



*Therefore encourage one another
and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11*



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION
De Soto Baptist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

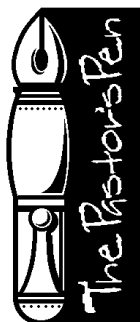


In Matthew 28:20 Jesus proclaims to us this promise: *“Surely, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* Our nation is in the midst of confusion and difference of opinions concerning all those things which should be done, or shouldn’t be done, relevant to the present pandemic. If we think churches have differing and difficult decisions to make with regard to return to “sanctuary worship”, we need to stop and think of the horrific challenge facing our schools, with a very quick and powerful turn to prayer for all involved. Involved in just our District is a total of over 9000 students and hundreds of Professional and Support Staff. And whatever takes place in just the coming few weeks will impact lives of Students, Staff, and Families for decades to come.

One unknown is how long will this Pandemic last? While we are in an extremely rare moment in history, this is not the first-time people have lived through such a pandemic or plague. Following these horrible times God’s people have always gathered together again. This too will surely pass!!! And a disruption that we all find disconcerting is the holding of physical gatherings for a variety of reasons. The desire to again participate in large gatherings will no doubt grow as time moves on. And as I write this, with news reports giving the elevated numbers multiplying throughout our country . . . while not what I want to hear . . . I’m praising God that modern technological tools are helping serve and connect people digitally until that time comes when once again we can at least be in small groups in the same room distance spacing and masks and . . . and . . . and . . .

It’s significant to recognize in the early writings to the Church that Christian faith is a *gathering faith!* The writer of Hebrews declared: *“An let us consider one another in order to promote LOVE and GOOD WORKS, not neglecting to GATHER, as some are in the habit of doing, but ENCOURAGING each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.”* (Hebrews 10:24-25) While the size of those gatherings has varied, Christians have always gathered. And we **WILL** gather again!!!! WHEN and HOW is an issue that faces our churches worldwide today.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN... continued

A month ago, I would have thought the time would be near, but as major outbreaks have come about throughout our country, the truth is obvious. Concerning our own services, needed equipment has been ordered so that whenever we meet in the Sanctuary again, we can also continue to provide our online service as our 11:00 a.m. morning worship takes place, which is impossible now due to the very limited way we're having to "navigate"! And the great blessing is the number of individuals outside our local congregation who are now part of our "watching congregation"!!! Other considerations which we will have to adjust to is limited attendance due to spacing – wearing of masks – no congregational or group singing – no passing of offering plates – no shaking hands – and on the list goes . . . So, when this equipment arrives and installment is complete our Committee on Reopening will meet again for evaluation, study, and determination of our timeline for our situation as it is at that time, hopefully and prayerfully not at the place we are now. Additionally, we should be able for those not comfortable in coming inside to be able to listen from car radios!!!

I, for one, look forward with anticipation for that Sunday morning when once again we'll be able to safely gather together in Worship of our loving and almighty God. In the meantime, PPP . . . Prayer, Patience, and Perseverance!!!

In the love of Christ which binds us all together . . .

Pastor Richard



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 and all past worship services
can be found on our church website at**

www.desotobaptistchurch.org

or on our Facebook account



**FIND US ON
FACEBOOK**

De Soto Kansas Baptist Church



AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

Words of thankful appreciation and welcome . . . after many years of loyal service in leadership of a diversity of outreach in and through American Baptist Women of DeSoto Baptist Church, we recognize the service of ANITA WOYWOD and MARY JO McDANIEL, who served with energy and insight as ABW President and Personal Development Associate. In addition to leadership in many roles of outreach through DeSoto Baptist Anita was also Special Project Associate for Central Region's 200 churches, heading the raising of **\$40,850.00** for Murrow Children's Home in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Mary Jo also included in her outreach many years of work with AB Girls through a broad span of ages, teaching them many skills to be carried through life. Welcoming into their positions we recognize SUSAN REAMS as President and RICHELLE HODGES as Personal Development Associate. Susan, with a background of active Baptist church leadership on the East Coast, leads a very active life with inclusion of care-giving for her very active 2 year old grandson, which motivated her move to DeSoto!. And on day of this writing Susan will be starting some of us on an important project for girls in Africa! Richelle's background, including classroom experience as a teacher and her "Cheerleader Personality", as well as close friendship with Mary Jo, has prepared her for leadership in this vital role of growth for every Christian woman.

Words of concern . . . with regard to Special Project, that selected emphasis which is a year-long project of all 200 churches in the Region, with only 5 weeks remaining we are only at about \$12,000 - instead of close to the \$35,000 goal to benefit education and care of both expectant mothers and newborns in Nicaragua. Some of you will remember the 40+ Baby layettes and 15 Mental Health bags put together about 3 years ago for this Missions work which spans an entire country. While our ABW has made a contribution from our "Barn Sales" funds, if as you read this you feel God's prodding, please contact Mary Etta as soon as possible. This is truly one of the most defined and wide-spread projects ever attempted by ABW!

— Mary Etta Copeland



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 — MAY 2020

Bal. Forward	\$ 36,517.55
Deposits	\$ 22,130.00
Disbursements	\$ 27,024.54
Ending Balance	\$ 31,632.01
Savings/Improvement	\$ 191,960.10

THANK YOU FOR
GIVING BACK TO GOD!



A MOMENT WITH JO

"For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known." Matthew 10:26

I know this verse is given to tell believers that in the time of persecution, the Holy Spirit will give us the words to say, but this scripture helped me in a different manner. Both John and I have Costco visa cards and the last time I was going to use it I could not find it, and could not remember the last time I used it. I began looking in my purse, slacks, and wherever I thought to look. I began praying and asked the Lord for His help and quoted this very verse.

Once again, I checked jeans back pocket, jacket pocket, you know the entire routine, but decided to "take a break" from looking. I just sat quietly and realized the last time I probably used it was in Florida. I remembered wearing an outfit that has a zipper pocket in the jacket and had not worn it since returning from there. Going to the closet, I took the jacket and felt something there, unzipped it, and there was my card. I yelled Hallelujah and went to tell John what the Lord had done. As the lady found the lost coin in Luke 15:8-9 and called her friends and neighbors, I told John, but with this article, I am telling my dear friends and neighbors. Thank you for rejoicing with me that I found what I had lost.

What else have we lost? Perhaps relationships, the Fruits of the Spirit- love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control; anger and sin; judgements and opinions that do not speak blessings; anything that moves us away from the Lord. There is a new prompting in my spirit to know that time is short and a desire within me to change any attitude that does represent our Savior.

— Jo Sweatt



CONGRATULATIONS AND OUR THANKS


To Curt and Amy (Montgall) Culver on their Service to our Nation and now Retirement!

Colonel Curt Culver has retired from the United States Air Force after serving for over 28 years. After he graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in May of 1992, he married Amy Montgall that June. They have been stationed in Mississippi (twice), Oklahoma, Arizona (twice), Japan, Korea, Germany (twice), South Carolina, Washington D.C., Alaska, and New Mexico. Colonel Culver's assignments included duty as Communications Program Manager, 8th Fighter Wing Chief of Safety, Aide-de-Camp to the 9th Air Force & USAFCENT Commander, Commander of the 20th Operations Support Squadron, Deputy Commander of the 20th Operations Group, Vice Commander of the 354th Fighter Wing, Chief of Aviation Safety for the United States Air Force, and Vice Commander of the Air Force Safety Center. He has deployed in support of Operations Southern Watch, Allied Force, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and the International Security Assistance Force. Amy's career kept her involved in the field of nursing, often in positions of leadership. Amy worked as a registered nurse in five Neonatal Intensive Care units and an Anti-coagulation clinic.



August 2020

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Bailey Crosbie Oliver Sipe	3	4 Allen & Robin Stone	5 Kyndel Reeves Robin Stone <i>Pat & Tami Reeves</i>	6 Rose McAninch <i>Rick & Danielle Miller</i>	7 Luella Davis	8 Micah Brownell Logan Miller
9 Gwendy Olivarez Vergie Opdycke	10 Andy Everet Brady Rendzia	11 Danielle Miller	12	13	14	15 Lana McPherson Janet Nalley Lily Phillips
16 Reba Berola John Riffel <i>Jim & Reta Ellis</i>	17 Drew Haynes	18 Barbara Bosworth	19 Geraldine Reed	20 <i>Doug & Vergie Opdycke</i>	21 Glenna Beytein	22
23	24 Ryan Allanbrand	25 Grace Gipson Bonnie Montgall Nate Tush Anita Woywod	26 Joy Mann Alex Thompson	27 Mary Gale Kramer Jenny Miller	28	29
30 Providence Brownell	31 Bob Welch	 Don & Vickie Parr				

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De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

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

2nd & 4th Mondays of each month at 6:30 pm, Online *via ZOOM*

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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