

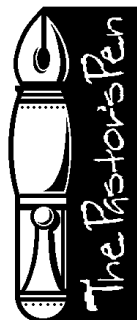


*"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'" Psalm 91:1-2*



# ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION De Soto Baptist Church

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

As I write this I'm sitting on a balcony and enjoying the beautiful scenery of Orange Beach, Alabama, with a very grateful heart recognizing all who helped to make this possible. Over the years I've learned the value and importance of a Pastor and wife "getting away" from time to time. And linked to this I've come to recognize basically 3 different forms of "getting away".

I – One that I recognize is that of being with loved ones or friends for several days of quality time. This is an important time with family for fun and fellowship or experiencing some new adventures together without the usual pressures of responsibilities of home or work. However, this can sometimes be something of a tiring situation!

II – Convention or Conference attendance is another type of involvement bringing the opportunity to "get away". While being away from the normal home and work responsibilities one is involved in a somewhat stressful experience of "being up" from early to late for extended days of meetings or workshops and the added demands of being with people constantly until fairly late at night . . . with the added demand to be up early the next morning, often for another round of business, beginning with breakfast meetings demanding high level thinking and problem solving! While the value of such experiences is worth the effort involved, with inspirational speakers, learning and gaining helpful and encouraging information from the experience as well as sharing with others in similar vocations, it' can still be very exhausting! And I write this from decades of such personal experiences!

III – The third type of very helpful and needed "get away" is the "retreat" type of just myself and my wife. It is indeed the most relaxing with no schedule to adhere to. It offers time for reading, Bible Study, prayer, sermon preparation, reflection, walking, visiting a museum . . . and yes, even a *Flea Market!!!* Such was the case with Orange Beach! Finding a book published in 2019, entitled "*Devotions from the Beach*", we this year spent about 3 hours each morning reading, and journaling, and sharing with each other the message from each as they spoke to us personally. We basically read through with discussion 52 devotional themes, which was half the book. And now we can continue, still envisioning the beautiful sunrises, lapping waves, and beautiful, powdery, white sand under the palm trees!!!

However, after being away it is always good to get home and back to the Ministry and people that we love. In the words of the Apostle Paul, "*I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*" (Philippians 3:14) My prayer is that each reader will look back on your summer with acknowledgement of God's work in your life and the beauty that he's provided around you!

In Service and Love for the Kingdom of God ~

*Pastor Richard*



## A MOMENT WITH JO

*"His mother said to the servants, 'whatever He tells you to do, do it.'" John 2:5*  
*"Good Good Father" by Chris Tomlin*

John and I recently had a wonderful trip to Canada and Alaska. Before we left I prayed that the Lord Jesus would bless others through us and that we would share His goodness and faithfulness with those we met. I remember saying, "Dear Jesus, may our eyes see Your glory of creation, may our ears hear Your words to share, and may our heart be open to perceive, understand, and honor You to those we greet."

One evening as we were sitting in the dining room, we began visiting with a delightful couple. As we talked, I heard her mention "our campus" and "our graduates". I inquired to what campus and graduates she meant. She told us an amazing story of the orphanage and school she began in Haiti. She shared that her father had taken her to Haiti when she was young and had always wanted to go back. When she was older, she felt the Lord telling her to go and she did. She fasted and prayed and ask the Lord to show her what to do, she asked Him for a sign. One day as she was eating lunch in a restaurant, a little boy looked in the window and pointed to the chicken bones on her plate. He wanted them. She put up one finger to signal to wait and she was going to buy him lunch. All of a sudden, she heard a loud commotion and heard the snap of a whip, she saw a man with cattle whip the boy and told him to move away. She ran out screaming "no", but the boy had run off. She was devastated, but knew the Lord had given her a sign to know what to do. She rented a building, bought 20 beds with sheets, pillows, and towel and she began a school and home.

A few days ago, her husband, John, called, as we had asked him to do and keep us informed of their powerful and loving work. We will try to see them in FL this winter. Who knows, we may go to Haiti.

P.S. One evening we were having dinner at the Lodge in Denali Park as a couple who were in our group stopped and commented on the beauty of our day and all the animals we had seen. I shared with them that through the entire trip, a song continued to bubble up in me called *"Good Good Father"*. The next morning, they told us that they had looked on YouTube and listened to the song twice and so enjoyed it. They shared they are Catholic and do not usually sing those songs, but they liked it very much. May we always be ready to give a good report or song.

—Jo Sweatt



## CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
 7:00 pm

Meeting will be held in the conference room.

***All Members are Invited to Attend!***





## AB BOYS

Next meeting Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm

Starting new study

***"Ephesians - Your Identity In Christ"***

Join us as we seek to better understand the importance of finding our identity in Christ, and the relationship between our spiritual adoption and our daily lives at home, in the classroom or on the sports field. *Invite your friends!!!*

The AB Boys group recently took a trip to ZIP KC, where they met the challenge of facing the Ninja Obstacle course. They navigated and muscled their way through many vertical inclines, mud pits and walls (just to name a few).

I am so proud of how the boys represented DBC, and most importantly the character they displayed while working together as a team and encouraging each other during this strenuous test of strength and endurance. It was a great time of bonding and fellowship.

Without your continued support of our youth programs, experiences like this would not be possible. So . . . thank you!!! It is a pleasure to know and invest in these young men of God.

Contact Aaron Brownell at (785) 456-3080 for more information.



Back to School  
Kick Off  
**ZIP KC**  
A ZIP LINE PARK







## October 7th—Tiffany Springs Golf Course

**The “Teeing Up For Kids” Golf Tournament will benefit both Kick For Christ and the Children LifeTime Educational Foundation (CLTEF).**

Leo Gibson, a key player of the Kansas City COMETS and the Founder and CEO of Kick For Christ, uses soccer as an avenue to provide opportunities for underprivileged kids locally, nationally and internationally. In addition, Kick For Christ provides materials and resources to ease the impoverished circumstances of children who were affected by the 14-year civil war in Liberia by encouraging them with the gospel of Christ through local outreach coaching clinics. Leo Gibson and Friends “Teeing Up For Kids” Golf Tournament is a great way to sow into the lives of our future generation. If you would like to participate as a golfer or sponsor, while contributing to a humbling and worthy cause, please go to:

<http://www.kickforchrist.org/golf-tournament>

If interested in joining a team please contact Aaron Brownell for more details at: (785) 456-3080 or [brownell\\_aaron@yahoo.com](mailto:brownell_aaron@yahoo.com)



## PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. This is the month that is set aside to make a special effort to recognize and show appreciation to pastors throughout our country. De Soto Baptist tradition is for each of us to sign up for one day to do something special for Richard and Mary Etta. This can be as simple as an encouraging card or note, a small gift, home-made food, taking Richard out for lunch, or whatever seems appropriate for each one involved. It is not the size of the remembrance, but the love and sincerity that is shown. A calendar is posted on the church bulletin board. Please sign up for one of those days if you have not already done so. If all spaces are taken, it is just fine to have two names for the same day...a double appreciation day!

This could also be a time to show appreciation to our Minister of Visitation, Jeff Hodges, our Music Ministry Leaders, Church School Teachers, or others that work so diligently serving our Lord at De Soto Baptist Church. A simple note of appreciation can do so much to affirm and encourage those around us.

*Cards or notes can be sent to Rev. Richard Copeland or Jeff Hodges c/o De Soto Baptist Church, Box E, De Soto, KS 66018.*



**"DOERS OF THE WORD"**  
**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**  
**Starting October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**Just a reminder!**

The Doers will begin their new ladies Bible study October 14, 2019 and will be held the **Second** and **Fourth** Monday of each month.

This year we have chosen;  
*Messy to Meaningful*

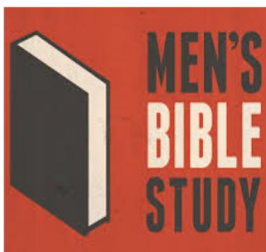
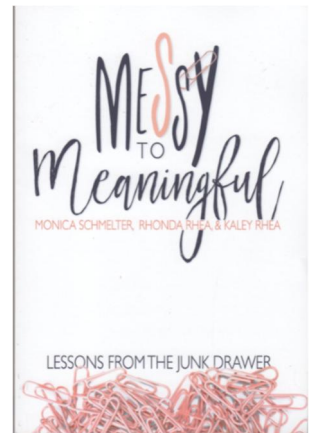
The cost for the book is \$10. It's not too late to get your name in.

If you are interested in becoming part of a lively and fun ladies Bible Study please contact:

Mary Etta at [maryettablessings@kc.rr.com](mailto:maryettablessings@kc.rr.com)

Susan Reames at [sreames7@gmail.com](mailto:sreames7@gmail.com)

Karen Wall at [karenwall61@yahoo.com](mailto:karenwall61@yahoo.com)



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
**Starting October 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**Studying the Book of Acts**  
**Led by Matt Burns**

The Men's Bible Study will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month in the Galen Weese Room.





## TRUNK OR TREAT

**Saturday, October 26th—5 to 7pm**

Mark your calendars for the annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26th starting at 5 pm. This is a great time of fellowship for our congregation and also a way to build connections with our community by giving smiles, kindness, and candy to all that show-up. We will serve hot-dogs and roast marshmallows by the fire. Be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet in the church entrance.

**As always, our biggest need for this event is you!** The more "trunks" we have in our parking lot, the more interactions we have with our community. We will be giving out "prizes" for the best trunk theme and the best costume. *Remember to keep those themes welcoming and not scary.*



This is the first year we'll get to show off our new shelter house and playground, so if you've never participated before, please make this your year to do so.



**We ARE going to PRINT the directories this November.**  
I know you've heard that before but this year we are going to make it happen!

We are scheduling one final photo session to have your photo included in the directory. There is no expense to you unless you decide to make a purchase (25% off listed prices).


**Wednesday, OCT 16th**

Appointments taken 11 AM to 7 PM

To reserve your slot contact Danny & Linda Lane at:  
[www.PhotographyByLane.com](http://www.PhotographyByLane.com) or 913-634-8299

# October 2019

## De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	
6 Communion, World Mission Offering Taken, Choir Rehearse at 10am & Sing in morning worship	7 Kick For Christ - Golf Tournament at Tiffany Springs	8	9 6:30 pm Deacon & Trustee Meeting 7 pm Church Business Meeting	10	11 6-8 pm AB Boys Meeting	12 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Cafe  <i>ABC Central Region Annual Gathering, Heston KS</i>
13 Pray for Central Region Churches	14 Columbus Day 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study & Women's Bible Study	15	16 Church Directory Photos by Apt. 11am-7pm	17	18	19
20 10 am Worship Service at Hillside	21	22	23	24	25	26 Trunk-or-Treat 5-7 pm
27 Jeff Hodges bringing message Noon Choir Rehearsal	28 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study & Women's Bible Study	29	30	31 		

# October 2019

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

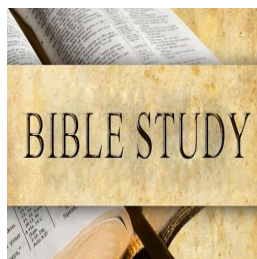
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Sue Allen Alicia Champlain Bonnie Logan Evelyn Martin	2	3 Joyce Bassett Karen Wall	4 Charles Lawhead Ruby Nelson	5 Natalie Pew
6	7	8 Tanner McNamara Dean Wall	9 Jeff Griffin	10 Jenny Toner <i>Danny &amp; Samantha Stone</i>	11 Brenda West	12
13 Terry Rhodes <i>Larry &amp; Cheryl Towner</i>	14 Aubrey Miller <i>James &amp; Holly Balch</i>	15 <i>Jake &amp; Jill Miller</i>	16	17	18 Kenny Allenbrand Ashley Ingalls	19
20	21 <i>Ken &amp; Pat Warsop</i>	22 Tyrone Flowers	23	24	25 <i>Carter &amp; Sally Beck</i>	26
27	28 Megan Couch Rudy	29 Zora Ingalls	30 Jackie Rendzia	31 Aaron Lawhead Vivian Ruckert		





## Calendar of Events

- Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> - 6-8 pm AB Boys
- Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - Communion Sunday  
World Mission Offering Taken  
10 am Choir Rehearsal & Sing in worship
- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> - Kick For Christ Golf Tournament
- Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Deacon & Trustee Meeting  
7 pm Church Business Meeting  
*All members invited to attend*
- Oct. 11-12<sup>th</sup> - Central Region Annual Gathering  
Cross Wind Conference Center, Heston KS
- Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> - Pray for Central Region Churches
- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - Columbus Day  
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> - Church Directory Photos by apt. (*last chance*)  
Call 913-634-8299 to schedule an apt.
- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - 10 am, Leading Worship Service at Hillside
- Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> - 5-7 pm Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Hodges bringing forth the message  
Noon Choir Rehearsal
- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween



### Men's & Women's Bible Studies

Beginning Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays

Men - Galyn Weese Room  
Women - Conference Rom

### Finance Report — August, 2019

Bal. Forward	\$ 9,504.40
Deposits	\$ 14,161.00
Disbursements	\$ 19,952.20
Ending Balance	\$ 3,713.20
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 167,106.41



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### 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.**



Some cards are available immediately. Other merchants may be available upon request. *Contact Rick or Monica Walker for more details. Order today!*



## De Soto Food Pantry Needs Your Help!

The shelves at the food pantry are looking pretty bare. All nonperishable food, cleaning and hygiene items are appreciated. Here is a list of some of the most needed items. **You can also drop off donations in the blue bucket in the church vestibule or at the Food Pantry during regular hours.** Thank you so much for supporting this vital resource in our community!

Tues. 10 am-12 pm  
Thur. 4-6 pm

**Soup (all types except tomato) — Canned fruit (all types) — Oatmeal — Peanut Butter — Dried Beans (all types) — Canned Chicken — Canned tuna — Pasta — Pasta sauce — Canned Tomatoes**

The food pantry is located in the same building as City Hall and the Community Center. Anyone with a DeSoto address

Engaged in the Ministry of Reconciliation

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Richard G. Copeland, Pastor  
P.O. Box E  
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