



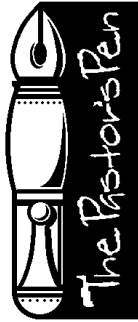
"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his lovingkindness toward those who fear him." Psalm 103:11

2020



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION
De Soto Baptist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Thanksgiving this year will not be like any other since I have been Pastor of DeSoto Baptist Church since September of 1967! Thanksgiving Sunday has traditionally been a very celebrative Sunday of Worshipful Thanksgiving, concluding with a wonderful potluck dinner of turkey and all the trimmings, in a setting of heartfelt and deep feeling of thankfulness to our Almighty God.

This year we're in a time when it's quite easy to see the "glass half empty instead of half full." We as Christians - more than anyone else should not be complaining - or living out our lives in this attitude of emptiness. But rather in a spirit of rejoicing and giving thanks, we should engage in each day recognizing that our glass is half FULL with the blessing of our loving Heavenly Father and the confident knowledge that it will NEVER be totally empty!

The story is told of a young Irishman, Joseph Scriven, who lived from 1820-1886, and who was deeply in love with a young woman with whom he'd made marriage plans. However, on the night before the scheduled wedding she drowned in a tragic accident. For months he lived in great bitterness and despair, before at last turning to Christ and finding peace and comfort. And through this action came the composition of a familiar and favorite hymn - "WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS" - that through the decades has brought consolation and hope to millions of individuals in countless situations of loss and challenge.

When we are more attached to God, and less attached to the world, we can see and know that glass IS more than half full and will NEVER run dry! Knowing this truth, even when things are very bleak, we can say with the Prophet Habakkuk, "*Yet I WILL rejoice in the Lord, I WILL joy in the God of my salvation.*" (Habakkuk 3:18)

Deepest appreciation is voiced to all who in any of the many ways needed for "*continuation of keeping the 'lower lights' burning*" as we've answered God's call for witness and ministry in new and different ways! We will continue His ministry under the present circumstances, knowing that although the Ministry of God's people will not be the same, it will still go forth in even greater ways in times to come.

Pastor Richard





ONLINE WORSHIP—LIVE SUNDAYS AT 11AM

A recording of each service will still be available and posted to the website Sunday afternoons.

Link to weekly worship services and all past worship services can be found on our church website:

www.desotobaptistchurch.org

or on our Facebook account



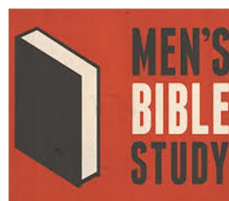
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AUDIO CDs OF WORSHIP SERVICES AVAILABLE

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.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — The Book of ACTS

2nd & 4th Mondays of each month 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!



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 2nd & 4th 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.

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



NOVEMBER BRINGS THE SEASON OF GIVING AND THANKSGIVING



As November opens our holiday season, we would like for you to consider the many opportunities that we as a church family have to extend our love and our help to those with greater difficulties and needs than most of us have ever experienced. You may already set aside a portion of your annual tithe to support these church-sponsored projects. Traditionally we have several programs that give us the opportunity to make significant contributions in helping individuals and families in our community and in special mission fields.

These are simple ways that we can follow the Biblical teachings of caring for the needy, the poor, the widows and orphans, and others in distress. By joining our entire church effort, we can do so much to make these holidays truly joyful and full of blessings.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Wall, 913-669-1991. As the Associate of Church and Community for our ABW, these projects are part of her responsibilities.

May we all experience a blessed Thanksgiving and Advent Season, knowing that one of the greatest blessings that we can receive is the joy of knowing we are serving as the hands and feet of Christ.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Thanksgiving Baskets are provided through the donations of churches and individuals in our community. These are delivered through the De Soto Food Pantry. Though we have not received the instructions for this year, the process is basically always the same. We will have these instructions, or they should be available at Harps soon if you prefer to purchase these items yourself and bring them to the church by November 16. Or, because of the limitations of shopping and socialization, you can send a check of any amount to De Soto Baptist Church, Box E, De Soto, KS 66018. Then you can include a note or make a notation on the check to have these funds used to purchase Thanks-giving baskets for our De Soto Food Pantry. We will use these funds to purchase the baskets that are prepared by Harps for this annual drive.

BETHEL ADOPT-A-FAMILY & CLEANING SUPPLIES

Bethel Neighborhood Center continues to be a special mission project for our church, and under the leadership of Mary Gale Kramer and Debbie Maniez, we will again be purchasing gifts for children and adults as well as cleaning supplies for these families. There is more information regarding this outreach in this newsletter.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS DE SOTO

By mid-November we will be receiving information on two families from our own community for whom will be asking our church family to purchase Christmas gifts. We will make that information available to all of you through email or through announcements in our weekly worship services. If you prefer not to go out to stores to do the shopping, you can also send a check for this program and we will purchase the items for you. Filling out and sending checks would be the same as for the Food Pantry instructions, but please put Operation Christmas De Soto on your checks or on a note enclosed with your check so that we know your intent.

Karen Wall
ABW Associate for Church and Community



A MOMENT WITH JO

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." James 1:19

When God is involved, everyone gets blessed. So many times, we do not have a clue what the Lord is doing or what we are doing, but as we look back at situations, often we are totally amazed at what our Heavenly Father accomplished. Such was the time when I was hosting my prayer program on the radio and received a phone call from a woman asking us to pray the Lord would bring funds to pay their gas bill. It is my understanding that we need to be specific in praying, so I asked her the amount she needed. She told me the amount and together with her and all the listeners, we prayed in agreement for our sister's need. I blessed her, and we thanked Jesus for His many blessings and mercies.

A short time later on the program, a man, who was driving from the airport to his home, just happened to hear the woman's need and prayer and said he would like to pay her gas bill. One of the women who answered the phones for the program called the woman to tell her and gave her the man's number and name, to work out the details. We did not know the outcome for a few days and were totally amazed at the goodness and blessings of our Beloved Jesus. The woman and her husband both ended up being pastors of a small church. The man whose heart was touched and paid her bill was Jewish and had just returned from a trip. He had no idea that he had turned on a Christian radio station. The pastors led him to his Messiah and he paid her gas bill. What an exchange. What a day of rejoicing for all of us and for heaven.

Jo Sweatt



"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12

We are going to help Bethel Neighborhood Center again this Christmas by adopting a very large family that is in great need. We were asked if we could do one family of 10 instead of three families and we told her we were up for whatever she needed help with. We know this will be a challenge this year but read the Bible verses above. We can do this as a church family. As soon as we get the family information, I will make the posters and put them up at church for you to sign up. If you are still not coming to church you could get a friend that is coming to sign up for you or you can call Mary Gale (816-507-9252) and she will have the needs list with her at all times so she can help you out. The date to let them know we are helping is November 13 so we should be emailed our lists soon after. Thanks so much to you all in advance!

Missions and Service,
Mary Gale Kramer & Debbie Maneiz

DBC FINANCE REPORT



September 2020

Bal. Forward	\$ 22,068.73
Deposits	\$ 11,344.00
Disbursements	\$ 16,461.98
Ending Balance	\$ 16,950.75
Savings/Improvement	\$ 182,548.02



TITHES & OFFERINGS

THANK YOU!!!

For submitting Tithes and Offerings to:

DeSoto Baptist Church
PO Box E - DeSoto, KS 66018

DE SOTO FOOD PANTRY

Donations Needed

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

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- **Soups** (all kinds except tomato and chicken noodle)
- **Canned Corn**
- **Baked Beans**
- **Canned Chicken**
- **Canned Fruit**
- **Sugar**
- **Flour**
- **Baking Mixes**
- **Jelly** (all kinds)
- **Crackers**



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.

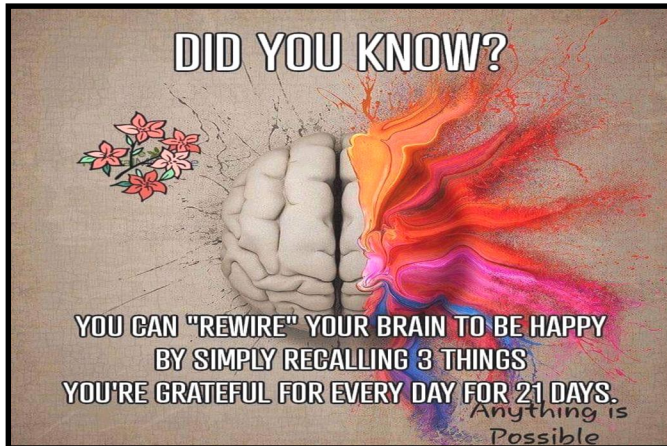
HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesdays — 10 am to 12 pm

Thursdays — 4 pm to 6 pm

Saturdays — 9 am to 11 pm

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!

An Apology from Susan Reames

Last month I posted a note in the Newsletter about our Mission Project. When thanking everyone at the end of the article for their participation, I inadvertently left off someone's name. For this I'm truly sorry and would like to thank **Rita Jenks** for all your help in our "Sani-Pani" mission project! You rock!




November 2020

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Doris Fox Jeff Hodges Jerry Nalley CJ Prince	2	3 Carter Beck <i>Rick & Monica Walker</i>	4 Albert Lightwine Tim Queen	5 Kim DeRoulet	6 Sannie Dibble	7 Jim Etherton
8 Kayla Ingalls	9 Crissy Allen	10 Calvin Hayden	11	12	13 Sara Tush	14 Gayla Houghman
15 Avery Ingalls Cole Rudy (Couch)	16	17 Nathan Martin	18	19	20	21 Seth Rhodes
22 Angela Prince	23 Dawn Martin	24 Cole Huang Jeff Sipe	25	26 Jason McAninch Jason Weese	27 Keri Serigny	28 SunDee Everett
29 Steve Coker Reta Ellis	30 Joe Woywod					

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De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends Communion Sunday	2	3 	4	5	6	7
8 Jo Sweatt bringing the message	9 6:30pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	10	11 	12	13 Pray for Central Region Churches	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Thanksgiving Sunday	23 6:30pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	24	25	26 	27	28
29 First Sunday of Advent Matt Burns bringing the message	30					

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