a Bible study series based upon Sarah Young's devotional Jesus Calling. This fall we will be exploring "*Receiving Christ's Hope*." Because of its "user friendly" format, this study gives all attendees the freedom to do as much "homework" as they can, considering their needs and their schedules. Weekly meetings provide great growth and understandings without the daily assignments. However, taking the time for the daily assignments will bring one rich understanding and spiritual growth.

If you have other Bible studies that you know of or think would be of interest to our group, do not hesitate to bring that to the attention of our leaders. Mary Etta Copeland (583-1425) and Karen Wall (669-1991) share the leadership of this group. Please contact either of them for more information.

Doers of the Word meet every Monday evening (except for ABW meeting nights). Our first meeting will be on **Monday, Sept. 17**. We meet in the **Copeland Center from 6:30-8:00 pm**. Please tell Mary Etta if you would like to reserve a copy of *Receiving Christ's Hope*.



## THE SUNFLOWER ARTFEST MEANS...

### *De Soto Baptist Church PIE STAND!*

The Sunflower Artfest will be held on the week-end of **September 14-16** at The Barn at Kill Creek Farm. This has become an important annual event for our church. It provides us with a great opportunity for fellowship and interaction with our community as well as a money-raising event for the many worthwhile missions of American Baptist Women.

We have developed a reputation for scrumptious pies! ***This year we will be adding two more items to our menu: Frito Pies and Nachos.*** So, what do we need??? Pies, Pies, and more Pies. Then, we also need several pots of chili and several pots of nacho cheese. Also, WE NEED WORKERS to MAN the BOOTH!



The **ABGirls of Grace** will be making pies on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 9. They did an excellent job for our Barn Sale, and we are looking forward to doing this again. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board for pies, chili, nacho cheese, and workers. If you would like to help but cannot help by providing food, you can donate \$\$\$ to help pay for the ingredients for these pies (and, you can pray for good weather!) Checks should be made out to De Soto ABW with "pie stand" on the notation line. Donations can be given to Karen Wall, Anita Woywod, or Paula Rhodes.

#### The Work Schedule will be as follows:

Set Up: Thursday, Sept 13, 6:00

Friday, Sept. 14: Noon-3:30, 3:30-7:00

Saturday, Sept. 15: 9:30 – 12:30, 12:30 – 3:30, 3:30 – 7:00

Sunday, Sept. 16 (not open during morning worship) 12:30 – 3:00, 3:00 – 5:30

Sunday, Sept. 16: Tear Down: 4:30-6:00



**Suggested Pies:** Cherry, Apple, Dutch Apple, Blueberry, Mixed Berry, Peach, Strawberry-Rhubarb, Pecan, & Pumpkin.

**\*\*\*Cream Pies are wonderful but hard to keep cool and to serve.**

*Store-baked pies do **not** sell. Purchased frozen pies that are freshly baked do sell.*

**Questions?? Volunteers??**



## 5<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER EVENT - SEPT. 28<sup>th</sup>, 10pm-Midnight

DeSoto Baptist Church is partnering with the United Methodist Church and DeSoto Youth Ministries (The Crossing/Cause Coffee) to sponsor a wholesome, fun-filled event for high school students following the DHS home football game on Friday, September 28th from 10 pm-Midnight. The event will be held at The Crossing (across from the post office). We need volunteers to serve food, help with games/activities, and just interact with the students. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the church vestibule or for more information contact Josh or Alicia Champlain.



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!

We are admonished to “encourage one another and build each other up.” There are so many ways that we individually can make a huge difference in the lives and attitudes of children and adults around us. Our church activities may seem to have leaders and workers, but the truth is that we have many needs for volunteers both within and outside the church walls. Here are some opportunities waiting for YOU! \*\*Contact people are listed in parentheses.



**Sunday Morning Nursery:** 5 adults needed that are willing to serve on a monthly nursery rotation Sunday mornings from 10:45 am—12:00 pm. You would be sharing the love of Christ and caring for children, infants—5 years of age, during morning worship. If interested but not sure about the lifting or physically demanding tasks, there are teens who would be willing to partner with you to help. (Alicia Champlain)



**Fellowship of Christian Athletes:** We need people who might go together to take donuts or breakfast treats to FCA meetings. FCA meets at DHS every Friday at 7:00 a.m.. Their sponsor is Junelle Woolery. (Josh Champlain)



**Youth Athletic Events:** We need people who might be interested in occasionally attending games that our kiddos are involved in. We will try to post a schedule of events and which of our church families are involved. All of us love to have someone rooting for us in the stands and showing an interest in what we do. This is a great way to encourage our own DBC youth. (Brownells and Champlains)



**Starside Buddies:** Starside is looking for adult role models for our youths! Our goal is to pair mentors with students for weekly visits. The best time for visits to occur is during the students' lunch time. This opportunity requires approximately a 30 minute commitment. The lunch times range from 10:45-1:05 by grade levels. Often times, our students need an extra listening ear or extra attention and kindness to feel connected to our school and community. We appreciate your help nurturing a positive relationship in our students' lives. If you are interested in being a Starside mentor, please reach out to McKenzie Mispagel at [mmispagel@usd232.org](mailto:mmispagel@usd232.org).



**College Connection:** Our ABW leads this important program of reaching out to our college youth. Individuals are given the name of a college student. That person sends cards to the student throughout the school year as a reminder that DBC is praying for them and thinking of them. The cost is sending about 6 cards and includes a \$10 gift at the end of the year for a “Finals Week Treat”. (Barbara Bosworth)



**Other Ideas??** Do you have an idea for a needed service or area of outreach that would be a help and encouragement to others? Contact Josh Champlain, Aaron Brownell, Jeff Hodges, or Richard Copeland.



Girls of  
Faith 

&

 girls of  
grace 

# SUMMER SERVE CAMP

## AMERICAN BAPTIST GIRLS

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." -1 Peter 4:10*

Girls of Faith were excited to be invited to join with Girls of Grace for a third and final "Summer Serve Camp" on August 10. Fourteen girls and six leaders (and 7 sewing machines!) spent the day sewing bright and beautiful pillow cases for the young girls at House of Hope, a Christian residential facility for hurting girls ages 12-17. It is our hope that the pillow cases will be a reminder to these girls that they are loved, and that many are praying for them and their families.



It was a fun and meaningful project, as we learned a little bit about House of Hope, thanks to Anita Woywod and Karen Wall, who have both visited there. The girls were encouraged to be thinking of and praying for those who will receive the pillow cases as they were sewing and having a fun time of fellowship. Karen led the girls in a meaningful devotion, and Anita led us in prayer as we laid hands on the finished projects at the end of our day.

Heartfelt thanks to Donna Gulley, Karen Wall, and Anita Woywod for giving generously of their time and talent to spend a day in service with us. The support of our church family is important to the success of all of our youth groups, and we appreciate all that is done for us! The girls enjoyed using, improving, or learning new sewing skills, and willingly used their talents in serving others.

**The Girls of Grace, grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and Girls of Faith, grades K-5<sup>th</sup> will begin regular monthly meetings again in September.** Both groups will meet on **Sunday, September 9 and Sunday, September 23 at 2:00 pm.** For more information contact Alicia Champlain or Holly Balch (Girls of Grace) [Champlain.Alicia@gmail.com](mailto:Champlain.Alicia@gmail.com); Vickie Haulmark or Mary Jo McDaniel (Girls of Faith) [maryjomcdaniel@kc.rr.com](mailto:maryjomcdaniel@kc.rr.com).





## A MOMENT WITH JO

### Restoring the Father's Teachings

*"This book of the Torah Teachings shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do accordingly to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."*

*-Joshua 1:8*

Recently I have been reading, studying, and praying during the past weeks from a Teshuvah Prayer Guide from the Ministry of New Life. Teshuvah is a Hebrew word meaning to Return/Repent. This is a 40 day journey of thanking our Father, Jehovah Elohim, denotes Our Father as Creator and Judge, for giving the Torah, which means teachings/instruction He gave to Moses face to face. Thirty days of this journey takes us to Rosh HaShanah, which is the Jewish New Year and then 10 more days to Yom Kippur. This is the holiest day for the Jewish people.

As I have read and prayed, there are many things for which to repent of not following the ways of Yeshua, Jesus Hebrew name, praying daily for the peace of Jerusalem and their government, for all who have believed that the church is the New Israel (called Replacement Theology). As Rom. 11:18b reminds us, *"Remember, you do not support the root, but the root supports you"*.

True repentance is accomplished by acts of charity during Teshuvah. I did not realize what the Lord had done to help a man until after he had finished his work and we paid him. I prayed for him and blessed him and his two small children and this is the story he told us. As we live on government land, we must have their permission to cut down any trees. The forestry gave us Lorenzo's name and number. We called him and he gave us a bid and wanted to be paid in cash every day. It was quite a lot of cash and as we do not have an account at the local bank and my debit card had expired 2 weeks before, so we used a credit card. We would visit with Lorenzo and he told us how the boys' mother had been using drugs and not taking care of them and the younger had had a stroke. The boy was having therapy and doing better, but the mother stopped therapy, so Lorenzo was able to have the boys. The job he had had would not let him take off time for therapy or doctor visits, so he was thrilled when this job was made available to him. He is such a good and kind man, who loves his boys and could provide for all their needs. One evening as he was leaving, I asked him how he was? He said a piece of wood had gotten into his eye. I started to continue doing my chore, when I felt the Lord saying, "Go pray for him." I stopped and asked if I may pray for him? He removed his hat and bowed his head. Just so sweet. The next day he came and showed me his eye. All healed. The goodness of our Father.

Perhaps, if you have Jewish friends, you might wish them Happy New Year beginning at sundown on September 9th. This is the year-5779.

-Jo Sweatt



## Starside “Bind Us Together” a Great Success!!

Sending out a huge thank-you to everyone who contributed to our Starside Binder Drive!! Your generosity is amazing and so greatly appreciated. A check for \$700 was sent to Starside Elementary to pay for important Communication Notebooks needed for every Starside student. Funds were supplied by DBC, DUMC, Rotary Club, and Tri-Century Bank. Because our own church's donation was “over the top,” the extra dollars will be placed in a DBC school fund to be used for future drives for our public schools.



## JOY & APPRECIATION from Richard and Mary Etta . . .

We well remember our joyous elation when our vacation time was increased to 6 weeks, but somehow this didn't work out so well! Over the past 5 years we've done some significant trips, but all church related in carrying out Regional responsibilities. The wonderful gift from our Church Family in celebration of our 50 years of service has brought a time of true rest, relaxation, and renewal, as we've been in 1 place for 2 weeks, overlooking the beautiful white sands of Gulf Shores, Alabama. Yes, there's been some work accomplished, but the main significant achievement has been “*The Weekly Prayer Project*” - a journal of prayer, reflection, and connecting with God - designed to take 52 weeks... which we'll complete by departure day by doing 4 each day instead of spending an entire week on each one. Now this indicates there is still some “growth room”, but by using the entire morning we've been able to read, reflect and write individually, and then share significantly... all while sitting on a beautiful balcony overlooking the Gulf waters! TV has rarely been on - we've had some delicious meals - and the surprise visit to Marie Gillihan on the 1st day of travel will never be forgotten. Our love and thanks to all of you who made this possible and prodded us into some significant time of rest and renewal.

-Pastor Richard & Mary Etta



## AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES - ANNUAL GATHERING

**Annual Gathering** for all American Baptists of the 3 State Central Region will be **October 12 & 13** at Cross Wind Conference Center, and this year's Keynote Speaker will be **Dan Buttry, Global Consultant for Peace and Justice with International Ministries of the American Baptist Churches**, along with his wife **Sharon**, who is also involved in similar work, specifically in Detroit, Michigan. Their work is all around the world, usually on short term peace projects. His area of specialty is conflict transformation. Simply put, this means turning conflict from negative, destructive experiences into positive, constructive experiences in which problems are solved, unjust relationships are structured in more just ways, violence is replaced by nonviolent means of dealing with disagreements, torn relationships are reconciled, decisions become more participatory and traumatized people are supported for healing. One of his great books is “*We are the Socks*” in which he tells off packing extra socks on one of his Mission trips, for which he had no clue as to the “why” God was giving him this nudge. But it became clear as his days progressed! This is always an important time for churches of the Region to gather in celebration, planning, and inspiration for furthering God's Kingdom on earth. Let the Pastor know if interested in attending!





## CHINESE MISSIONARIES COME TO DBC

On Sunday, August 5, Dustin and Niki Stewart and their children joined our church family to share their experiences and challenges as missionaries in China. They spoke in the Sunday school classes, and Dustin brought a message of hope and discipleship in our Worship Service. Both are graduates of De Soto High School, and Dustin was a part of our congregation during his teens. They have served in China for 14 years.

They were very happy to be able to come to our services and share their experiences as well as appreciation for the prayers and monetary support that they have received from our church and church members. As they prepare to return to China, Dustin expressed a need for more prayer and financial supporters across the country.



If you are interested in becoming a prayer partner and learning first-hand about their needs, you can contact them via email: [dustiniki@swissmail.org](mailto:dustiniki@swissmail.org). You will then be added to their newsletter recipient list. If you would like to make any form of monetary contribution (one-time, monthly, or annually), you can go any of these sites: TEAM, PO Box 1986, Grapevine, TX 76099; phone, 800-343-3144; online, [team.org/givenow](http://team.org/givenow) Worker #: 008425

Please pray for the Stewarts as they work to multiply disciples and share the Good News of Jesus in China.



## 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](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*



# September 2018

## De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 DeSoto Days Parade 10 am
2 Communion Sunday	3 	4	5	6	7	8 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
9 Grandparent's Day Girls of Grace 2-5pm, making pies Girls of Faith 2-4pm	10 7pm ABW & Men's Bible Study	11	12	13 Pray for Central Region Churches	14	15 Artfest 14-16
16 Jeff Hodges & Vergie Opdycke lead worship at Hillside	17 Constitution Day 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	18	19	20	21	22 
23 Girls of Grace & Girls of Faith meeting 2-4 pm	24 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	25	26	27	28 10 pm-12am 5th Quarter Event at DYM	29
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# September 2018

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Lisa Zimmerman	3 <i>Ian &amp; Lana McPherson</i>	4 Kathryn Irvin	5 <i>Chris &amp; Jenny Toner</i> Willetta Lawhead Aaron Brownell	6	7 Glen Nelson Gunison Hastings	8 Casey Brown
9 Linda Allenbrand	10 <i>Kenny &amp; Patsy Allenbrand</i>	11 <i>Tim &amp; Sharon Queen</i>	12 Jean Epperson <i>Quinn &amp; Jenny Miller</i>	13	14 <i>Brian &amp; Casey Brown</i> <i>Matt &amp; Leah McQuality</i>	15 <i>Albert &amp; Joyce Lightwine</i> Nelson Reeves Joe Berola
16 Michael Bosworth Rachel Muhl Hannah Phillips	17	18 <i>Jeremy &amp; Jamie Towner</i>	19 Sandy Cannell Suzie Gulley Judy Wilkins <i>Ted &amp; Marge Morsse</i>	20 Holly Balch Collin Champlain Faythe Reeves Dennis Zwahlen	21 Darrel Zimmerman	22 <i>Jon &amp; Heidi Copeland</i>
23	24 Curt Allenbrand	25 Pat Warsop	26	27 <i>Jim &amp; Karen Adcock</i> Matt Woywod	28	29 Bailey Bosworth
30						