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**De Soto Baptist Church**

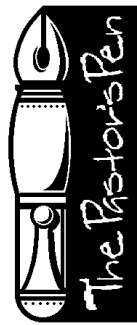
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*"O come, let us sing unto the Lord:  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of  
our salvation. Let us come before his  
presence with thanksgiving"*

*Psalm 95:1-2*



## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



I begin this November Thanksgiving Newsletter with the words of the Apostle Paul in his letter to the church in Rome as recorded in Romans 1:8 . . . *"I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all."* With sincerity and reflecting true accuracy I echo these same thoughts . . . for the expressions of your faith through your various avenues of service via your individual *gift-ings*. I witness this on a regular basis from our elected Officers and Board Members - our Church School Teachers - our ABW Leaders - our Greeters - our Musicians, including Instrumental and Choral as well as Worship Leaders - our Church Secretary and those giving secretarial support - those who support God's work monetarily as part of our Worship and Service – participants in our many arms of Outreach, including Funeral Dinners, Trunk or Treat, Youth Activities, Nursing Home Ministry, Prayer Ministry, Worship leadership, a variety of Special projects of Outreach, and the list continues to expand!

As we look at this extensive list of involvements by so many it's easy to recognize the very positive impact De Soto Baptist exemplifies as God's servants, with acknowledgment of the breadth of outreach. And fitting it is to celebrate with gratitude what this entails in spreading God's love and message to a world very much in need. And while our hearts are overflowing with gratitude, the reminder also comes for the need of expanded leadership involvement in various areas of our outreach. As Christians we are each and every one *"gifted"* according to God's plan and will, but the determination of using those attributes as He designed is up to each of our individual answers to His invitation.

May we each continue in servanthood with increased mindfulness of God's declaration in Psalm 107:1 . . . *"O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endures forever."* . . . as we *"not grow weary in well doing."* . . . Galatians 6:9!

Yours in servanthood and love,

*Pastor Richard*





## NEW GRILL AT SHELTER HOUSE

There was a new BBQ Grill installed behind the shelter house just in time for grilling hot dogs at Trunk-or-Treat.

*Thanks to all that helped!!!*



## TRUNK OR TREAT FUN

Thanks to all who came out with trunks or helped in any way! Total there were about 160 kids & adults who attended. It was a beautiful night of fun & fellowship going around the trunks, playing on the play ground or with lawn games, having hot dogs & cider, and roasting marshmallows for smores.







## A MOMENT WITH JO

### *With a Heart of Thanksgiving*

Scripture songs and hymns of faith have been very important in my spiritual growth. When we moved to Overland Park in 1973, we began attending a church near our home and joined a couples' prayer group that was monumental in our walk with Jesus. We learned songs that were directly from the Bible, understood and witnessed the gifts of the Holy Spirit and grew in prayer and expectation of His wonderful love and power.

Early this morning, I awoke and as I lay there, in my mind I saw our youngest grandchild running to me with outstretched arms saying, "O Me Me Doe". My heart was rejoicing and the song "With A Heart of Thanksgiving" played in my thoughts. Isaac is 22 months old and he certainly reveals his name, which means laughter.

Many of us are facing challenges and heartaches, but may each of us tell our Lord Jesus, with a heart of thanksgiving, for His goodness and His wonderful works to the children of men. For He satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with goodness. (Psalm 107:8-9)

*"With my hands lifted high and my mouth filled with praise  
With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless you, O Lord,  
I will bless You, O Lord, I will bless You O Lord,  
With a heart of thanksgiving, I will bless you, O Lord."*

—Jo Sweatt



## ALL-CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS!!

The annual All-church Birthday Party was held on Sept. 22. The basement was filled with many people and luscious cakes for each month of the year. Participants sat at their birth-month table, enjoying the company of birth-month partners and the cakes that were donated by various volunteers. Tables were also decorated for each month.

The Teen Sunday School Class provided great help in setting up the tables, serving, and promoting the activity. Thank you to Linda Lane for her sponsorship of them as well as the teens themselves.

We were generously provided delicious barbequed meat by Rick and Monica Walker, and others brought side dishes to go with the meat and the cakes.

People were asked to donate money to represent their number of years and to donate \$1 to buy any pieces of cakes that were not at their birth table.

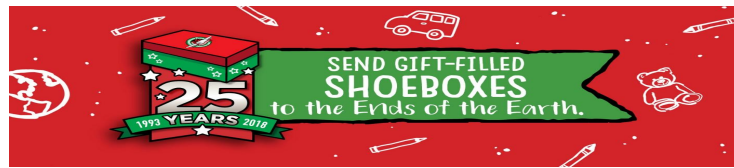
Over Six Hundred Dollars was collected that will go to the our ABW Special Project which is a program to provide education and resources for mothers and babies in Nicaragua. Thank you so very much to everyone who contributed in any way to this great time of fellowship and outreach.



Once again De Soto Baptist is adopting several families from Bethel Neighborhood Center for Christmas. To be a part of this great ministry check out the sign-up posters on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.

**Last Sunday to bring gifts will be Sunday Dec 8th.**

Any questions call Mary Gale Kramer or Debbie Maniez at 816-507-9252



## **DBC Youth group will be collecting items for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project!**

*If you'd like to pack a box you can do that too!*

We will be collecting cash donations as well. Each box requires a \$9 cover charge for collection/processing and shipping to over 100 countries plus Gospel materials written in the children's language.

**Age Category** – 2 - 14 years old

**Items to Include** – stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing outfit, hat/scarf/mittens, wrist watch, sunglasses tote, hair clips, hair ribbons, elastic hair bands, School Supplies, Craft items, chalkboard & chalk, sewing kit, fabric, ribbon, gardening kit, jump rope, puzzles, etc.

**Do Not Include** – Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

There will be a collection box in the vestibule. Monetary donations should be made out to the church with a notation for Shoebox gifts.

Once everything is collected the youth will sort and pack the shoeboxes and most importantly, pray for the child who will receive the gift and maybe even include a personal note and photo and then deliver them to the donation center.

**Remember** – everything has to fit in a shoebox

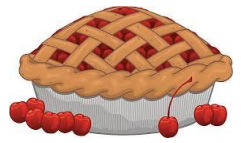
**Deadline for donations is November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you so much for helping our youth discover how Operation Christmas Child SHOEBOX gifts lead to evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers and churches.



## THE DBC PIE STAND RETURNS!!

### Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-5 pm



The De Soto Arts Council will host a new **Fall Fine Arts & Crafts Show** at Cedar Valley Forest, 29145 West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, on the week-end of **Nov. 8 – Nov. 9**. Our church has been asked to provide our famous home-made pies on Saturday from 9:00 until 5:00. Though the date and venue have changed, 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 an important money-raising event for our American Baptist Women.

De Soto Baptist has developed a reputation for delicious pies through our pie stand, and **WE DO NEED WORKERS AND PIES** for this event. Though we will miss the tradition and surroundings of The Barn, having our stand indoors will provide us with many benefits---not having to deal with wind, rain, and fire (sun) being at the top of the list.

There is a **sign-up sheet on the bulletin board** - please consider not only providing pies, but also working for one of our shifts. It is a great way to share the love and fellowship of the De Soto Baptist family. If you have questions, contact Karen Wall, 669-1991.

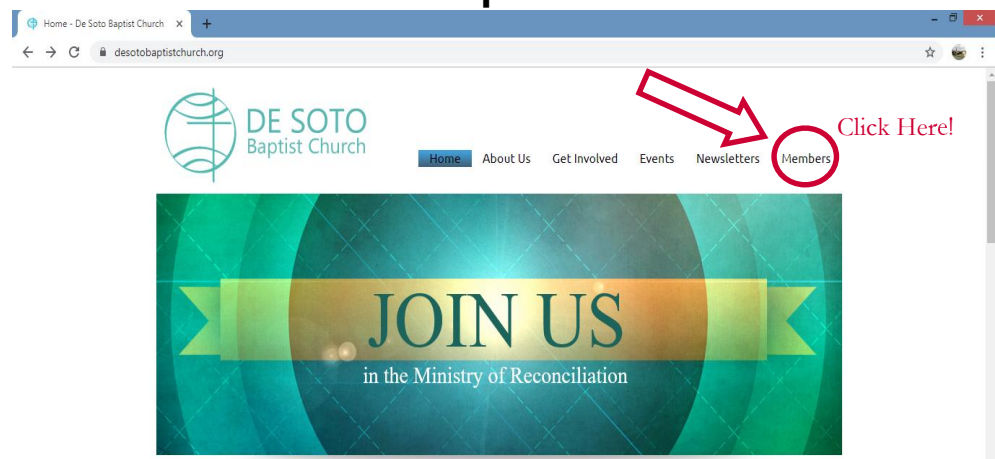
**Suggested Pies:** Cherry, Apple, Pecan, Pumpkin, Strawberry Rhubarb, Berry, Coconut Cream, Lemon Meringue, and specialty pies such as Toll House Cookie, chocolate-peanut butter, etc. We can use about 2 Cobblers.

**Shifts:** 8:30 – 11:30 am;  
11:30 am – 2:30 pm; 2:30 – 5:30 pm



## DE SOTO BAPTIST CHURCH WEBSITE

### www.desotobaptistchurch.com



Check out the church website to find up to date information, church calendar, church newsletters and more.

You can view the church directory, and more on a password protected page, just click on the MEMBERS tab.

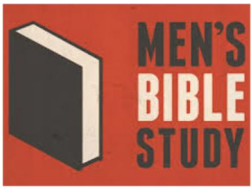


## “DOERS OF THE WORD” Women’s Bible Study

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays on each month— 6:30 pm**

*Messy to Meaningful*

If you are interested in becoming part of a lively and fun Bible Study please contact:  
Mary Etta- [maryettablessings@kc.rr.com](mailto:maryettablessings@kc.rr.com) or Karen Wall- [karenwall61@yahoo.com](mailto:karenwall61@yahoo.com)



## MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays on each month**  
**6:30—7:30 pm**



Studying the book of ACTS  
Led by Matt Burns, meets in the Galyn Weese Room

*“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Prov 27:17”*



## AB BOYS

**First Friday of each month from 6:30-8:00 pm**  
**Studying “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!!!*

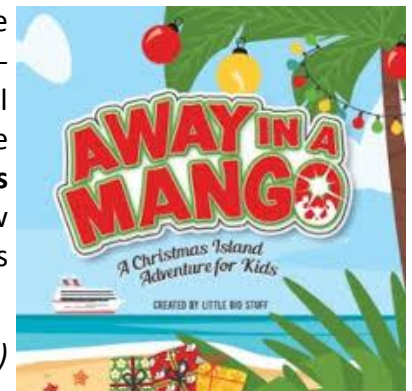
Contact Aaron Brownell at (785) 456-3080 for more information.



## Calling all Kids K-12<sup>th</sup> - Youth Christmas Program

Emma Brownell and Lilly Champlain along with the major support and help of Mary Etta Copeland are leading this years youth Christmas program. It will be **performed December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11 am** during the normal church service. **Rehearsals will be Sundays from 1-2:30 pm starting November 3<sup>rd</sup>** with a few weekday rehearsals as needed. The title of this years program is “Away in a Mango”.

*We would love to have all DBC kids (or young adults) participate in this years program.*



For more information contact Lilly Champlain (913) 530-3737, Emma Brownell (913) 702-4143, or Mary Etta Copeland at [maryettablessings@kc.rr.com](mailto:maryettablessings@kc.rr.com)





## American Baptist Women

### ---ABW - OUR WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ---

All women of our church were invited to attend a progressive dinner that was held on Monday evening, September 30. This was a special event, encouraging women of all ages to come and share their ideas of programs and projects they find especially helpful as well as new ideas for new forms of ministry.

The ministry of ABW is vital to the mission of our church here in De Soto as well as those of American Baptist Churches in our region and around the world. The work they do and the outreach they have is wide and essential to so many people here and abroad.

Below are the ideas and suggestions that were most popular during our "progressive discussions" and brainstorming sessions. Check these out and see which ones appeal to you as something you would enjoy and/or benefit from.

#### Outreach - Missions - Fellowship - Encouragement - Personal/Spiritual Development

- \*Craft Nights – bringing your own crafts to work in one place together OR having special craft leaders direct us in making new crafts.
- \*Christian Book Club - Have a Monthly Book Club based on Christian writings.
- \*Outside Speakers On "Hot" Topics - Bringing in knowledgeable speakers on topics of interest – parenting, aging, social issues, etc.
- \*Card & Phone Ministries - Taking part in a Card or Phone Ministry to keep in contact with our church family members who may not be able to attend church or would enjoy and benefit from regular contact from someone in our church.
- \*Supporting our Teenagers - Helping with Teen Activities & Outings
- \*Movie Nights - Holding monthly movie nights in church basement - Christian, Inspirational - Family-friendly - drinks & popcorn provided
- \*College Connection - sending notes/cards to our college students during the school year.
- \*Christmas Caroling - Christmas Brunch - Mother's Day Brunch - Graduation Reception
- \*Have a Fall Cook-Out Meet & Greet families in our town - perhaps follow-up from VBS as well as new families and new friends.
- \*Women's Retreat - something close by that wouldn't require long trips.
- \*Having A Guided Prayer Program
- \*Promoting more programs with local schools – Buddy Program @ Starside; occasional food/treats for teachers - FCA also
- \*All-church dinners; funeral dinners; Love Banquet; simple receptions



## MAKE YOUR GIFTS KNOWN - FIND YOUR CALLING

We want to encourage **ALL** women to consider their special gifts and interests. We need **YOUR** involvement and leadership in all aspects of our ABW programs. WE are hoping to develop a team leadership format in carrying out the many “arms” of our organization.

In reality, all of these programs are part of the huge outreach of De Soto Baptist - and provide essential help in continuing the entire church ministry led by Richard and directed by church leadership.

We would like you to prayerfully consider how the Lord would want you to utilize your talents and your interests in helping to carry out some of these programs.

If you did not fill out a form at the Progressive Dinner, we would ask you to **complete the form below** and give to Mary Etta, Anita Woywod, or Karen Wall OR you can mail your preferences to: Mary Etta Copeland, Box E, De Soto, KS 66018 or email at [maryettablessings@kc.rr.com](mailto:maryettablessings@kc.rr.com)

### De Soto Baptist Women's Ministry - Personal Gifts & Interests

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email or phone \_\_\_\_\_

List at least 2-3 areas that truly appeal to you as something you would like to do or be a part of.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Which of the following do you consider to be your strongest gifts, interests, or abilities?

1. Administration/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

2. Missions - Outreach to others \_\_\_\_\_

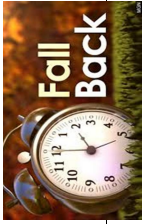



3. Personal/Spiritual Development \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Feel free to add additional comments below



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## De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>3</b>  10am Choir Prac. Communion 1-2:30pm Kids Christmas Prac.	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm Doer's & Men's Bible Study	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> 6:30-8 pm AB Boys	<b>2</b>
<b>10</b> 1-2:30 pm Kids Christmas Practice	<b>11</b>  6:30 pm Doer's & Men's Bible Study	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Pray for Central Region Churches	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10am Worship at Hillside Village Youth Sun, Suan Sonna bringing msg 1-2:30pm Kids Prac.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Noon Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner 1-2:30 pm Kids Christmas Prac.	<b>25</b> 6:30 pm Doer's & Men's Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

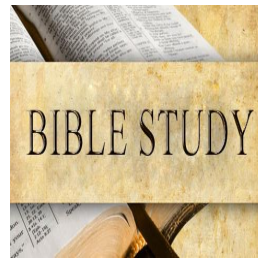
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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Doris Fox Jeff Hodges Jerry Nalley CJ Prince	2
3 Carter Beck <i>Rick &amp; Monica Walker</i>	4 Albert Lightwine Tim Queen	5 Kim DeRoulet	6 Sannie Dibble	7 Jim Etherton Pan Titus	8 Kayla Ingalls	9 Crissy Allen
10 Calvin Hayden	11	12	13 Gayla Houghman Sara Tush	14	15 Avery Ingalls	16
17 Nathan Martin	18	19	20	21 Seth Rhodes	22 Angela Prince	23 Dawn Martin Christian Stone
24 Cole Huang Jeff Sipe	25	26 Jason McAninch Jason Weese	27 Keri Serigny	28 SunDee Everett	29 Steve Coker Reta Ellis	30 Joe Woywod <i>Mark &amp; Sandy Justice</i>

# November Calendar of Events

- Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Day Light Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)**  
 Communion Sunday  
 Deacon's Fund Offering Taken  
 10 am Choir Rehearses & sings in worship  
 1-2:30 pm Kids Christmas Play Rehearsal
- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Doers Women's Bible Study  
 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study, Acts
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - **Election Day**
- Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - 1-2:30 pm Kids Christmas Play Rehearsal
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - **Veteran's Day**  
 6:30 pm Doers Women's Bible Study  
 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study, Acts
- Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - Pray for Central Region Churches
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> - 10 am Lead Worship Service at Hillside  
 Youth Sunday, message by Suan Sonna  
 1-2:30 pm Kids Christmas Play Rehearsal
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - Noon All Church Thanksgiving Dinner  
 1-2:30 pm Kids Christmas Play Rehearsal
- Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study  
 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> - **Thanksgiving**



## Men's & Women's Bible Studies

6:30 pm on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays

Men - Galyn Weese Room  
 Women - Conference Rom

## Finance Report — September, 2019

Bal. Forward	\$ 3713.20
Deposits	\$ 18373.00
Disbursements	\$ 15988.72
Ending Balance	\$ 7097.28
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 166947.78



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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



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A decorative illustration on the right side of the page features a black vine with several clusters of small red berries. Interspersed along the vine are various autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The background of the entire page is a light beige color with a subtle pattern of larger, faint leaves.

This is the *Day*  
that the Lord has made;  
let us *Rejoice*  
and be glad it in it.  
Psalm 118:24