



**CHURCH
IS NOT
SOMETHING
YOU GO TO,
IT'S
A FAMILY
YOU BELONG TO.**

2020



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION
De Soto Baptist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Looking back and forward . . .

It's with great joy that I look at the events and gatherings of 2019, my heart filling with overwhelming gratitude for God's presence, and my mind filling with a great sense of the truth that without His presence and love this past year would not have unfolded as it has! Significant in our journeys of answering God's call on our individual lives as well as that of our De Soto Baptist Church Family in serving as He calls and directs our steps include . . .

. . . Continuation of quality and quantity opportunities for growth in our individual Christian journeys as well as that of our Church family as a whole . . .

. . . Worship with added leadership from "Preachers" Josh Champlain & Jeff Hodges, Worship Leaders, Instrumentalists and Choral Musicians , Audio Visual Team, and Greeters . . .

. . . ABW with major emphasis on Missions outreach, including Leadership and attendance at Association/Region events, Barn Sale fulfilling significant stewardship – Consistent meeting of White Cross Quotas touching lives around the world - Celebration of Love Banquet promoting Love Gift for a wide outreach of Missions – Providing leadership in countless roles for activities throughout the entire year . . .

. . . National recognition for Missions giving, DBC being in the top 10% of all American Baptist Churches, which numbers approximately 5,000 congregations . . .

. . . Support of Home Missions including Bethel Neighborhood Center – Victory Village and School – Friends of Isaiah's Homeless Ministry in KCK – Murrow Children's' Home in Oklahoma - as well as many local outreaches for both our schools and community, as well as International Ministries which benefited significantly from our VBS offerings for animals overseas . . .

. . . Activities for Children & Youth through opportunities for Boys, Girls, Nursing Home, Programs, Sunday Evening Gatherings, VBS, Sunday Church School & various Youth opportunities with outstanding leadership & attendance . .

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN . . . Continued

. . . Community outreaches through Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt, Food Pantry, Starside Elementary School support through provision of 3-ring binders for every student and help with Christmas project of gifts for all parents, support of De Soto Days via monetary donation and provision of carnival tickets for those who need . . .

. . . Completion of Shelter House – Playground – Kitchen - and initiation of plans for Prayer Path . . .

. . . Dedication and commitment of all Church Officers and Leaders, as well as outstanding support of all our Church Family through countless areas of service . . .

. . . Ministry Outreach through Pastoral contacts totaling more than 1200 from Pastor and Visitation Minister, plus Weddings, Funerals, Nursing Home Services, Counseling, and a variety of meetings.

Putting this list together and rereading brings a collection of emotions . . . almost disbelief in the expanse of DBC influence – great joy in recognizing not just the obedience of a few dedicated individuals, but the involvement of a very expansive De Soto Baptist Family, whose answer to God's call on their lives continues to be YES, LORD, YES, TO YOUR WILL AND TO YOUR WAYS!

Blessed to be joined with each of you as we enter a new year of service – yes EXPANDING SERVICE – to God's call on our lives . . .

Pastor Richard



ADVENT SERVICES AT DE SOTO BAPTIST



Children's Pageant Youth & Children's Christmas Program "Away in A Mango"



A visitor from afar, Simeon, delivered a very meaningful message.



The Adult Choir Cantata "Morning Star" & Candle Lighting Service





A MOMENT WITH JO

2020—New Year

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing. Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19

"And the dream was repeated to Pharaoh twice, because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass." Gen. 41:32

"Set yourself to seek the Lord." 2 Chron. 20:3

"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." Ps. 37:4

This is an exciting and unique time in history as the number 20 means redemption and expectancy. When something in the Bible is repeated twice, pay attention to it. In Genesis 41, this is established by God and He will shortly bring it to pass. As I have pondered and prayed about this new year, 2020, it appears that our Heavenly Father desires us to look intently at Him, delight in Him, and expect much from Him. Many times, we do not have, because we do not ask, but God wants us to ask with expectation that He desires to bless His children.

As I was recovering from chemotherapy, one request to the Lord was that we would see and celebrate our son Johnny's little boy, Isaac, (2) and our great grandchildren. We now have 2 boys and a little girl and in March, we will have another little girl. We praise and thank our dear Lord every day for this gracious answered request.

A new request for this coming year is for wonderful surprises of joy, healings, expansion of new ministry territory, I did not intent to write that statement, but it lines up with *Isaiah 54:2-3 "Enlarge the place of your tent and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings. For you shall expand to the right and to the left"*. This should be the cry of everyone of God's children. Help us, Holy Spirit, to delight in You, ask and expect new doors of ministry to be opened in 2020, and to welcome wonderful surprises to be showered upon us to further the Kingdom of God.

So be it, amen.

—Jo Sweatt



TAKE IT TO THE LORD IN PRAYER . . .

"Yet the news about Him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places to pray," Luke 5:15-16

Several insights significant for every Christian's life journey spring forth from this verse. First, we see our own human tendency to "jump into" some project, idea, or need we have . . . without first *"taking to the Lord in Prayer"*! While being "people of action" and "getting the job done" can be admirable traits, without the foundation of PRAYER within the spirit of *"God's Will"*, we may be totally missing connecting with what He intends for us!!! As we begin a new year may this reminder permeate our individual lives, our families, and our Church!



LADIES - ALL LADIES - JOIN US COME CELEBRATE A VERY SPECIAL EVENING

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION
Monday, January 13th
6:30 pm in the Copeland Center



Ladies, join us for a special celebration of EPIPHANY, the traditional day marking the arrival of the Magi to the stable in Bethlehem. This is sometimes called Twelfth Night. We want to make this a most special evening by having Nativity Scenes displayed in Fellowship Hall. We are asking women of our church family to **bring nativity scenes/sets that are special to you** and your Christmas celebration. You probably will have taken down your home decorations, so, please share your nativity scenes with us on this night.

This will be a **GREAT NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP**. Epiphany has more meaning than just the presence of the Magi; let us begin the new year and the new decade with renewed vision and inspiration for what the Lord has in store for us.

If you have a special nativity set, please **let Mary Etta know**, and we will plan on you setting your scene up in Fellowship Hall for our celebration on *the evening of Jan 13*.

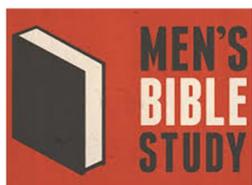
“King’s Cakes” are traditionally served at



DOERS OF THE WORD

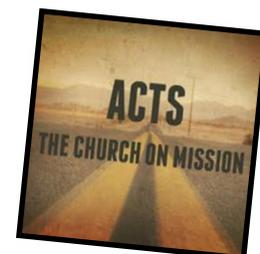
“From Messy to Meaningful”

All women are invited to join our Bible study on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. We meet in the Copeland Center from 6:30 – 8:00. We will resume our study on **January 27**. Books are still available - it's not too late to be a part of this joyful and insightful journey.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
2nd & 4th 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”

January 2020

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Cantata & Candle Lighting Service	Epiphany 					7:30am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Cafe
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Communion Sunday	6:30 pm ABW Epiphany Celebration & Men's Bible Study Pray for Central Region Churches					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10am Worship at Hillside Village						
26	27	28	29	30	31	
10am Choir Rehearsal 11am Matt Burns Bringing Message	6:30pm Doers & Men's Bible Study					

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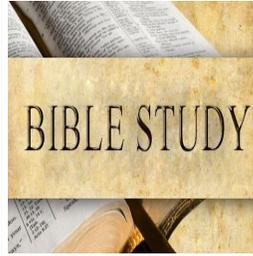
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Josh & Alicia Champlain</i>	2	3	4 Maggie Champlain Anita Martin Jennifer Weese
5 Chris Chandler	6 John Toner	7 Samuel McQuality	8 Griffin Cosby Patti Hollingsworth	9 Wanda Hughes	10	11 Jonny Hodges
12 Zoe Zimmerman	13	14	15 Sandy Justice	16 Frankie Lister	17 Jeff Coatney	18
19 Harry Cates	20 Bob Karashin	21 Diezel Hastings	22 Kristen Huang <i>Reba & Jim Berola</i>	23 Allen Hines Jim Ellis Mark Justice	24 <i>Jack & Mary Ann Peck</i> <i>Jeff & Candy Sipe</i>	25 Ruby Walker
26	27	28 <i>Richard & Mary Etta Copeland</i> <i>Tanner & Leslie McNamara</i> →	29 Jim Brashears Jackson McQuality Jessica Reed Blake Saiz	30 Julie Riffel Samantha Stone Mason Griffin	31	



Calendar of Events

- Jan. 5th- Christmas Cantata & Candle Lighting Service
- Jan. 6th- Epiphany
- Jan. 11th- 7:30 am, Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
- Jan. 12th- Communion Sunday
- Jan. 13th- Pray for Central Region Churches
6:30 pm, Men's Bible Study, Acts
6:30 pm, Ladies' Epiphany Celebration
- Jan. 19th- 10 am, Lead Worship Service at Hillside
- Jan. 20th- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 26th- 10 am, Adult Choir Rehearsal
11 am, Matt Burns bringing forth message
- Jan. 27th- 6:30 pm, Men's Bible Study, Acts
6:30 pm, Doers Women's Bible Study



Men's & Women's Bible Studies

6:30 pm on the 2nd & 4th Mondays

Men - Galyn Weese Room
Women - Conference Rom

Finance Report — November, 2019

Bal. Forward	\$	24,875.71
Deposits	\$	14,516.00
Disbursements	\$	13,276.37
Ending Balance	\$	26,115.74
Imp/Exp Fund	\$	178,355.06



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!*



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De Soto Kansas Baptist Church



Church Wi—Fi is available for all your church needs—log in information is listed on the bulleting board.

New or Used Children's Books Needed!



Thanks you and all the community support the Food Pantry has asked for donations of new or used children's book to pass out to families in addition to the following:

- Peanut Butter • Jelly • Apple Sauce • Canned Broth • Canned Carrots • Tomato Paste • Sugar • Toilet Paper • Paper Towels • Dish Soap • Laundry Detergent

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!

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.

Tues. 10 am-12 pm
Thur. 4-6 pm
Sat. 9-11 am

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