

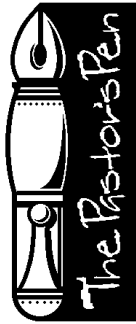


2019



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# De Soto Baptist Church



## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN ~

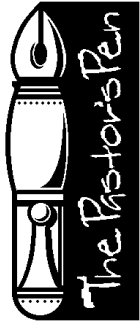
As I begin writing this just a few days after our annual *Celebration of Love* Banquet, I'm filled with a multitude of thanks for all who helped with and participated in this annual event which is a major promotion of Missions within our denomination. Contributions contributing to the success of this 49<sup>th</sup> such event in our Church include the HODGES & COPELANDS: shopping for food & decorations . . . CHARLES LAWHEAD (Chairman), JIM ELLIS, JEFF HODGES, RETA JENKS, DOUG OPDYCKE, LARRY WEST, & DARRELL ZIMMERMAN: Food prep, table settings, & decorations . . . SARAH LAWHEAD: Kitchen Help . . . VICKI HAULMARK & LILLY CHAMPLAIN: Nursery . . . JEFF & RICHELLE HODGES, CALEB MARTIN: Music . . . LYLE & MARILYN ADCOCK: Entertaining Program . . . and all those who supported this important outreach and celebration, which brought in for LOVE GIFT, one of our significant Missions emphases. Congratulations to the Chad & Dawn Martin for their recognition of most recently married - 15 years, and Darrell & Birdie Jones as King & Queen for the longest married - 42 years! And great joy is the Love Gift total from this event of \$1,634, which benefits our Region as well as many divisions of outreach at the National level!

This is the month we have the special Missions Offering, designated as *AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING*, with the theme of *"HEALING COMMUNITIES, based on Galatians 6:9-10: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."* Thousands are impacted through the caring actions of "Jesus' Touch" as provided in such situations as disaster response, ministries with marginalized children, prisoner re-entry and aftercare, public witness and advocacy, resources that equip Christian leaders, chaplains who bring comfort to those in hospitals and nursing homes, and so much more. We can become a part of this expansive ministry by giving to this offering following Morning Worship on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We are so blessed by our liturgical year bringing focus to our daily walks with Christ through the remembering and celebrating of His time on Earth. **ASH WEDNESDAY**, on March 6, is the beginning of our journey through Lent, and a reminder to all of us how beneficial these days are to our Spiritual growth as we bring Christ into our own daily walks during this time. On Sunday, March 3, a Guide will be available to help bring greater focus into our lives during this time.

Pastor's Pen continued on next page...





## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN—Continued

We are seeing the progress on some of our expansion projects as the structure of the Shelter House is going up and the playground equipment is here and ready to be installed when the snow “decides to depart”! And Kitchen is pretty well “packed up and moved” as the remodeling will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup>! Prayers may be appropriate that we can have our traditional Easter Breakfast in this new facility, although some creative thinking is already in place. Another exciting, uplifting movement – for both you the reader and myself your Pastor – is the approval several months ago at our Business Meeting to lessen my work load by including Messages once during most months from two outstanding young men in our own Church Family . . . **Josh Champlain** and **Jeff Hodges**! And I’ll be Worship Leader on most of those Sundays!!!! Without sharing specifics, many “work weeks” for me, - connected to De Soto Baptist - are around 60 hours, with Mary Etta also involved in helping not just me but also with work impacting our Region of 200+ Churches and 24 Missionaries in locations spanning the globe. Thus, not only will I be blessed, but the entire Church Family can celebrate in the gifting especially of these members able to share in this meaningful way!

Privileged to Serve in love with each of you,

*Pastor Richard*



## Celebration of Love Banquet - 2019

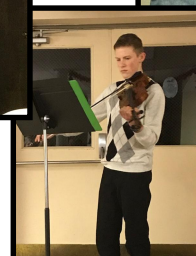
*King & Queen*

Darrell & Birdie Jones



*Most Recently Married*

Chad & Dawn Martin





## LOOKING FOR SINGERS!!!

The Adult Choir will be preparing for the upcoming Easter and Holy Week services in April. If you are a singer and have been wanting to join in, this is the perfect time! High school students are welcome to join us as well. Practices will take place most Sundays at noon in March and April, leading up to Easter.



Join us for fun and fellowship as we prepare to sing praises to the Lord.

*Questions? See Jeff Hodges or any choir member.*

### Upcoming Dates:

March 3 - 10:00 am Rehearse to Sing in Morning Worship

March 3 - Noon Brief Easter Cantata Choir Practice

March 17 - Choir Practice TBA

March 24 - Noon - Easter Cantata Choir Practice

March 31 - Noon - Easter Cantata Choir Practice



## AB GIRLS NEWS

***Girls of Faith-*** Girls of Faith is for all girls from Kindergarten through grade 5. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 3rd, from 2:00 to 4 pm.** We plan to try scheduling first Sundays for a while and see how it works out. If you have questions, call Mary Jo McDaniel at 913-568-8313, or Vickie Haulmark at 913-583-3029.



## AB BOYS

**AB Boys will be meeting March 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 pm.**

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.

For more information call/text Aaron Brownell at (785) 456-3080



## AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

Ladies and gentlemen it's time to get your roll on...

**Roll Bandages for White Cross March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm.**



It is always a great time of fellowship with men and women and our amazing young people helping out.

Bring a snack to share, drinks will be provided.

Hope to see you there!

— Anita Woywod



## SEEK GOD & YOU WILL FIND HIM

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,  
plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.  
(12) Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.  
(13) You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all of your heart."  
Jeremiah 29:11-13*

Food for thought: For many years, Jeremiah 29:11 has been a favorite Scripture. I was always comforted by the fact God has plans for me, and His plans would not harm me, but would prosper me and give me hope. I can't begin to tell you the number of times I've recited that Scripture to myself and to many others. A while back I was reading that chapter and I kept going back to read verses 12 and 13. They struck me differently and I now view those Scriptures in a new light.

Here's why: What God pointed out to me was the difference in views. With verse 11, it is me being passive and resting in the knowledge of *His* plans for me. There's nothing wrong with that, yet verses 12 and 13 direct me to put *His* plan into action. I am not to be a passive person sitting around waiting for God to work it out for me. **I am to be active — call on Him, come and pray to Him, seek Him, find Him...with all of my heart!**

I realized I was doing that for others, but I wasn't truly doing it for myself. It has been a powerful change in perspective for me. With the new leadership role I will be stepping up to in May, putting His plans for me in proper perspective of what I am to do for myself, with His help, will definitely make a difference in my life. I hope you will see a new perspective in your life when you read those three Scriptures.

Blessings, Lana McPhearson







## A MOMENT WITH JO

*"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for Thou art with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."*

*Psalm 23:4*

*"And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit."*

*Acts 9:31*

The word for comfort in Psalm 23 is Nacham, which means: to comfort, console, extend compassion, sign with one who is grieving. It is like weeping with those who weep. In Acts 9 the word is paraklesis, which means: calling alongside to help, to comfort, to give consideration or encouragement. The paraklete is a strengthening presence, one who upholds those appealing for Paraklesis (comfort) can come to us both by the Holy Spirit and His Word. Each one of us have been givers of comfort or have received comfort and compassion. Either way, we can be a conduit of the Holy Spirit.

Several days ago, my neighbor, Peggy, came to see me and asked If I would go to visit another neighbor who was having a very difficult time. Her husband has been diagnosed with a terminal lung condition. Peggy asked her if she could ask me to see her and pray with her and the neighbor said yes. Acts 9:31 reminds us how to approach the Lord, "walking in the fear of the Holy Spirit." We acknowledge that we can do nothing if He does not empower us and this is the manner in which I prayed and asked for His guidance and anointing to minister to His sweet daughter. That afternoon I went to see her and tell her that at a convenient time, I would be glad to talk, pray, or whatever she wanted. I prayed for her and she said she would call me, which she did the next morning.

Between that visit, this couple were upon my heart and I asked the Lord what He wanted me to do. I felt He wanted me to love her, listen to her, and weep with her. John prayed for me the next day and the blessed Holy Spirit and I went to visit and love. As I left our home, I grabbed one of my daily devotionals in which the author that day wrote about the day her mother died, she realized she was an orphan. Many of us have had that same thought when our parents are gone, The interesting part is I had no idea what church or any church this couple attended and when I showed her the pamphlet, the Upper Room, she told me she has always attend the Methodist Church and was very familiar with it plus her mother was in the process of dying. A great concern was how would her husband be able to travel as he is on oxygen and one must have a special carrier to go on the airplane.

Our time together was such a precious time. We laughed, cried, hugged, cried some more and marveled at the love and goodness of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have experienced at such times, people want to talk and share their hurt and mainly need someone to listen as they share. As I write this article, I once again am very thankful to our loving church who love and minister so beautifully to the hurting, lonely, and ill people. Thank you, De Soto Baptist Church for loving with open arms. I have been a recipient of God's love and care.

—Jo Sweat



## CHURCH KITCHEN REMODEL

### BE PREPARED!

Our Kitchen Remodel is due to start the week of March 4-8. That will mean having all of the cabinets removed and replaced, moving appliances, installing an island, changing sinks and tearing out some of the wall areas for enlarged pass-through windows. Obviously, the kitchen will not be available for any activities. Plans are to remodel the restrooms at the same time, but those will be out of use for only a few days. The kitchen remodel is expected to take six to eight weeks from tear-out to completion. Our prayer is to have it ready for our annual Easter morning breakfast, April 21.

If you have questions about this, contact the committee members: Rodger Brackett, Fred Jones, Danny Lane, Debbie Maniez, Dean Wall or Anita Woywod.

Decorating decisions will be led by a committee: Linda Lane, Debbie Maniez, Karen Wall, & Anita Woywod.

### OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!!

Work will begin on the kitchen remodeling during the first week of March. If you are interested in having some cabinets, the stove, or sinks from the kitchen, you need to contact Dean Wall (669-1991) about that possibility. These items will be removed from the church by the workers and will need to be hauled away as soon as possible or they will be disposed of by the contractor. The stove is a drop-in Whirlpool electric stove/oven. There are two sets of double stainless sinks that will be available. Any cabinets that can be removed intact will be available as well. Any monetary donations for these items would be appreciated.



### THE SHELTER HOUSE IS UP!

As soon as the weather is warmer the concrete floor will be poured & finishing touches will be completed. The playground equipment has been delivered & installation will take place soon.



**MISSING**



### ANYONE MISSING CASSEROLE OR POT-LUCK DISHES??

There are numerous casserole dishes, plastic containers, and platters that have been left from various dinners over the past several months. These will be moved out of the kitchen into the Women Sewing for Others Room on February 28-29.

**Please take your dishes home or they will be put in the Barn/Yard Sale that will take place on April 9 at The Barn at Kill Creek Farm.**



## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Thank you De Soto Baptist Church family for supporting the De Soto Food Pantry at the 2019 Souper Bowl of Caring.

**Over \$1,500 was raised to help feed those in need in De Soto.**



It was amazing to see how God worked to bring the church and community together to raise money to help feed the hungry right here in De Soto.

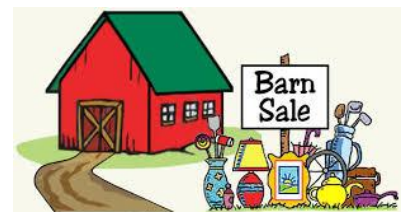
Thank you to all who made food and helped in various way, especially the youth who did a great job serving those who attended the event. A special thank you also goes to the De Soto VFW for donating the space for the event again this year.



## RUMMAGE SALE FOR MISSIONS At Kill Creek Barn

**SAVE THE DATE . . . Saturday, April 6th**

Start "gathering" NOW for our "*Missions*" sale on **Saturday, April 6th** at "*The Barn*".



If you know Vendors please let them know about this, and also start cleaning out your "treasurers." Start praying now and clearing your calendar to help. Last year we cleared around \$2400, which was very meaningful to "Bethel Center" and "Mission Outreach."

If you can help in a variety of ways let Mary Etta know and she'll direct you to the right person, as we all seek to be good stewards of God's blessings on us!

## SAVE THE DATES



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JUNE 10-14, 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

**Ages 4-12**

**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 10-14 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!!

**THE QUESTION IS THIS:**

*Are we going to Mars & Beyond?*

*OR...*

*Are we going to ROAR in the JUNGLE?*

**TUNE IN NEXT MONTH FOR THE ANSWER!!!**



### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AT CROSSWIND

**June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

***Theme is PLANS . . . Past - Present - Future . . .***

This is the opportunity for the "Booster Shot" each of us needs for our journey as Christian Women . . . Cost is only \$55.00, which includes "our lodge" – 4 meals – 3 Workshops – Spiritual Growth opportunities through Keynote Speaker – Devotional times – Fellowship with other De Soto Baptist women, as well as those across the State and Region!




Registration form available in vestibule below the Bulletin Board.

Questions contact Mary Etta.



# March 2019

## De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6-8 pm AB Boys	2
3 Communion Sunday 10am-Choir Practice 2pm-Girls of Faith	4 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	5	6 <i>Lent</i> B E G I N S	7	8	9 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
10  Daylight Saving Time Begins	11 7 pm ABW rolling bandages for White Cross	12	13 Pray for Central Region Churches	14	15	16
17 10 am-Lead Worship at Hillside Choir Practice TBA 	18 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	19	20 	21	22	23
24 Noon-Choir Practice	25 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	26	27	28	29	30
31 Noon-Choir Practice						

# March 2019

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

- Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> - 6-8 pm, AB Boys meeting
- Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Communion Sunday  
America for Christ Offering Taken  
10 am & Noon Adult Choir Practice
- Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word  
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Mar. 6<sup>th</sup> - Lent Begins
- Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
- Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Saving Time Begins
- Mar. 11<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm ABW Rolling Bandages for White Cross
- Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> - Pray for Central Region Churches
- Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day  
10 am Lead Worship at Hillside Nursing Home  
Noon Easter Cantata Choir Practice
- Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word  
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> - Spring Begins
- Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> - Noon Easter Cantata Choir Practice
- Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word  
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> - Noon Easter Cantata Choir Practice
- Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> - Rummage Sale at Kill Creek Barn,  
All money to benefit missions

### 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



## 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 January, 2019

Bal. Forward	\$ 34,631.85
Deposits	\$ 25,168.00
Disbursements	\$ 35,131.55
Ending Balance	\$ 24,668.30
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 272,441.11



Improvement Expense total through Jan. 2019  
(Shelter House/Play Ground/Kitchen Remodel)  
\$33,332.15

### 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!



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.org](http://www.desotobaptistchurch.org)



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



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