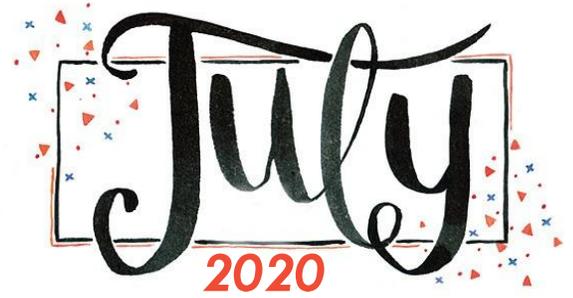


“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION
De Soto Baptist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

As I begin this, I'm sure many of you join me – or I join you – in feelings of anxiousness to get back to “normal” Sunday services! But wait . . . what we each and all may be thinking as “normal” – may never come back in our lifetimes. And two words I believe God is calling us to make part of our vocabularies are “negative” versus “blessing”. While I’m sure there’s no one reading this who is rejoicing at what we’re experiencing, there is a *positive* and *bright* side of *GOD BEING IN CONTROL* . . . regardless of the variety of feelings we may dealing with. Again, and again in His Word, we find the assurance of this promise . . .

I believe it’s important to identify two characteristics that complicate our current situation. First, we’re experiencing *something we’ve never faced previously*, although a very few have memories of our parents describing their lives during the Flu epidemic 100+ years ago. And secondly, *opinions and viewpoints are very divided across our country*, even within families and varying from day to day!

As Christians and active participants as the *Family of God*, we are *called* to respond both as individuals and as the Body of Christ as part of DeSoto Baptist Family. Watching from across our country **two** responses seem prevalent . . . “*Church will go on as usual, and God will protect us.*” . . . and “*Church will follow strict guidelines, caring for neighbors as Jesus taught, with respect and protection.*”

Since Day 1, I’ve been involved in extensive education and investigation from a wide variety of sources . . . and dozens of these specifically focused on God’s congregations, both within our own Denominational Region and extending to other reliable and respected groups. . . giving deeply researched and well thought out guidelines. Our own Central Region - composed of 200 American Churches throughout Kansas with a few in Oklahoma and Arkansas - is doing a significant job of sharing *and educating*.

I’m very blessed and pleased that DeSoto Baptist has established a “Reopening Committee” to help with fact gathering and formation of recommendations – looking at precautionary practices as days pass and we look at the “how” and “when” of reopening. . . please note this is not saying “GOING BACK TO WHAT WE USED TO HAVE AND DO”!!! Things will be changed as we could never before have imagined as we are called to new ways of worship! It’s a great blessing to have this Committee with a diversity of experiences to help with this. And gratitude is expressed to Matt Burns, Jeff Hodges, Charles Lawhead, Matt McQuality, Doug Opdycke, Monica Walker, and Mary Etta and myself.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN... continued

Some of the projected changes which are both challenging and probably not what we'd like are no Hymnals or Bibles in pew racks, no Congregational singing, Offering Plates at door when you leave, special cleaning procedures after each service, limited seating of approximately 50 in Sanctuary with room for about 20 in basement and potential for listening on radios in cars. The very positive and exciting news is that as a result of God using this experience for us to begin and recognize the value of online services is that it was voted at the last Business Meeting to purchase adequate equipment to keep recording and broadcasting to a new and expanded "watching congregation" numbering into the **hundreds** from outside our normal attending congregation of the past!!!

In closing I share II Chronicles 7:14 . . . *"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land."*

In His Love, Service, and Appreciation for Prayer as we continue this journey,

Pastor Richard



AWARENESS. . .

Our Committee Member from the world of Health Care, Monica Walker, shared the following of which to be aware and avoid contacts with others . . .

- Fever greater than 100
- Cough and/or shortness of breath or chest tightness
- Sore Throat
- Diarrhea or vomiting and abdominal pain
- Loss of sense of taste or smell
- Muscle aches and chills

CARING FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR . . .

- If you feel sick or have a fever, stay home
- While at Church maintain 6 ft. between people
- Wear a mask
- Use sanitizer on hands often and after you've touched any surface
- Do not shake hands or give hugs
- Cough or sneeze into your forearm



REMINDER THAT WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPERS!



ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

New worship services posted weekly. Though we cannot physically meet for worship, we are together in prayer and seek to support each of you during this uncertain time. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any prayer requests, concerns or needs during this time.

Link to weekly worship services found on our website at-

www.desotobaptistchurch.org

or on our Facebook account-



De Soto Kansas Baptist Church



~ MANY WORDS OF THANKS ~

Our appreciation starts with AARON BROWNELL for answering God's call to volunteer to make our weekly online service outreach possible, an extension of his professional life!

Additionally, we recognize DANNY & LINDA LANE'S work with continuation of video presentations to go along with the sermon emphasis of the day.

And recognizing the significant outreach of music in our services we express gratitude for the giftings on piano and organ by MARY ETTA COPELAND, KAREN HUFFORD, LANA McPHERSON and KAREN WALL . . . as well as Vocalists HOLLY BALCH, MATT & RHONDA BURNS, JEFF & RICHELLE HODGES, KAREN HUFFORD, and RICK WALKER . . . and Instrumentalists JEFF HODGES and CALEB & KYALA MARTIN.

Our thanks also to Youth and Children who've helped with our services, which include EMMA BROWNELL and LILLY CHAMPLAIN, JACKSON and SAM McQUALITY, PROVIDENCE and AMELIA BROWNELL, NATHAN MARTIN, and ISABELLA and OLIVER SIPE.

And finally, we recognize the sharing of sharing God's Word through messages from MATT BURNS, JOSH CHAMPLAIN, and JEFF HODGES. We PRAISE GOD for the giftings of these individuals and the witness they share by involvement in our Worship Services!



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to each and everyone who came to my surprise "Birthday Party" in the Church Parking Lot, with special love and appreciation to all my incredible family. It was great fun, much needed in midst of our new challenges, and truly unforgettable in many ways. You all looked so great, with your additional decor of various kinds.

Love, Blessings, and God's Protection during these unusual times of challenge . . .
Mary Etta



A MOMENT WITH JO

“Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; Save me, O Lord, and I will be saved, for You are my praise.” Jeremiah 17:14

A few days ago, a family member, not immediate family, called and we had a nice visit. He then told me that the last week had been difficult for his family. I asked if he would like to share and he told me his son-in-law, early 40’s, has been diagnosed with kidney cancer and the doctor is concerned it has spread to his lungs, but more testing is necessary. I listened as he talked, praying for wisdom and words. I asked questions and then asked if I may pray for him and his family. As we prayed, I reminded the Lord of 1 John 5:14-15 "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

Many of us have experienced this news personally or of a loved one, so we know how devastating this is, but we also know and walk in the knowledge of the love our Heavenly Father has for each one of us. We know there are difficult days ahead, but we know in Whom we trust. May we all declare over ourselves Prov. 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding, in all of our ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths." And just as the Lord had given to me a scripture when our grandson was so badly hurt, so shall we pray over our loved one. Ps. 41:3, "The Lord will strengthen him on his bed of sickness; You will sustain him on his sickbed."

At a later date, I will share more of this situation, but we would surely appreciate prayers for this family.

— Jo Sweatt



TITHES & OFFERINGS . . .

THANK YOU!!! To those who have been submitting Tithes and Offerings

to: DeSoto Baptist Church
PO Box E - DeSoto, KS 66018



FINANCE REPORT — APRIL 2020

Bal. Forward	\$ 27,875.03
Deposits	\$ 19,820.00
Disbursements	\$ 11,377.48
Ending Balance	\$ 36,517.55
Savings/Improvement	\$ 197,227.02

THANK YOU FOR
GIVING BACK TO GOD!

July 2020

Birthdays & Anniversaries

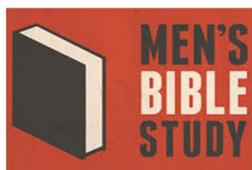
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dennis & Crissy Allen Michael & Barbara Bosworth Matt & Rhonda Burns Jerry & Linda Nalley			1	2	3 Rick Walker	4
5 Larry Towner	6 Rebekah Cosby Aaron & Brooke Brownell	7 Jim & Kim Ingalls Bob & Jill Karashin Alex & Tari Thompson	8 Jack Peck	9	10 Hank Kramer Rylie McDaniel Allen Stone Monica Walker	11 Rick Miller
12 Chad & Dawn Martin	13	14 Ben Beggs	15 Ethan DeRoulet Curtis & Linda Allenbrand	16 Easton Stone Rick & Susan Lewis	17 Sharon Brashears John & Darlene Hackworth	18
19 Devin Haynes Tom Huang	20 Mary Anne Peck Candy Sipe	21	22	23 AC & Vickie Haulmark	24	25 Jon Copeland Tamara Sipe
26	27 Larry Gulley Sr.	28 Graycee Reeves	29	30 Larry West	31	

July 2020

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 6:30 pm Doers via zoom & Men's Bible Study in church basement	14 Pray for Central Region Churches	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 6:30 pm Doers via zoom & Men's Bible Study in church basement	28	29	30	31	





MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The Book of ACTS

2nd & 4th Mondays of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm

Led by Matt Burns & Meeting in the church basement

Social distancing will be observed and face masks encouraged.

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



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY — Doers of the Word

Meeting via ZOOM

2nd & 4th Mondays of each month at 6:30 pm

Our women's group is designed to be "doers" not just "hearers" of God's Word . . .to learn, to share, to pray for one another; to encourage one another and do good for those within and outside our group. We are studying the book From Messy to Meaningful and we have extra books for any newcomers. No worries about starting late - this is a book you can pick up in the middle with no problems.

To join contact Mary Etta Copeland (913) 583-1425 or Karen Wall (913) 669-1991



DE SOTO FOOD PANTRY

Thank you so much for supporting this vital resource in our community!

Donations bins are located at Harps, Great American Bank & Great Southern Bank

Top 10 Items Needed: Canned Fruit, Applesauce, Dried Beans, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Hamburger Helper, Tuna, Personal Items (shampoo, razors) and Toilet Paper

Hours of Operation: Tue 10AM to 12PM, Thur 4PM to 6PM & Sat 9AM to 11AM

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.



ONE DE SOTO RELIEF FUND For citizens of De Soto affected by COVID-19

The De Soto Food Pantry has created a fund called **One De Soto Relief Fund**. This fund is available for those negatively affected by COVID-19. We offer help for those that had a loss of income or increased medical bills.

For more information, visit our website at
www.desotoksfoodpantry.wordpress.com

Thank you for your support!

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