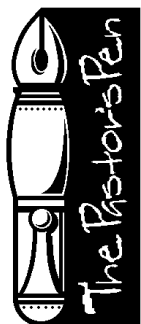




"This is the day the Lord has made; we  
will rejoice and be glad in it."  
Psalm 118:24



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

# De Soto Baptist Church

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN ~

What a glorious time of meaning and reflection we've experienced leading up to Easter! The involvement of so many through various avenues of participation was a blessing to everyone. Many positive comments have come to me with special appreciation for the Choir's contribution and enhancement of the message of Calvary's Love and the Resurrection through many hours of rehearsal, with outstanding leadership from Jeff Hodges; and I truly cannot overstate the participation of each of you in the many observances of Holy Week . . . beginning with Palm Sunday and the involvement of young people and children . . . the observance of Maundy Thursday and the Lord's Supper, with inspirational and meaningful sharing from Jo Sweatt . . . the Easter Egg hunt choreographed by Richelle Hodges and Monica Walker and assisted by Alicia, Lilly, and Abby Champlain as well as many other contributors . . . the Easter Breakfast prepared by Rick and Monica Walker and Jeff and Richelle Hodges, and enjoyed by around 100 participants . . . the Easter Morning early Service, with outstanding leadership shared by Youth, Emma and Micah Brownell, Lilly Champlain, Ethan and Kaylynn DeRoulet, and Caleb Martin . . . and the main Easter service with beautiful and meaningful musical communication of the Easter message. Involved and contributing to the beauty and successes of these were also Danny and Linda Lane, through their involvement with the Audio-Visual component of our services.

While it would be impossible to overstate the participation of so many, I know you all share with me the knowledge that the "*joy of participating and serving*" is truly fulfillment in itself. And as April was very meaningful, so also will be the month of May, beginning with the Lord's Supper, celebration of Mother's Day and those graduating at various levels of educational journeys, and Memorial Day weekend with remembrance of those who have gone before us and especially honoring those who have given their lives for our Nation and Freedom. An added celebration and reception will take place on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, recognizing Lana McPherson, a 50+ year member of De Soto Baptist, as she begins a year of leadership as President of Municipal Clerks on the International Level!

After many months of planning and work, construction has been completed on the new shelter house and playground, and the kitchen remodel was finished up just in time for the Easter Morning Breakfast! ***Dedication of these 3 joyous achievements will take place on Sunday morning, May 26th.*** More information will be coming soon in the weekly bulletins. God is truly GREAT, and De Soto Baptist has been blessed beyond expectation. May we each and every one rise to the calling God has placed before us. Amen, and Praise God for all with which He's entrusted us . . .

*Pastor Richard*



## NEW SHELTER HOUSE & PLAYGROUND

Contributing to the joy surrounding the Easter events was the opportunity to officially use the new Shelter House and the Playground for the first time. Both brought great joy to more than 100 kids that gathered for the Easter Egg Hunt!

As we Celebrate and Dedicate the completion of these additions and improvements, we do so with our eyes on the future. The development of the component which led to what has now been accomplished in completion of Shelter House and Playground . . . The *Prayer Path*, which will be a contributing factor to our spiritual growth, both individually and as a congregation. God is truly GREAT, and De Soto Baptist has been blessed beyond expectation.

## EASTER EGG HUNT





## KITCHEN REMODEL COMPLETED



The kitchen remodel is complete!!! With lots of hard work the final touches were completed just before Easter and we were able to use it for our Annual Easter Breakfast!!!

A special thanks to those who worked so diligently over the past weeks and especially the last few days before Easter to get things in place and usable for the Easter Breakfast. Helping make this possible were Karen Wall, Reba Berola, Barbara Bosworth, Paula Jones, and Anita Woywod. We also appreciate the numerous others that were involved many weeks previously to get to this point!

### KITCHEN BEFORE REMODEL



### KITCHEN AFTER REMODEL





## A MOMENT WITH JO

*"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under the sun."  
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**W**hat a joy to see that spring has arrived with the beauty of flowers, blooming trees, leaves budding, and green grass we have longed to see. I understand what a difficult winter has been experienced and although John and I were not here, we listened to weather reports every day and checked on family and friends, plus prayed for all.

We have had several of the first days of warmth and beautiful spring buds and flowers appearing; this is truly a time of joy and relief. Isn't it like each time we feel the warmth and intimate touch of Jesus that we have a sense of joy and hope that only He can provide.

I am writing this article on Easter Monday and I am reflecting on yesterday's joyous service of our Risen Christ: Hearing Caleb Martin play the lovely hymns on his violin and exhibiting the marvelous gift God has given to him, the young ladies who shared scripture with us, Pastor Richard telling such lovely words of our Beloved Lord, the choir singing, and the delicious breakfast prepared after the early service. Such servant hearts.

As we drove to WDAF-TV this morning to see our daughter, Beth, who works there, once again I was so appreciative of the pink and white flowering trees, beautiful flowers, clouds, and new beginnings this day. May each of us allow the Blessed Holy Spirit to flow through us with a joyous song and love for our dear Jesus, He is Risen, He is Risen indeed.

-Jo Sweatt



## AB BOYS

**Fishing Derby at Lexington Lake Park  
Friday, May 3rd, 6-8 pm**

**Dinner & Bait will be provided!!!**

***Bring a fishing pole & a friend!***

For more information contact Aaron Brownell at  
785.456.3080 or brownell\_aaron@yahoo.com

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.





## MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

May 4th, 10:00 a.m.

*"Be very diligent to love the Lord your God for your own well-being."*

*Joshua 23:11*



The American Baptist Women May meeting will be a Mother's Day Brunch on May 4th, at 10:00 am. This is a long standing tradition in our church to observe Mothers Day. Please bring a brunch item to share & bring your mom's, daughters, aunts or just another woman to have brunch with. We look forward to seeing all God's women at this meaningful event.

Blessings abound in Christ Jesus,  
Anita

*Going*  
**BEYOND**  
**SIMULCAST**  
with PRISCILLA SHIRER

## GOING BEYOND with Priscilla Shirer

Sixteen women from De Soto Baptist Church ventured to the First Baptist Church of Louisburg on Saturday, April 13, to participate in a delayed simulcast of a world-wide presentation that was made by Priscilla Shirer, internationally-known bible-study teacher, speaker, and motivator. Mrs. Shirer is the daughter of the well-known minister, author, and speaker, Tony Evans.

The women were enthusiastic and inspired by the entire day, especially by the inspirational and powerful teachings that were presented in this presentation entitled "Going Beyond."

Special appreciation needs to be given to the Louisburg women who organized this full day with great enthusiasm and attention to detail. The day started with a continental breakfast, followed by sessions of worship and teachings, a delicious lunch, "goodie bags," and warm hospitality.



**Attendees:** Holly Balch, Reba Berola, Alicia Champlain, Mary Etta Copeland, Reta Jenks, Paula Jones, Mary Gale Kramer, Linda Lane, Linda Lastofka, Debbie Maniez, Dawn Martin, Vergie Opdycke, Paula Rhodes, Karen Wall, Brenda West, and Anita Woywod.





## AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN OF CENTRAL REGION 2019 Conference — June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Cross Wind Conference Center — Heston, KS

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE. . .

To be part of an exceptional opportunity **June 7-8 at our** for elevation of personal growth as women of God . . .

To begin our journey with other Christian women to arrival of our 100<sup>th</sup> year as a vital organization and arm of God's outreach through our Central Region American Baptist churches . . .

To lay our lives before God for His leading in becoming who He's created us to be . . .

To learn how and where we can spread His Love and Word from the very place He's planted us individually to throughout the whole wide world . . .

To be vessels of encouragement and love to hurting hearts in need of God's healing hands . . .

To whatever God has in mind for each of us personally as we answer *YES, LORD, YES, TO YOUR WILL AND TO YOUR WAY* . . .

To take advantage of this **OPPORTUNITY**, which also includes 4 fantastic meals, fellowship with other Christian women, inspiration from one of our outstanding Missionaries in Alaska, 3 workshops of your choosing, and the list goes on and on . . .

The cost is only \$55.00!!!

Let Mary Etta know if you want to be part of this incredible opportunity!!!

**Deadline for registration is approaching!!!!**



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 2, at Noon—De Soto Community Center

**Join our Mayor, Rick Walker, and other Leaders from our Community.**

If you cannot attend, please set aside time to pray for our nation: that we would all learn to "love one another."

**Pray for areas of influence in our nation:**

*Families  
Churches  
Government  
Education  
Media  
Military  
Business*





## LANA McPHERSON NAMED PRESIDENT of INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS

Reception, May 5<sup>th</sup> following worship service

Celebrate with us as we congratulate and share in the joy of LANA McPHERSON, as she assumes the awesome job of PRESIDENT of the INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MUNICIPAL CLERKS!

Having been appointed as City Clerk of De Soto in 1998, Lana soon began holding other positions on the State and National levels before arriving at this approaching event of International scope!

A founding member of the "Clerks for Christ" prayer warrior team, an international group of over 220 municipal clerks praying for one another, on several occasions she has brought De Soto Baptist into the scope of this vital outreach! Sharing in the joy of achievement of this high honor, let us join in commitment of surrounding her with prayers of support during the coming 12 months as she serves in this important segment of our society.

Attending her ceremony of assuming this position in Birmingham, Alabama, will be Pastor Richard & Mary Etta Copeland, Mary Gale Kramer, Debbie Maniez, and Mayor Rick and Monica Walker!



**RECEPTION for GRAUATES — SUNDAY, MAY 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Immediately Following Worship Service





## 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!**

\*\*\* Register online at [www.desotobaptistchurch.org](http://www.desotobaptistchurch.org) \*\*\*

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



## De Soto Baptist VBS — ROAR REGISTRATION FORM

**GO TO [www.desotobaptistchurch.org](http://www.desotobaptistchurch.org) for online registration**

**Or fill out this form**

**De Soto Baptist Church - June 10-14 - 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**Ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Grade completed this year, if child is in school. \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency, Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Telephone: (if different from above) (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mark yes or no to the following release:**




*De Soto Baptist Church may photograph or video my child during VBS week and may use that photo or video to show in the church or on a church publication.*      **Yes (    )      No (    )**

Return to De Soto Baptist Church – in the Roar Bucket in the church or mail to De Soto Baptist Church,  
P.O. Box E, De Soto, KS 66018      **Questions?? Call Karen Wall, 669-1991**



# May 2019

## De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Reception following worship for Lana McPherson			1	2 National Day of Prayer Observance 12-1 pm, De Soto Community Center	3 6-8 pm AB Boys Fishing Derby at Lexington Lake	4  10 am Mother's Day Brunch
5 Communion & Deacon's Fund 10am Choir Rehearse & Sing in Worship	6 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	7	8	9	10	11 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
12 	13 Pray for Central Region Churches 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	14	15	16	17	18
19 10am Worship Service at Hillside Noon- Reception for Graduates	20 6:30 pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	21	22	23	24	25
26 Dedication Service & All Church Lunch following service	27 	28	29	30	31	

# May 2019

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Chris &amp; Allison Haynes</i>	2 Marilyn Etherton	3	4 Cheryl Toner
5 Allison Haynes	6 Gary Crowley Larry Gulley Jr. Jake Miller Samantha Tush	7 Amy Culver	8 Paula Rhodes	9 Dennis Allen Brandon Prince <i>Terry &amp; Paula Rhodes</i>	10	11 Emma Brownell
12 River Hastings <i>Whitney &amp; Brandi Hastings</i>	13 Maya Huang	14 Caleb Martin Kaylynn DeRoulet Jack Miller Kyle Walker	15 Heidi Copeland	16 Kathy Holzschuh	17 Jennifer McDaniel Jayme Nelson Tari Thompson	18 Leland Lister
19 Corey Sipe	20	21 <i>Shane &amp; Rachel Muhl</i>	22 Barb Beesley <i>Jeff &amp; Traci Griffin</i>	23	24	25 Nicholas Cardiff Mary Jo McDaniel
26 Roby Serigny <i>Don &amp; Tara Bartholomew</i>	27 Lilly Champplain	28	29 <i>Dean &amp; Karen Wall</i> →	30 Gene Cosby Cassandra Miller Jo Sweatt Ken Warsop Junelle Woolery	31 Paul Hughes Noah Phillips <i>Walt &amp; Mary Jo McDaniel</i>	



## Calendar of Events

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12 pm National Day of Prayer Observance at De Soto Community Center

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30-8 pm AB Boys meeting

May 4<sup>th</sup> - 10 am ABW Mother's Day Brunch

May 5<sup>th</sup> - 10 am Choir Rehearsal and Sing in Worship  
- Communion, Deacon's Fund Offering Taken  
- Noon Reception for Lana McPherson

May 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Doer's of the Word  
- 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

May 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café

May 12<sup>th</sup> - Mother's Day

May 13<sup>th</sup> - Pray for Central Region Churches  
- 6:30 pm Doer's of the Word  
- 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

May 19<sup>th</sup> - 10 am Worship Service at Hillside Village  
- Noon Reception for Graduates

May 20<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Doers of the Word  
- 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

May 26<sup>th</sup> - Dedication Service and All Church Lunch

May 27<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day

June 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> - ABW Central Region Conference, Heston, KS

June 10-14<sup>th</sup> - 1-4 pm Vacation Bible School



## 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 — March, 2019

Bal. Forward	\$ 23,965.55
Deposits	\$ 40,417.70
Disbursements	\$ 40,446.01
Ending Balance	\$ 23,945.24
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 223,123.21



Improvement expenses paid in March  
(Shelter House/Play Ground/Kitchen Remodel)  
\$23,401.70

## 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!

## 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



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