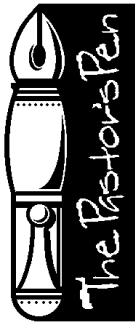


*"I want to know Christ—yes,  
to know the power of his resurrection  
and participation in his sufferings,  
becoming like him in his death,  
and so, somehow, attaining to the  
resurrection from the dead."  
Philippians 3:10-11*



## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



In Psalm 100:2 we read, *"Serve the Lord with gladness,"* and certainly this exhortation was exemplified in our 50<sup>th</sup> annual *"Love Banquet"*. Women, men, and youth came together to celebrate the love we experience in our fellowship with God. This love is also the essence of the love we share together as a family of God. It was also exemplified that where there is love for God there is service with gladness! This kind of service was seen in those who worked so cooperatively in a number of varied ways to make the event an enjoyable experience, as well as a significant outreach of service through the American Baptist Women's *LOVE GIFT MISSIONS MINISTRY*. This special over and above tithing opportunity, started during the "Great Depression" with just pennies because of the vital importance of continuing our Missions efforts to those in great need.

I share God's blessings for each of your parts in this Ministry Outreach, which is expansive and worldwide, as you participated and served in this annual event. (*Thinking of the wonderful meal, I'm thinking annually is not enough!!!*) We trust that God is pleased not only with the \$2,279 that was donated, but also with the gladness in service.

And now let us turn our thoughts to a subject of immense importance in the lives of all devoted followers of Christ. February 26<sup>th</sup> was *ASH WEDNESDAY*, which began the 40 day season of preparation for the highest Holy Days of our Christian Faith . . . *Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter*. The term "ash" used for the beginning of Lent reminds us of our mortality, our sin, and the importance of meditating on the journey of Christ as He faithfully followed God's will for Him to go to the Cross. And this then brings to us the reminder that through the obedience of Jesus we in turn have the gift of forgiveness and ultimate eternal life.

The season of Lent is truly a time to do penance and to be renewed in the presence of Christ within us, the hope of Glory (Colossians 1:27) which Christ made known through His death and resurrection. I look forward to joining with each of you on our own journeys to the Cross during this important and special time of our Christian year.

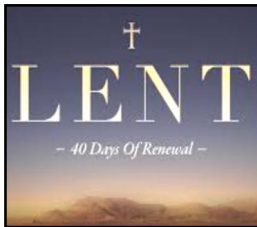
In His Love and Service,

*Pastor Richard*



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## ~ SEASON OF LENT ~

### Scriptures & Prayers

Weeks 1-5 – February 26 . . . March 25



#### Joel 2:12-14 . . .

*"Even now" declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.*

#### Matthew 6:16-18 . . .

*"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show other they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what was done in secret, will reward you."*

#### Prayer . . .

Heavenly Father of Love and Guidance, we come before You in confession and remorse for our failures to listen, to follow Your directed leadings in growing into the people you've called and directed us to be. We ask Your forgiveness, and seek Your guidance throughout our time of preparation for Your great sacrifice of giving of Yourself for our salvation. May we be dedicated in our intent, faithful in our actions, and renewed in our daily commitment to Your call on our lives. Amen

—Mary Etta Copeland



## A MOMENT WITH JO

### THE LORD PREPARES US IF WE LISTEN

*"The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth." Ps 145:18*

*"God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her." Ps 46:18*

*"He leads me besides the still waters. He restores my soul. Yea, though I walk through the valley of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me." Ps 23:2-4*

*"For with God nothing is impossible." Luke 1:24*

John's 85th birthday is today and I mentioned to him he needs to have his phone handy as the children and grandchildren will be calling or texting him. Earlier I began having my Bible reading and devotionals. I became aware that each one was an encouragement to trust in God and not fear. I thanked Him for His extravagant love and protection and spent some time just praising Him. Shortly after, we had a call for best wishes for John, but then heard of a serious diagnosis of a loved one. We agreed in prayer and asked Jesus for His hand of healing to touch and reminded the Lord of Is 55:11 that His Word is powerful and when it is sent, it will accomplish the thing for which it is sent. The Lord reminded me of the words He had given to me and we released them to do His will and work. How grateful that we have a loving gracious Father who helps us pray when we do not have the words to intercede without His assistance. Thank you , Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit.

—Jo Sweatt



## CELEBRATION OF LOVE BANQUET "50th Anniversary"

### 2020 King & Queen

Terry & Paula Rhodes



## ABW CONFERENCE CELEBRATING . . . 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

This year brings a truly "once in a lifetime" opportunity with our annual ABW Central Region Conference, June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> at Cross Wind Conference Center in Hesston, Kansas. It promises to be an outstanding event from the Keynote Speaker, to the learning Workshops, to the Spiritual ambience, and to the Celebrative atmosphere throughout.

Our local group pays half the registration which means individual cost is only \$60, for a night's lodging, 4 meals, and workshops presenting outstanding growth opportunities in a variety of subjects!



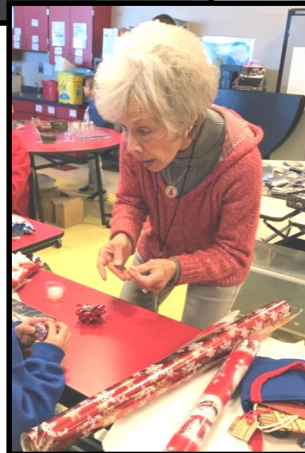
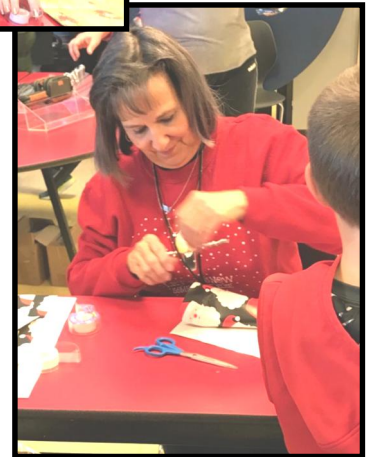


## THANK YOU FOR HELPING WITH STARSIDE ELEMENTARY'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT!



Thank you to all who donated gift wrapping paper, bows, and tape for the Starside Christmas Project! Every Starside student was able to give a special Christmas gift to their parents this year. (Gifts were provided by a generous donor.) De Soto Baptist Church stepped in to provide wrapping supplies and volunteers to help children wrap their special gifts.

A special thank you to Reba Berola, Richard & Mary Etta Copeland, Paula Jones, Mary Gale Kramer, Debbie Maniez, Paula Rhodes, Julie Riffel and Brenda West who helped with the wrapping.





## SAVE THE DATE

### Vacation Bible School at De Soto Baptist Church



June 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Ages 3-12

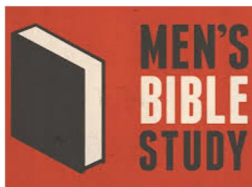
Plans are being made for this summer's VBS!!  
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!!!

**BIBLE ADVENTURES – GAMES – TREATS –  
SONGS – CRAFTS – LOTS OF FUN!!**

**Middle and High School Students:** Come serve as Junior Leaders!!

**ADULTS:** We need your help and leadership!!! Join our CREW!!

\*See Karen Wall for information on volunteering.



### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The Book of ACTS**

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

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

Led by Matt Burns, meets in the Galyn Weese Room



### **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.

*It's not too late to be a part of this joyful and insightful journey.*



### **OPEN HOUSE BABY SHOWER**

**For Leslie McNamara**

*All Ladies invited to attend!*

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, from 2-4 pm, De Soto Baptist Church**

*Registered at Target and Amazon*

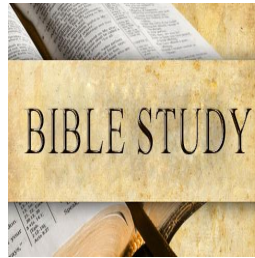






## Calendar of Events

- Mar 1<sup>st</sup> - 10 am, Choir Rehearsal & Sing in Worship  
Communion Sunday
- Mar 8<sup>th</sup> - *Daylight Saving Time Begins*  
Jeff Hodges Bringing Message
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm, Men's Bible Study, Acts  
6:30 pm, Doers, Women's Bible Study
- Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> - Pray for Central Region Churches
- Mar 14<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 am, Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Café
- Mar 15<sup>th</sup> - 10 am, Lead Worship Service at Hillside  
2-4 pm, Baby Shower for Leslie McNamara,  
All Ladies Invited-Open House at Church
- Mar 17<sup>th</sup> - *St. Patrick's Day*
- Mar 19<sup>th</sup> - *Frist Day of Spring*
- Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30 pm, Men's Bible Study, Acts  
6:30 pm, Doers, Women's Bible Study
- Mar 29<sup>th</sup> - Noon, Adult Choir Rehearsal



## 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 Room

## Finance Report — January, 2020

Bal. Forward	\$ 40,179.23
Deposits	\$ 51,309.00
Disbursements	\$ 65,802.37
Ending Balance	\$ 25,885.78
Imp/Exp Fund	\$ 180,053.35



## 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!*



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**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.*

# March 2020

## De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 10am-Adult Choir Rehearsal & sing in worship	2	3	4	5	6	7
8  Jeff Hodges bringing message	9 6:30pm-Women's & Men's Bible Studies	10	11	12	13 Pray for Central Region Churches	14 7:30am-Men's Breakfast at Wanda's Cafe
15 10am-Worship at Hillside Village 2-4 pm- Baby Shower for Leslie McNamara, DBC	16	17 	18	19  <i>Start of Spring</i>	20	21
22	23 6:30pm-Women's & Men's Bible Studies	24	25	26	27	28
29 Noon-Adult Choir Rehearsal	30	31				

# March 2020

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Traci Griffin	3 <i>Larry &amp; Donna Gulley</i>	4 Nora Miller Lucas Walker	5 <i>Ron &amp; Joy Mann</i>	6 Kyla Martin <i>Danny &amp; Linda Lane</i>	7
8 Justin McDaniel Pat Reeves	9 Karen Adcock	10 Abby Champlain	11	12 Dakota Allen Kim Pew	13 Shane Muhl	14 Brandi Hastings Kathryn Hines
15	16 Nathan Cardiff Kim Ingalls	17	18 Mark Coatney Doug Opdycke	19 Mike Montgall	20 Derrick McAninch Rick McAninch	21
22 <i>Gene &amp; Rebekah Cosby</i>	23	24	25 Brandon Riffel	26 Linda Nalley	27 Bailey Rendzia Wanda Riendhart	28 Amelia Brownell Gary Logan
29	30 Don Gipson	31				



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