

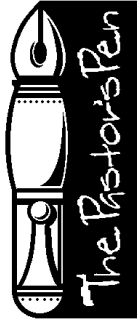


“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable —if anything is excellent or praiseworthy —think about such things.”  
*Philippians 4:8*



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION  
**De Soto Baptist Church**

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Perhaps our mood now is to “Enter His Courts” with complaints! I must be honest to admit that for me the Pastorate is now much more of a challenge than ever before. I could complain that my Ministry is less of a joy in that I greatly miss the gathering together in worship, praise, singing, fellowship, and potluck dinners! The daily routine of being out and about with people in their homes or places of business or in meetings at church and elsewhere is missed. However, how can I complain when far more people in the timeframe of the last six months have been much worse off . . . dealing with loss of loved ones, loss of jobs, tremendous financial hits in various ways, far greater vocational challenges than I am experiencing, and on and on the list could go.

So to complain is detrimental to my attitude, and possible more importantly, unpleasant to others! In fact, this can lead to greater discouragement. In the athletic locker rooms of some schools this admonition can be found . . . “*WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, THE TOUGHT GET GOING.*” As a Christian, for me this means more in depth prayer for God’s help in giving strength to do this.

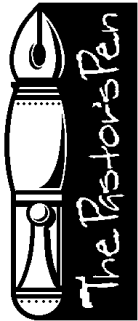
Now having vented some of my personal thoughts, I ill address the question that has come to me on occasion . . . “*When will the church be open?*” . . . pertaining to Sunday Worship together in our Sanctuary. The committee designated for this consideration is now looking at October 11<sup>th</sup> being the targeted date for “in-church” worship – subject to change. Having said this, the committee recognizes that worship and fellowship will not be the same as we’re used to.

Certain requirements which will affect our worship will be distancing with space between pews, wearing of masks, and no congregational singing for now! The use of hymns will definitely be part of the worship via our Worship Leaders and words on the screens. Nursery care will not be available and offering will be received in an enclosed container at the door as you leave . And possibly other changes will take place, not yet thought of! On a very positive note, we’ll at least be gathered in God’s House with a greater sense of togetherness in Worship.

Some of the *positives* in terms of outreach which have evolved during this time and through our online services is that a greater number have been involved in Worship through live-streaming, which will be a definite continuation. Not only will this continue to be an outreach for “*distanced worshippers*”, but it will enable those who do not feel safe in gathering in our Sanctuary to still continue in worship on line. Another plus in this is that Jeff Hodges will continue the recordings for CDs for those who are not yet comfortable in returning to Sanctuary worship and who do not have internet. And if you need a CD player, the use of this can be arranged.

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN . . . continued

Once again, although not as any of us could ever have imagined, certain changes and requirements will be in place. If one is experiencing any symptoms of a flulike nature, it is expected that one would not attend out of respect and love for others of our Church Family. The final decision concerning these plans will be determined at our October 7<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting. Hoping and praying to see many of you on October 11<sup>th</sup>!

Looking back, we are very blessed that on the first Sunday of this "journey" – March 15<sup>th</sup> – when ours and many other churches first closed, Aaron Brownell stepped up and volunteered to make our services available online. We are also grateful beyond words for the many who have shared their giftings, through Sermons, Children's Messages, and Musical giftings, all very significant parts of every worship. These leaders number more than 35 *gifted* individuals, sharing their abilities in spreading God's love to a world much in need.

In service and love with each of you ~

*Pastor Richard*



## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

New worship services posted weekly. Though we have not been able to 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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De Soto Kansas Baptist Church



## CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

All Members are Invited to Attend!

*Meeting will be held in the basement to allow for social distancing.*



## AUDIO CDs OF WORSHIP SERVICES AVAILABLE

As we continue to provide on-line services for viewing our worship time, even when we open up in person services, we know that there are some of you who are not always able to view the services on-line. If you would like an audio version of the services to play at home, or even in your car, let Pastor Copeland or Jeff Hodges know and they will begin to deliver a CD to you each week. If you would like to have this available but do not have a way to play the CD this can be worked out as well.



## COVID 19 and WORLD MISSIONS

Like most everything else, church Mission work in other countries has been affected by Covid 19. A very alarming affect has been our churches in America have fallen behind in financial support, which impacts both our own Missionaries – just over 100 in number - as well as the Missions they're serving. It goes without saying that our support of Mission work is critical for many reasons, both in touching countless lives and in responding to God's call on our lives. Your financial support to our local church has been in keeping with last year's support, for which we give God glory. It is our hope and prayer that you will support our **World Mission Offering** this year as in the past. Your gifts can be submitted any time in October, either at church or by mail, making sure to designate to WMO, and checks are still made out to DeSoto Baptist Church, with this designation.

*Your offerings to our various missions are even more needed than in the past, and they do make a significant difference in countless lives, in the name of Christ.*



## A NOTE FROM SUSAN REAMES

This has been a long year for everyone with the Coronavirus keeping us from gathering together for Church Service, meetings, Bible study and Social Gatherings. For many of us, it has been a lonely and anxious time.

What was the temporary cure? MISSIONS! We got busy and worked on a missions project and that kept us and our minds busy on something productive and very much needed.

About a dozen Baptist women sewed Sani-pads for **Little Girls in Africa**. We finished 322 pads and purchased over 90 pairs of underpants to go with them.

Our next project will begin in the spring where we will be sewing dresses for the girls and shorts for the boys. Anyone interested in being a part of this project please be watching for upcoming news.

*A special thanks to: Patsy Allenbrand, Barbara Bosworth, Sharon Coatney, Mary Etta Copeland, Donna Gully, Richelle Hodges, Paula Jones, Mary Gale Kramer, Bonnie Montgall, Rae Schultz, Karen Wall and Anita Woywod.*





## OPPORTUNITIES and RESPONSIBILITIES As participants in our American Baptist Church

- Become educated about our vast Missions work and what is happening.
- Come up with new ways to help and support them during this difficult time.
- Get to know as much as you can about our missionaries. If they're back in States and nearby, invite them to share with our church.
- Encourage praying for missionary organizations we support in our area and also the International Special Interest Missionaries. Send cards to them throughout the year.
- Money can't go to every one of the missionaries, so decide the ones to support at home and what International ones you would love to help.
- Now more than ever missionaries will need our help so we need to decide how to do this in our own church. Bethel Neighborhood Center will really need help this year with adoption of their families for Christmas. When your church has picked other missionaries to help maybe take up a special collection for them at church.

Mary Gale Kramer & Debbie Maniez  
Luther Rice Association Missions Co-Associates



## PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

**O**ctober is Pastor Appreciation Month. This is the month that is set aside to make a special effort to recognize and show appreciation to pastors throughout our country. De Soto Baptist tradition is for each of us to sign up for one day to do something special for Richard and Mary Etta, who spend countless hours ministering to those in our immediate church family as well as our entire community.

Because we are not yet having regular church services, we're suggesting that we divide the month into three sections: those with last names beginning with A-G should show their special appreciation from Oct. 1-10; those with H-M do Oct. 11-20; and those whose last names start with N-Z would cover Oct. 21-31.

This can be as simple as an encouraging card or note, a small gift, home-made food, or whatever seems appropriate for each one involved. It is not the size of the remembrance, but the love and sincerity that is shown.

This could also be a time to show appreciation to our Minister of Visitation, Jeff Hodges, or others who work so diligently serving our Lord at De Soto Baptist Church such as Aaron Brownell and Danny Lane, who have done so much to provide the on-line worship services.. A simple note of appreciation can do so much to affirm and encourage those around us.

*Cards or notes can be sent to Rev. Richard Copeland and others by sending  
c/o De Soto Baptist Church, Box E, De Soto, KS 66018.*



## A MOMENT WITH JO

*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14*

Today as I am writing this article, it is Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, the month of Tishri, and Festival Yom (Trumpets) the first of the High Holy Days, the Days of Awe. This is a very significant day. For the past 30 days, I have been doing Teshuvah, which means return and repent. Repentance precedes restoration and healing. Many people believed that after 9/11/2001, there was great hope that revival would begin, but there was no repentance, just anger and retaliation. When I last preached online, I spoke of Nehemiah and King Josiah, and when they became aware of sins of the nation and their generational line of sin, they realized they must repent of all the sins going back in the bloodline, and ask for forgiveness. We can now ask Jesus to cleanse us from any sins of our bloodline backward and forward to our children, grandchildren, and greats, and onward for many generations. In Deuteronomy 23:2 that sin can curse you for 10 generations. This can take some time, but persevere.

Our nation is in a state of upheaval and distress, but our hope must be in our Father's hands. Only the Spirit of God can change hearts and attitudes, but if each of us determines to come to Him for cleansing by the Blood of \*Yeshua/Jesus, He will heal our land and forgive our sins. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

*\*Yeshua-Hebrew name of Jesus*

*—Jo Sweatt*



## MUSIC



As we are now planning on opening the church up for in-person services we will be doing so, at least for a while, without congregational singing or regular full choir participation. However, we all know how special music is to most people when it comes to worshipping our God. So, I feel that it is important that we still need to provide inspirational moments through music in the coming months.

We are planning on having worship leaders still leading hymns, just without congregational singing (I believe humming will be allowed) with the words of the hymns still on the TVs. As far as special music is concerned, I would like to know who among you would be willing to provide solos (instrumental or vocal), or be involved in small groups where we can spread out and do it safely. As you have seen on our video broadcasts we have been doing quite a bit of this already, but it would be wonderful to have more people participate.

Another possibility of providing worship through music would be having people participate in a bell choir. We haven't done much of this recently and it would be an excellent way of involving more people and get back to using our wonderful bells. No one would need to share any bells so it would be easy to keep things sanitary, and we could wear masks while we do it.

If you would like to share your talents in our new worship format please let Jeff Hodges (913-484-0554) or Mary Etta know.

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

By Anita Woywod

### JIM ELLIS



**Early Years:** I was born in Nevada MO. We left Missouri when I was 10 years old (on my birthday), and moved to Sunflower Village Kansas. My father was a master plumber and my mother was a housewife & mother to 10 children. All of my brothers and sisters were born at home, except for my baby brother. I am the 7th son. When we moved to Sunflower for Dad to work at the plant my 2nd grade teacher was Mrs. Pansy Penner. Due to the number of people working at the plant I only attended 1/2 days. In 5<sup>th</sup> grade Mrs. Maxine Coker was my teacher. There was a tremendous amount of construction when we were in school, and Mrs. Penner told us not to play in the large mound of dirt outside the school. That was a big challenge to me, and after coming down from the pile of dirt a paddle awaited me. I started High School in De Soto in 9th grade which is now the City Hall. I was in the largest graduating class at the time with 53 seniors graduating in 1953. I have one sister still living in Ottawa and she is 90 years young, and 1 brother.

**Marriage & Children:** I married Reta Welch 8/16/53, we have 3 children, Jim Jr., Linda Conrad, and Robert who has passed away. We were married in Linwood Kansas by my oldest brother who was a minister (Reta and I were the first marriage ceremony he performed).

**What brought you to this area:** My father came to work at Sunflower Army ammunition plant.

**Career:** After graduating high school, I left for the Navy where I served for 8 years. After the Navy I worked for Hallmark Cards a total of 33 years. I started out as a ribbon tech, then moved to Supervisor, Department Manager, and was promoted to Systems Manager and retired in that position. I'm not sure you can call it a career, but I also was a Square Dance caller for 31 years.

**Hobbies:** Woodworking, volunteering at the food pantry, and square dancing. I was a member and Past President of the North East Square Dance Caller Association, Kansas Square Dance Callers Association, and International Square Dance Callers Association. In the International Association, I had to be licensed for music and songwriters, which cost us a bundle, but our love for the dance made it worthwhile.

*As the interviewer of this article, I would like to attest that my parents, brother and myself were in the local square dance club and Jim was an amazing caller. We loved when we had the opportunity to go dance and listen to his incredible calling. Hey, Jim, do you want to get this going again?*

**Greatest Achievement:** Advancing from Ribbon Tech to Supervisor at Hallmark Cards, and meeting the love of my life in High School.

**Talk about your walk with God:** My mom and dad were a big influence in my Christian walk and I went through the waters of baptism as an adolescent. The military was also an influence, Reta and I tried different churches at different military stations where we were posted.

On a side note: The Christian Church we attended in Lawrence was the setting for the movie "Murder Ordained", which was based on a true story about a Pastor in Emporia. My mother was in the movie.

**What's on your Bucket List:** Travel to the northeast for the fall colors and to staying healthy.

**Words of wisdom:** Love your neighbors and each other.



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

### RETA ELLIS



**Early Years:** I was born in DeSoto and had 2 brothers. My father was a farmer. I spent a lot of time with my grandparents who were a major influence in my life.

**Marriage & Children:** I have been married 67 years and we have 3 children as Jim stated. Linda now lives right up the street and Jimmy lives in Lawrence and is going into the ministry. I met Jim in High School and we started dating our senior year.

**What brought you to this area:** I was born here, and lived in Lawrence over 30 years. We moved to Arizona for 11 years. However, my brother and sister-in-law wanted us to move back home, so we did.

**Career:** I worked in several jobs; a self-service shoe store in Lawrence, as well as Rainey-Hillcrest. I really loved that job and my boss was great. I also worked at Hallmark cards but working with all the paper created allergy issues and Jim asked me to quit.

**Hobbies:** I have done some oil painting, made several quilts and have done sand art. I also made my daughters clothes, and I love to embroidery.

**Greatest Achievement:** My marriage to my husband and our children.

**Talk about your walk with God:** In De Soto we lived so close to the Methodist church I would walk to church all the time.

**What's on your Bucket List:** I would like to go to Branson, as I love to go down there and shop. I would also like to go to the New Dinner Theatre, as I have tickets and can't wait for it to open back up.

**Words of wisdom:** Marriage is a give and take.

## DOERS OF THE WORD WOMEN'S GROUP – ZOOMING ALONG



All women are invited to Participate in our *Doers of the Word* Bible Study and Prayer Group. Our group has a three-pronged mission: to learn more of the Word of God and apply it to our lives; to enrich our personal prayer time as well as praying for the needs of others; to serve and encourage others by *doing* not just *learning*. (James 1:22 "Be doers of the Word, not hearers only.")

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evenings of the month from 6:30 to 7:45 pm, using Zoom on our computers or phones. All that you need to do is contact Mary Etta Copeland or Karen Wall and we will have an invitation sent to you by our zoom supervisor, Brooke Brownell. At 6:30 pm on meeting nights, you simply click on the link sent to you and join our discussions.

During this time of CoVid19, most of our time is spent sharing and praying for the joys and the concerns of our church family as well as extended family and relatives or friends. We are finishing a book entitled *From Worry to Worship*, but you do not have to have the book to easily take part in the conversations that are generated.

Please consider joining us...we can see each other on screen and it is a wonderful way to connect in these "disconnecting" times. We even have Sally Beck in Montana joining us each week.

Questions? Contact Mary Etta Copeland at (913)583-1425 / maryettablessings@kc.rr.com or Karen Wall at (913)669-1991 / karenwall61@yahoo.com



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The Book of ACTS**  
 Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm —Meeting in church basement  
 (Social distancing will be observed and face masks encouraged)

*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!*

*“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17*



**TITHES & OFFERINGS . . .**

THANK YOU!!! To those who have been submitting Tithes and Offerings  
 to: DeSoto Baptist Church  
 PO Box E - DeSoto, KS 66018



**DBC FINANCE REPORT**

July 2020		August 2020	
Bal. Forward	\$ 27,895.28	Bal. Forward	\$ 20,444.05
Deposits	\$ 19,008.00	Deposits	\$ 16,116.00
Disbursements	\$ 26,459.23	Disbursements	\$ 14,491.32
Ending Balance	\$ 20,444.05	Ending Balance	\$ 22,068.73
Savings/Improvement	\$ 185,134.76	Savings/Improvement	\$ 182,518.06



**DE SOTO FOOD PANTRY—Donations Needed**

Thank you so much for supporting this vital resource in our community!  
 Donations bins are located at Harps & Great American Bank or can be dropped off at the Food Pantry during regular hours. If you would like 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.*



**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!*



# October 2020

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Sue Allen Alicia Champlain AC Haulmark Bonnie Logan Evelyn Martin	2	3 Joyce Bassett Karen Wall
4 Charles Lawhead Ruby Nelson Claire Rudy (Couch)	5 Natalie Pew	6	7	8 Tanner McNamara Dean Wall	9 Jeff Griffin	10 Jenny Toner
11 Brenda West	12	13 Terry Rhodes Larry & Cheryl Towner	14 Amelia Hufford Aubrey Miller James & Holly Balch	15 Caleb & Karen Hufford Jake & Jill Miller	16	17
18 Kenny Allenbrand Ashley Ingalls	19 Tom & Kristen Huang	20	21 Ken & Pat Warsop	22 Tyrone Flowers	23	24
25 Carter & Sally Beck	26	27	28 Megan Rudy (couch)	29 Zora Ingalls	30 Jackie Rendzia	31 Aaron Lawhead Vivian Ruckert

# October 2020

## De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 World Communion Sunday	5	6	7 6:30pm Deacon & Trustee Meeting 7pm Church Business Meeting <i>(All members welcome)</i>	8	9	10
11 <i>hallelujah</i> Back to in person Worship! <i>(With restrictions)</i>	12 Columbus Day 6:30 pm Doers meeting (via Zoom) & Men's Bible Study (basement)	13 Pray for Central Region Churches	14	15	16	17
18 World Mission Sunday	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 6:30 pm Doers meeting (via Zoom) & Men's Bible Study (basement)	27	28	29	30	31 Reformation Day <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN!</b>

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