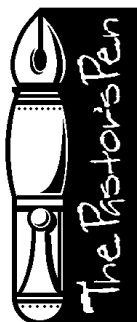




*"But God commends his love toward us,
in that, while we were yet sinners,
Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8*



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN ~



EASTER . . . A celebration of the empty tomb. Why such a great celebration of an empty tomb? Because from that empty tomb has come the most powerful spiritual force the world has ever known! Not only did Christ come forth to show us the way to a more abundant life while here on earth, but he also made it clear that we also inherit victory over death as we follow Christ as our Savior in this life.

However, we must not take lightly the path of devotion and sacrifice that Christ took leading Him to the cross. Humility was the earmark of this journey as symbolized by Palm Sunday. Instead of coming forth with some royal decree demanding our worship and respect, God sent His Son as the sacrificial lamb, paying the price for our sins and thereby giving us the *free choice* to honor His sacrifice by giving our lives to Him. True worship cannot be demanded, but **MUST** come from our own heart's desire.

We invite you then, as you choose and as you can, to worship as part of our Church Family as we continue to remember our Savior's journey to the Cross, followed by the triumphal victory over the cross of death. In addition to our regular services of Worship, we will also have additional opportunities on Maundy Thursday, remembering the Last Supper with His Disciples and at our early Easter morning service, celebrating and praising our Risen Lord!

Many will be assisting in various ways to enhance the meaningfulness of this important time in our Christian journeys. On both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday music from the cantata "*Calvary's Love*" will be shared by the Choir, as well as the traditional "Palm Song" composed by Jonathan Copeland, with the Children and Youth entering with the waving of Palm leaves. I encourage each reader to reach out to those who would appreciate and benefit by the special invitation you could share in the name of Christ's love, as shown that day on the Cross, in the Tomb, and at His Resurrection. May we all be true witnesses of what that time in history means to us today!

In His love and service ~

Pastor Richard



HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY

April 14th

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 a.m..



MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, April 18th, 7:00 pm

The Maundy Thursday is a time to gather to remember the Last Super with the disciples and the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 20th, 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, taped closed (2 dozen), Bags of Wrapped Candy, Money for prizes (to Richelle or Monica) & Prizes (springtime items, stuffed bunnies, puzzles, kites, frisbees, bubbles, etc.). Please keep \$\$ amount from \$1-\$4.

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

Friday 10 am - Sorting Eggs & Candy

Saturday 9 am - Setting Up and Hiding Eggs & Candy



EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

April 21st, Immediately following the 8 a.m. 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



EASTER SUNDAY, April 21st

- 8:00 a.m. - Early Morning Service
- Breakfast - Immediately following Early Service
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday Church School
- 11:00 a.m. - Easter Worship Service, music from the Cantata "Calvary's Love" shared by the Choir





A MOMENT WITH JO

"What woman, having ten coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it.

And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, "Rejoice with me for I have found the piece which I lost."

Luke 15:8

During spring break, John and I were delighted that our grandson, Taylor, his wife, Tanae, and their almost 3 year old, Greyson, who is our 1st great grandson came to visit us. What a busy and great time we had with them. The evening before they were to leave, we all got in the car to go to dinner. I looked down at my wrist and realized 1 stone of 5 on my turquoise bracelet was gone. Too late to do anything about it, but would search the house tomorrow. The thought made me sad as this is an old bracelet that I have appreciated and enjoyed.

The next day, I looked all over the house and ran my hands over the rugs, looked in drawers, and swept the kitchen floor. I was also washing all their clothes, so they could go to the pool and enjoy their last day. I then remembered the scripture above about the woman and the lost coin. I thanked the Lord that He would help me find the stone. I can remember smiling to myself wondering how He was going to accomplish it.

Saturday I was washing sheets and towels and the washer would not rinse and drain properly, so I called a repair man, but he could not come until Monday. Shortly after that, the Comcast man came to fix some TV difficulty. When he finished, I asked if he knew anyone who repairs front-loading washer. He said that his grandfather had taught him to fix machines and he would like to look at it. I put it through different cycles and we kept trying to have it spin. He opened the lint trap and water poured out as I grabbed towels and a bucket which filled to the top. As I cleaned the lint, I looked in the sink where the water from the bucket had been poured and there was a clean turquoise stone. It could have gone down the disposal, but praise the Lord for His kindness and His Word. I forgot to mention that while the young man and I waited for the rinse and spin cycles, we talked about Jesus and His love for His children. The young man plays the bass guitar in his church's worship service. We had a precious worship time in the utility room plus he received a good tip.

—Jo Sweatt



AB BOYS

AB Boys will be meeting April 5th from 6:30-8 pm.

The mission of AB Boys is 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

Going BEYOND SIMULCAST

with PRISCILLA SHIRER

TO ALL WOMEN!! PLEASE CONSIDER THIS EVENT!!

Spring is the time of renewal. It is a great time for new growth and spiritual awakening. We women have a great opportunity for a “mini retreat” thanks to the women of Louisburg First Baptist Church. They are offering us the opportunity to take part in a delayed Simulcast of ***Priscilla Shirer’s Going Beyond 2019***.



Priscilla Shirer is a nationally/internationally known Christian speaker and teacher. Her bible studies are used by women throughout the country, and she is a dynamic and inspirational speaker. (Check her out and watch her on YouTube or by searching on Yahoo or Google.)

This Simulcast will take place on Saturday, April 13, from 9:00 until 3:30. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided by the Louisburg ABW. As they describe the day, we will *“spend time in God’s Word, time in prayer, time in praise/worship, time in fellowship with other women, and time eating some really delicious food!”*

We already have 15 women who are going! Please join us for what will be a great time of fellowship and inspiration. We will car pool, and it will be a great time for the women of De Soto to learn and grow together. There should also be time for us to stop at the wonderful home décor store *“Once Upon a Time”* before we head for home (just for fun!).

Registration is \$25. Contact Karen Wall at (913-669-1991) for more information. (If the cost seems prohibitive, we have some “scholarship” funds available to pay half.)
JOIN US - THIS WILL BE A GREAT GROWTH OPPORTUNITY.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

Get your “Roll” on!!! April 8th - 7 p.m.

Last month we had a great time as we ripped, stitched & rolled 80 bandages for the White Cross. Our goal is to have at least 100 bandages to send.

Join us April 8th at 7 pm for fun, fellowship & a great cause as we get our “roll” on once again to reach our goal.

**Bring a snack to share.*





JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING ADVENTURE !!

De Soto Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School!

**June 10-14, 2019 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Classes for Ages 4-12**



Leadership Opportunities for Middle & High School students

Stories – Crafts – Games – Treats – Songs – FUN!!!



Learn how **GOD IS GOOD** - **ALL THE TIME!!!**

When life is unfair . . . When life is scary . . . When life changes . . .

When life is sad. . . When life is good.....**GOD IS GOOD!**



Registration starts May 1st at desotobaptistchurch.org

Need Info? Contact Karen Wall (913-669-1991) or Richelle Hodges (913-583-1503)



VBS AT DBC - A BLESSED TRADITION Bringing the Love of Jesus to our Community!

Vacation Bible School is a De Soto Baptist tradition that means so much to so many. VBS is one of the most significant outreach events in our church year. This gives us the exciting opportunity to share the LOVE and the JOY of Jesus, not only with our own church family, but with all children of our community and beyond. Though I do not know the official year of the first DBC VBS, I am sure that Dorothy Nalley and other leaders launched a VBS program as soon as our church was founded.

This year we look forward with excited expectation for what the Lord will do in inspiring leaders to step forward and then using us to touch the hearts of all who take part - - - whether leaders, helpers, or children.

Because of the absence of some of our “regular” adult leaders this June, we are needing “new faces in old places.” A Recreation Co-leader, Kid-Vid, Decoration, and Team Group Leaders are some of our most pressing needs. Please consider joining us for this inspirational and uplifting week!!

If you are unable to be there in person, please join us as prayer partners – starting today!! Pray for the Lord to touch the hearts of these needed leaders and to guide all of us on the VBS squad in sharing this opportunity for children, teens, and adults & other VBS needs.



ABW CONFERENCE 2019

June 7th & 8th

This is a very significant year in the life of American Baptist Women, only to be surpassed next year by our 100th Anniversary!!! This year's theme is **Past . . . Present . . . Future**, and special recognition of our Native American Sisters in Oklahoma will be part of the programming. The Keynote Speaker will be KELI FOREMAN, our Missionary in Alaska at Kodiak Baptist Mission, where a large number of Youth and leaders from Central Region engaged in a work project last summer. Our "Mini Project" will be \$10 Walmart Gift Cards for our students at Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as well as Alaskan students.

From this once-a-year unique and quality opportunity you'll get:

- 24 hours of Christ-centered motivation in our Christian journeys with Him.
- 4 fabulous meals.
- 3 Workshops of your choice on various topics.
- Several sessions of worship with the Keynote speaker.
- Motivation from being with other Christian women.
- Fellowship while staying with De Soto women in the *Meredith Lodge*.
(Providing we have enough women attend!)
- The list goes on and on and on!!!

This year will be the "prelude" to next year's 100th Anniversary celebration of American Baptist Women, previously known as WMS, or Women's Missionary Society! And the **GREAT** news is ALL this for just **\$55.00**, since our ABW pays half!!! Let Mary Etta know ASAP of your plans to attend so we can get our registrations in ASAP!!!



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

We always encourage you to pray for our nation. The National Day of Prayer is held on the first Thursday of May. This year's theme is **"Love One Another"**. Certainly, in our nation today, torn politically and spiritually by its differences, we need to pray that this commandment of Jesus be taken to heart by all of our citizens. Please be in prayer for our nation, but especially that all who hear this cry take it as their personal responsibility to listen, learn, try to understand, and love those with whom we do not agree.


De Soto has traditionally held a National Day of Prayer observance at noon at De Soto City Hall. Please join leaders and members of our community for this observance – led and directed by our Mayor Rick Walker and City Clerk Lana McPherson.

—Karen Wall,
ABW Church &
Community Associate



April 2019

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	2	3	4	5 6:30-8 pm AB Boys	6 Pray for Central Region Churches
7 10 & 12 Choir Practice & sing in worship	8 7 pm ABW Meeting Rolling bandages	9	10 7 pm Deacons & Trustees Meet 7:30 pm Church Business Meeting	11	12	13 Priscilla Shirer Simulcast at 1 st Baptist Louisville, 7:30 am Men's Breakfast-Wanda's
14 Palm Sunday 10 & 12 Choir Practice & sing in worship	15 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	16	17	18 7 pm Maundy Thursday Service, with Communion	19	20 10 am Easter Egg Hunt 
21 Easter Sunday 8 am Early Service Easter Breakfast 11 am Worship	22 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	30				

April 2019

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Rick & Patricia McAninch</i>	2 Joanna Bushnell <i>Jeff & Sharon Coatney</i>	3 Harry Shultz Bentley Serigny	4 Rodger Brackett	5	6
7	8 Walt McDaniel	9	10	11	12	13 Isabella Saiz
14	15 Jack McDaniel	16 Jim Berola	17	18	19 Karl Beesley Ben Woolery	20 Sally Beck <i>Leland & Frankie Lister</i>
21	22	23 <i>Hank & Mary Gale Kramer</i>	24 Betty Hughey Gretchyn Reeves	25	26	27
28	29	30 Rachel Coatney				



Calendar of Events

- Apr. 1st - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
- 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Apr. 5th - 6:30-8 pm AB Boys meeting
- Apr. 7th - 10 am Adult Choir Practice & sing in worship.
- Noon Easter Cantata Choir Practice
- Apr. 8th - 7 pm ABW Rolling Bandages for White Cross
- Apr. 10th - 7:00 pm Trustees & Deacons Meet
- 7:30 pm Church Business Meeting
- Apr. 13th - 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
- 9 am-3:30 pm Priscilla Shirer Simulcast at the 1st Baptist Louisburg
- Pray for Central Region Churches
- Apr. 14th - Palm Sunday
- 10 am Adult Choir Practice & sing in worship.
- Noon Easter Cantata Choir Practice
- Apr. 15th - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
- 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Apr. 18th - 7 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service
- Apr. 20th - 10 am Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 21st - Easter
- 8:00 am - Early Morning Service
- Breakfast immediately following early service
- 9:45 am - Sunday Church School
- 11:00 am- Easter Service & Choir Cantata
- Apr. 22nd - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
- 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Apr. 29th - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word
- 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

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 February, 2019

Bal. Forward	\$ 24,668.30
Deposits	\$ 43,789.64
Disbursements	\$ 44,492.39
Ending Balance	\$ 23,965.55
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 245,650.43



Improvement expenses paid in February
(Shelter House/Play Ground/Kitchen Remodel)
\$28,560.64

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



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



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