



February 2020

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De Soto Baptist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



During this month of February, often deemed the “Love Month”, how appropriate to focus and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our *De Soto Baptist Love Banquet*, begun as a support of “LOVE GIFT”! This outreach began nationally 85 years ago as an initiative of women in American Baptist congregations, to give support to Missions work around the world. The year was 1932 and our denomination was facing a \$500,000 deficit, and while congregations were asked to give in excess of tithes and pledges, women specifically were challenged to raise \$150,000 to help meet the crisis. And with this challenge, the “over-and-above” contributions of LOVE GIFT was born!

From this humble beginning of “over and above” giving of pennies, nickels, and dimes, throughout the first **85 years of faithful support**, those small coins have raised more than **\$57 MILLION** in extra support for AB Missions. And this focus continues today to bless American Baptist ministry and mission in our Regions across the United States and throughout the world! Throughout the country, we have 33 Regions, and it’s significant to praise God for the involvement of **Central Region**, which in 2016 raised **10.8 percent** of the total **\$366,929**.

Recently it became part of United Mission and Ministry, with a small portion still supporting ABW Ministries; and with an 85 years history, it’s significant to praise God that the work of Love Gift remains unfinished.

As your Pastor, I lack adequate words of thankfulness for the involvement of our own De Soto Baptist Women who since the founding of De Soto Baptist have been a very vital and strong force in our church providing leadership especially in this vital arm of outreach, as well as in almost all facets of our Ministry. It’s appropriate that one of the banners we use on the front of our pulpit was made by the Mother of Kathy Hayden, communicating the ABW theme of the year, “*Passionately Pursue Peace*.” And this leads to the joy of our 50th *Celebration of Love Banquet* event, the first one initiated by ABW President VIVIAN RUCKERT, Love Gift Associate RUTH AMEGO, and MARY ETTA COPELAND . . . with about 30 attending that first event! And through the years expansion and various elements of celebrations have been added, making this a time of inclusion of gratitude for God’s countless blessings on us as individual Christians as well as on our entire Church Family!

My best description of this event is *joyful celebration of God’s Love in countless ways*, with men even providing leadership in various ways on alternate years, as well as working with the women some years to bring about outstanding outreach success. As a Pastor, nothing blesses me more than to be part of this incredible experience of outreach and sharing God’s love throughout the world! Looking forward to another of God’s great blessings to share with you . . .

Pastor Richard



CELEBRATION OF LOVE BANQUET

Sunday, February 16th at 4:30 pm

This year marks the 50th CELEBRATION OF LOVE event at De Soto Baptist, an event begun for the promotion of LOVE GIFT, the special Missions offering promoted monthly throughout the year for various needs related to outreach throughout the world. In typical De Soto Baptist style, this event has evolved to include several facets of Fellowship, Missions, and LOVE!!! We recognize the longest married couple of our Church Family in attendance – we remember those of our congregational couples who are now in their Heavenly Home – we provide the opportunity to share God's love with those as God directs – we enjoy fellowship and delicious dining – we include opportunity for Missions outreach through opportunity for \$\$ donations rather than selling tickets – and the "plus" impacts go on and on and on

Help is need in several areas and if you're able and willing to help in answering some of these needs please contact the following: For help with food – Karen Wall . . . For help with decorating, game development or "other", including "Theme" idea – Mary Etta Copeland. This is an incredible year, celebrating 5 decades of Missions involvement through LOVE GIFT in a truly magnificent way, as well as celebrating the many facets of LOVE, as a Church and as individuals as God calls and directs!

After giving opportunity for input regarding time it's been determined that an earlier time is beneficial for most, so activities will begin at 4:30 p.m., something of a "compromise"!

RSVP by February 9th to confirm your reservation!

*Sign-up on Bulletin Board at Church or to volunteer or ask questions contact:
Mary Etta at 913-583-1425 or email maryettablessings@kc.rr.com*



CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, December 4th
7:00 pm

Meeting will be held in the conference room.

Anyone is Welcome to Attend!





A MOMENT WITH JO

"But Jesus looked at them and said, 'With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God, all things are possible'." Mark 10:27

Shortly after Christmas, we received thank you notes from our grandchildren for their gifts. I was overwhelmed as I read their love notes to us, but the notes from our Texas grandchildren brought to mind the above scripture. These powerful words greatly encouraged our hearts.

Many of you remember when John and I spent 2 1/2 months in TX taking care of our son's children in 2012. The children were 14, 12, and 8. Karen Wall and the prayer group prayed, called, wrote notes to help us. It was an extremely difficult time and an added stress was breaking my foot and having surgery plus John had to leave and return to FL for 2 weeks.

When I read the thank you notes, each child thanked us for helping them and how much they love us and are very thankful for all we did for them. We did not do it for thanks, but how grateful we were to know these dear children are doing well and know that we did what we did, because we love them very much and that family helps one another. What a blessing from the Lord to receive this encouragement that with God all things are possible.

—Jo Sweatt



***"But when you pray, go into your room,
close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.***

Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

***And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans,
for they think they will be heard because of their many words.***

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him."

~Matthew 6:6-8

This admonition from Jesus reminds us of the importance of our focus as we pray, being in submission to God's will as opposed to putting ourselves as "directors" for His answers to us. And what a blessed confirmation of God's knowledge of what we need before even uttering a single word!

-Mary Etta Copeland



Shhhhhh... It's a Surprise!

**Help us celebrate
Richard's 80th Birthday!**

Saturday, February 22nd

Open House from 3:00-5:00 pm

De Soto Baptist Church, 8655 Copeland Way, De Soto, KS

Please RSVP to Richelle by 2/17/20
(rhodges9@kc.rr.com or 913-481-7610)

Help spread the word!
No Gifts Please.

Happy Birthday



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 pm.

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"



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De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Communion 10am-Choir Rehearsal Noon-Souper Bowl of Caring	3	4	5 6:30 pm Deacons & Trustees Meet 7 pm Church Business Meeting	6	7	8 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
9 Josh Champlain bringing message	10 6:30pm-Doers & Men's Bible Study	11	12	13 Pray for Central Region Churches	14 	15
16 10am Worship at Hillside Village 4:30pm Celebration of Love Banquet 	17 	18	19	20	21	22
23 Noon Choir Rehearsal	24 6:30pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	25	26 <i>Lent Begins</i> <i>Fasting</i> <i>Prayer</i> <i>Works of Love</i> 	27	28	29

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Leslie McNamara	3	4	5 Chester Robins	6 Dale Cannell	7 Tami Reeves	8
9 Stephanie King	10 <i>Justin & Jennifer McDaniel</i>	11 Jim Ingalls	12 Don Bartholmew Marge Morse Ted Morse Sharon Queen	13 Owen Brown	14	15 Richelle Hodges John Sweatt
16 Quinn Miller Aubry Rudy <i>Charles & Willetta Lawhead</i>	17 Tara Bartholomew Debbie Maniez	18 <i>John & Jo Sweatt</i>	19	20 Junior Maness	21 Patricia McAninch	22 Dana Boubaugh
23 <i>Jim & Marilyn Etherton</i>	24 Brooke Brownell Richard Copeland	25 Cassie Shipman	26 Beth Couch	27 Patsy Allenbrand	28	29



Calendar of Events

Feb. 2nd - 10 am, Choir Rehearsal & Sing in Worship
Communion Sunday
Noon, Souper Bowl of Caring Potluck Dinner

Feb. 5th - 6:30 pm, Deacons & Trustees Meet
7 pm, Church Business Meeting

Feb. 8th - 7:30 am, Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café

Feb. 10th - 6:30 pm, Men's Bible Study, Acts
6:30 pm, Doers, Women's Bible Study

Feb. 13th - Pray for Central Region Churches

Feb. 14th - Valentines Day

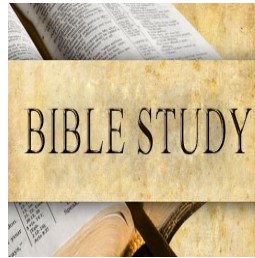
Feb. 16th - 10 am, Lead Worship Service at Hillside
11 am, Josh Champlain bringing message
4:30 pm, Celebration of Love Banquet

Feb. 17th - President's Day

Feb. 23rd - 10 am, Adult Choir Rehearsal

Feb. 24th - 6:30 pm, Men's Bible Study, Acts
6:30 pm, Doers Women's Bible Study

Feb. 26th - Lent Begins, *The 40 Days Leading up to Easter*



Men's & Women's Bible Studies

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

Men - Galyn Weese Room
Women - Conference Rom

Finance Report — December, 2019

Bal. Forward	\$ 26,115.74
Deposits	\$ 30,962.00
Disbursements	\$ 16,835.59
Ending Balance	\$ 40,242.23
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 178,385.35



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 Kansas
Baptist Church**



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



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

De Soto Food Pantry—Items Needed

• 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.

Engaged in the Ministry of Reconciliation

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