

*Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in every situation, by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving, present your requests to  
God. And the peace of God, which transcends  
all understanding, will guard your hearts  
and your minds in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:6-7*

2020



## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN



In the midst of this present pandemic some wonder and ask whether or not God is present in all of this, or if God is still on His Throne and if he does have a plan. And from this come other questions . . . Did God have a plan for His Son? . . . Did God have a plan for the early beginnings of the Church which Christ established? In these experiences, as well as others, the reality that existed was that there were always the ingredients of lost hope, discouragement, anxiety, and in addition to these the disconcerting question surrounding great controversy among the believers. We see all of this and more, leading to another ingredient to be dealt with, which is confusion. This is nothing new in all of history . . . confusion existing with the leaders, peoples in general, and God's people. We see all of this in our nation now with regards to health, education, church, family, business, law, government, and most all sectors of our society. Currently, one should have great concern for our education system, for the truth is this segment of our society has an effect on nearly all other sectors of our society.

So . . . in the midst of all of this upheaval what is a person supposed to do??? It would seem to me that the Scriptures call us to pray, pray, pray . . . and more praying . . . and from the Word of God, "Pray without ceasing." I Thessalonians 5:17. It's easy to recognize the predicament in which the church finds itself, all the way from some saying to trust God completely for our protection and to gather for worship without consideration for others concerning such precautionary practices as facemasks and distancing, while then there are those who've adopted the "way of love" approach by following the "Love Your Neighbor" Scriptural prescription. One example of this end of the spectrum is the Baptist church of Andy Stanley of Atlanta, Georgia, and son of the highly respected over many decades, Charles Stanley of First Baptist in Atlanta. Considered as a theologically conservative congregation, North Point Church, where Andy pastors, has made the decision to delay meeting corporately until after the first of the year. Then there are the many congregations in between seeking God's will for each individual church as to when it is the "right time" and "safe time" for their congregations to open and what, if any, safety measures should be implemented.

In considering our own Church Family, prayer is of utmost importance, that God will clearly direct our thoughts and actions according to His Will. Referring to the meaningful message shared recently so elegantly by JO SWEATT, as she emphasized the need for God's people to PRAY for **Repentance** as individuals and as a nation, for a **Return** unto God and a **Revival** of spiritual renewal for each individual personally and thus for our Nation.

The Lexington Trails Middle School seen by all when driving by states a very appropriate message for each of us as well as our community . . . "A **SETBACK** is a **SETUP** for a **COMEBACK**." Does God have a plan? Our Christian Faith says it very positively . . . "GOD ALWAYS HAS A PLAN"! . . . Amen and so be it!

*Pastor Richard*

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## C. S. Lewis 1942

C. S. Lewis was a prolific writer of many books defending the Christian faith. He lived in England from early childhood in 1898 on to 1963. Established as a British writer and lay theologian, recently there's been a relevant quote attributed to some of his novel writings of 1942, with the imaginary conversation between Satan and Jesus, which seems quite appropriate for the current unique situation under which we are living. However, in none of these books does there appear to be this quote, although his writings are very extensive in covering the influences of Satan and God both on human-kind. The accurate authorization should be a woman named Heidi May who in a time of despair posted it on Facebook during this century.

**Satan:** *"I will cause anxiety, fear, and panic.*

*I will shut down business, schools, places of worship and sports events.*

*I will cause economic turmoil."*

**Jesus:** *"I will bring together neighbors, restore the family unit.*

*I will bring dinner back to the dinner table.*

*I will help people slow down their lives*

*and appreciate what really matters.*

*I will teach my children to rely on me and not the world.*

*I will teach my children to trust me*

*and not their money and material resources."*



## 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](http://www.desotobaptistchurch.org)**

**or on our Facebook account**



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

**Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**Meet in church basement.**

*It has been a few months now that we have been dealing with Covid.*

*Ladies . . . are you tired of having your husband underfoot?*

*Put a mask on him and send him to Men's Bible Study!*

Meetings are held in the church basement at 6:30 pm the second and fourth Mondays of each month. September 14<sup>th</sup> we will be looking at Acts Chapter 20.

*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**

**Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

**Online *via* ZOOM**

The Doers of the Word Women's Bible Study and Prayer Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of September: September 14 and 28. We will continue with our ZOOM meetings that run from 6:30 p.m. until 7:50. Please email Mary Etta Copeland ([maryettablessings@kc.rr.com](mailto:maryettablessings@kc.rr.com)) or Karen Wall ([karenwall61@yahoo.com](mailto:karenwall61@yahoo.com)) and we will add you to the list of invitees. Brooke Brownell will post the zoom invitation using your email address at approximately 6:25, and all you need to do is click on that ZOOM notice.

We would love to have any and all new people join us.... you don't need the "official" book that we are discussing to take part in our evening.

***Please Join Us!***

Questions?? Contact Mary Etta (583-1425) or Karen (669-1991)



## A MOMENT WITH JO

*"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,  
and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."*

*2 Corinthians 9:6*

**W**hat a wonderful season of fresh delicious fruits and vegetables to eat and enjoy, but what is even more sweet is when someone, like my brother, Bill, and his wife, Marnie, bring such bounty from their garden in Overbrook to us in De Soto. They have brought sweet corn, asparagus, large bulbs of garlic, tomatoes, and cantaloupes, which are very sweet and juicy. My daddy always grew wonderful cantaloupes, tomatoes, and sweet corn, which is always such a dear reminder of him (like father, like son). John and I were so touched when we received a text asking if we needed more. Also, how precious when we are able to see them even though we wear masks, but we turn our heads and hug. I miss hugs, don't you?

The other day, Bill called and said he could not come, but would it be ok for our younger sister, Ginny, to bring the produce. Oh yes, we had not seen her for a while and it would be so great to see her. John, Ginny, and I sat on the deck the for over an hour talking, laughing, and sharing the wonderful things the Lord was speaking to us. The next day, Ginny called and asked if she could bring a plant we had talked about the day before. I had expressed an interest in buying, and she even said she would plant it for me. The following day, she and her husband came and she did plant the Indian Blanket, watered it, and joined us on the deck for iced water, more laughter and we so enjoyed being together.

What loving gifts and blessings the Lord gives to us. I can truly say . . .

*"I will sing to the Lord, because He has dealt bountifully with me." Psalms 13:6.*

—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 — June 2020

Bal. Forward	\$ 31,632.01
Deposits	\$ 11,768.00
Disbursements	\$ 15,504.73
Ending Balance	\$ 27,895.28
Savings/Improvement	\$ 194,866.84

**THANK YOU FOR  
GIVING BACK TO GOD!**



## DE SOTO FOOD PANTRY

### Donations Needed

The shelves are a little bare right now at the Pantry. If you would like to donate food or other items, below is a list of some of the biggest needs. You can bring donations to the Food Pantry during our regular hours or drop off at the barrels at Harps or Great American Bank in De Soto. If you prefer us to make a monetary donation, please mail your check to De Soto Food Pantry, 32905 W 84th, De Soto, KS 66018.

#### Top Needs:

Soups (all kinds except tomato)  
 Peanut Butter  
 Apple Sauce  
 Dried Beans (all kinds except pinto)  
 Baked Beans  
 Canned Chicken  
 Sugar  
 Flour  
 Baking Mixes  
 Potato Sides (boxed)  
 Jelly (all kinds)  
 Paper Towels



#### **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.*

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



## 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](http://www.desotoksfoodpantry.wordpress.com)

***Thank you for your support!***



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU — Social Distancing Style...

*This new article, by Anita Woywod, will feature people from our DBC congregation to help us learn more about each other in a fun way.*

### Jean Epperson



***Tell me about where you were born, grew up and about your parents and siblings.***

I was born on September 12th in Ozark, Arkansas to Dr. James & Victoria Davis. I was the baby of 10 children. I had 2 brothers that died when they were babies, and at this time I am the only living child remaining. I graduated from High School in Ozark, AR. My father was a doctor and I was very spoiled. I had no chores, but pestered my siblings terribly. My favorite memory is sitting on my daddy's lap learning my ABC's and learning how to read.

#### ***Marriage & Children***

I married Richard in 1946, whom I had met while traveling to Tennessee to see my sister, who was working at a shoe factory there. My sister's best friend was dating Richard's brother, we met at a baseball game and started a lifelong romance. Tracy, a very special daughter, still lives in De Soto and was born in 1972.

#### ***What brought you to this area?***

We came to Kansas while Richard was working for a lime company. He had to stop working for that company because it was damaging his lungs. Since we had relatives that lived in Olathe we decided to move to De Soto and Richard started working at Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant.

#### ***What career did you have?***

I worked at Inter Collegiate Press for a time developing film and was an inspector. I later went to work at Sunflower as well. When the plant started laying off I decided to follow in my father's footsteps in the healthcare field. I enrolled in nursing school in my mid 40's and received my PN in nursing. Cedar Valley Health Clinic came calling and I worked for them as a nurse and office manager, retiring in 2000.

#### ***Tell us about your hobbies.***

I enjoy sewing, quilting, reading and working crossword puzzles.

#### ***Tell us about your best achievement.***

Going back to school in my mid 40's to follow in my daddy footsteps in the healthcare field.

#### ***Talk about your walk with God and when you or why you became a Christian.***

I was raised in a very strict Christian home. I had belonged to a Presbyterian church but started going to De Soto Baptist Church when they still worshiped in the old theatre downtown. I went forward and was baptized by Dr. Plummer. I became very active, taught Sunday School, worked in VBS, sang in the choir, lead the Sewing for Others group, and was very active in the ABW. I still serve as the church Treasurer, a role I have held for several years. I was also instrumental in bringing Rev. Copeland to our church.

#### ***What is something on your bucket list?***

Visit the Holy Land.

#### ***Words of wisdom to future generations.***

Stay in church. Follow your heart. Always be the face of Jesus to everyone you meet. Remember to do what God meant for you to do, you will never be truly happy until you do.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU — Social Distancing Style...

### Reta Jenks



***Tell me about where you were born, grew up, and about your parents & siblings.***

I was born in Topeka, Kansas. After my sister was born we moved to Ohio, and because my father wanted to be closer to home, we then moved to De Soto and my father worked at the Sunflower Ammunition plant. My father built the house that I am still living in to this day. I was 10 years old when we moved into my home in De Soto. My only sister, Joy, passed away in 1999.

#### ***Marriage & Children***

I married Elmer in 1960, after dating in high school. We got married at the Methodist church on May 20, 1960, when the big tornado hit Topeka. My grandparents were late getting to my wedding because of the storm. I was really concerned about why they were late, but thankful they made it. We had 3 daughters, Karen, Shelby, & Diana. Karen lives right next door. Shelby lives in Missouri, and Diana lives in Gardner.

#### ***What brought you to this area?***

My dad's job at Sunflower. However, after he left Sunflower he went on to be a carpenter for over 50 years in the Carpenter's union.

#### ***What career did you have?***

I started out to be an airline stewardess, but after 6 weeks of school Elmer proposed and I left school. I worked at Hallmark Cards on the line until Elmer, who was in the Army, got stationed in Germany, and I joined him there. When we came home I did day care in the home, and then worked at JC Penny's in Oak Park Mall for 13 years.

#### ***What are your hobbies?***

Sewing, crafts, & working in the yard. I love flowers.

#### ***Tell us about your best achievement.***

Being a MOM! Always working at the VBS and school events because I love kids so much.

#### ***Talk about your walk with God and when or why you became a Christian.***

When we moved back to DeSoto as a young girl, my parents were good friends with Mr. & Mrs. Price, whom we went with to church and Bible school. I was raised in a Christian home, and gave my life to Christ at the age of 10, when my uncle had cancer and passed away. We weren't allowed to talk about his cancer, it was a very taboo subject back then. The Christmas he passed away my parents told us we wouldn't be getting our bicycles that we had expected because they wanted to shower our cousins with gifts that Christmas.

#### ***Name 2 things on your bucket list?***



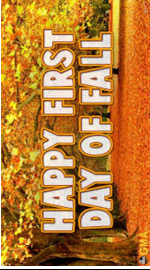
I have been to 48 states but would love to see the other 2, Maine & New Hampshire. I would also love to go back to Mt. Rushmore one more time.

#### ***Any words of wisdom to future generations that you have learned or would like to impart.***

*"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"* Luke 6:31. When you do something, be sure it is always pleasing to the Lord. We are all children of God. Your gut feeling is never wrong. Always trust in the Lord.

# September 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 Pray for Central Region Churches	14 6:30 pm Women's Doers Meeting (Zoom) & Men's Bible Study (Church basement)	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 	23	24	25	26
27	28 6:30 pm Women's Doers Meeting (Zoom) & Men's Bible Study (Church basement)	29	30			



# September 2020

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Kenryk Pew	2 Lisa Zimmerman	3 <i>Ian &amp; Lana McPherson</i>	4 Kathryn Irvin	5 Aaron Brownell Willetta Lawhead
6	7 Savanah Tasker	8	9 Linda Allenbrand	10 <i>Kenny &amp; Patsy Allenbrand</i>	11 <i>Tim &amp; Sharon Queen</i>	12 Jean Epperson <i>Quinn &amp; Jenny Miller</i>
13	14 Jill Karashin <i>Matt &amp; Leah McQuality</i>	15 Joe Berola Nelson Reeves <i>Albert &amp; Joyce Lightwine</i>	16 Michael Bosworth Rachel Muhl <small>(Bosworth)</small> Hannah Phillips <small>(Miller)</small>	17	18 <i>Jeremy &amp; Jamie Towner</i>	19 Sandy Cannell Suzie Gulley Judy Wilkins <i>Ted &amp; Marge Morse</i>
20 Holly Balch Collin Champlain Faythe Reeves Dennis Zwahlen	21 Darrel Zimmerman	22 <i>Jon &amp; Heidi Copeland</i>	23	24 Curtis Allenbrand	25 Pat Warsop	26
27 Matt Woywod	28	29 Bailey Muhl <small>(Bosworth)</small>	30			

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