

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6



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De Soto Baptist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

These are stressful times as the Corona Virus Pandemic continues to rage across our country, with interruptions and changes in what we previously considered our norms. Obviously, in a number of ways this Christmas will be different than we have ever experienced previously. However, it was also a time of great stress when our Savior was born! For Joseph and Mary it was extremely stressful; and yet it was during this time that God sent His Son into the world to bring *Good News of His Love*. This love was truly a source of great hope, peace, and joy.

The wonderful, glorious Advent Season is upon us when all Christians, in spite of our diversities, celebrate the same Good News which is God intends for all people. I would suggest that individually, as couples, or as a family, you consider the following readings and reflect on the *true* meaning of Christmas.

1st week: HOPE - Read Hebrews 11:1, Romans 8:28, Jeremiah 17:7, Psalm 39:7

Think about how hope in God has affected your life. How does it affect your attitude toward both the current time in which we're living as well as into the future?

2nd week: PEACE - Read Psalm 29:11, John 14: 27, John 16:33, Romans 14:19

How is the peace God gives to our hearts different from the peace of the world? What are some things we can do to help bring about greater peace in the hearts of others?

3rd week: JOY — Read Romans 12:12, Psalm 16:11, John 1:12, Nehemiah 8:10

What are some of the joys of being a child of God? How does the joy of the Lord give you strength?

4th week: LOVE — Read John 3:16, I John 4:16 & 17, Romans 12:10, I Cor. 16:14

Who are some people who have demonstrated God's love to you? In what ways do you recognize this? How can you help others to know and receive the gift of God's love?

CHRISTMAS — Read Isaiah 9:6, I John 5:12, Ephesians 3:17-19

Describe how you received the gift of Christ into your life. Share how Christ has made a difference in your life.

*May Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and the Christ of Christmas
be yours now and into each day of the future!*

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



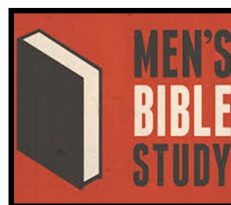
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AUDIO CDs OF WORSHIP SERVICES AVAILABLE

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 on December 14th

Due to the short number of Mondays and the holidays, the Doers of the Word Prayer and Bible Study Group will meet only on **Monday, December 14** via ZOOM.

We will be sharing prayer requests of joys and needs as well as discussing the possibilities for our future studies. We miss seeing each other in person, but we love the convenience, availability, and safety of our ZOOM meetings.

If you would like to join us, please contact Brooke Brownell, Mary Etta Copeland, or Karen Wall. We will need your email address to get your invitation to ZOOM with us! Please consider - talk to these ladies about it – join us from 6:30-7:50 pm on Monday, December 14.



GENEROSITY

A Description for De Soto Baptist Church

Scripture tells us that God loves a cheerful giver. How pleased he must be with the generous spirit of the members of De Soto Baptist Church. Despite the small number of members attending due to the CoVid limitations, \$390 was donated to purchase Thanksgiving baskets for families in our community. Ten filled baskets were brought to the church as well. That means that despite the challenges and limitations, our church family provided a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for thirty families.



THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.



CHRISTMAS at BETHEL



De Soto Baptist Church took on the challenge in providing Christmas gifts for a Bethel family of TEN!! No one else was willing to take on such a huge family. Your generous spirits have made this possible to provide clothing and other necessities as well as a special gift for all ten members of this family.

In addition, we have filled the buckets lining our church aisle with cleaning supplies. These are greatly appreciated by the families at Bethel as those are items that are often overlooked by other donors.



HATS AND GLOVES FOR COLD WINTER DAYS!



Operation Christmas in De Soto has enough sponsors to care for the families in our De Soto community, so we will not be sponsoring families from De Soto as we usually do. However, if you would like to help children and adults in our community as well as Bethel and parts of Johnson and Wyandotte County, bring some hats or gloves to the church for distribution during the month of December. These will be so greatly appreciated during the cold days and nights ahead. Our focus will be primarily infants and children, but we know that many adults need these hats and gloves as well. Thank you from the children and families of Johnson County, Wyandotte County, and Bethel.



CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, December 9th
7:00 pm



All Members Welcome to Attend!



A MOMENT WITH JO

"Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Last spring, I wrote an article about a lady who paid a bill for me at Doller General when I had left my wallet at home. When I tried to pay her back, she refused and told me to "pay it forward" instead. Here are a couple examples of this wonderful gift of giving and "paying it forward" that have brought much joy.

On a tight schedule, I was looking for the shortest line at the grocery store. I had one item and saw an older lady who was almost done and getting ready paying her bill. I thought that looked like a great lane to checkout. It was, but for another reason. Putting my item on the belt, I noticed the cashier came around to the lady to help her press a button and then told her the amount to pay for her many groceries. The woman, speaking in a foreign language, opened her billfold and took out many dollars mostly ones and fives. The cashier said it was not enough. I asked her how much was needed. The woman was confused, did not understand, and looked about to cry. I patted her back and said it would be ok, and paid the bill for her. She thanked and thanked me and I pointed up and said that the Lord is so good and she smiled and shook her head yes. As the woman left, the man sacking her groceries said to me, "You are an angel". To which I replied, "Oh no, just someone who loves Jesus and was blessed to help one in need.". As I was walking out of the store, the woman was putting her groceries in a pull cart and thanked me again and patted my back. (*Dear Jesus, please bless her.*)

Several days ago, we called our granddaughter on her 21st birthday. During our visit, she said, "Grammy, guess what happened to me today?". I guessed wrong and she told me that she went through a drive thru for coffee and the car in front of her paid her bill, she was so thrilled. I shared my story of "paying it forward" and encouraged her to do the same for someone else. I reminded her how thrilled she had been and it would be even more fun to bless someone else that you do not know. She said she would. God loves a cheerful giver and He will make it possible.

Many blessings of love to each one of you, John and I send you our Christmas blessings.

Jo Sweatt

A PRAYER AS YOU PUT ON YOUR MASK

Creator, as I prepare to go into the world, help me to see the sacrament in the wearing of this cloth – let it be "an outward sign of an inward grace" – a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Christ, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully – and full of care – to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and each breath that it holds, be filled with your love.

In your Name and in that love, I pray. May it be so. May it be so.

*By Reverend Richard Bott
(permission given to share)*

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:

- Canned Fruit & Applesauce
- Dried beans
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Spaghetti sauce
- Box meals (like Hamburger helper)
- Tuna (canned meat)
- Personal items (shampoo, razors)
- Toilet paper



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.

THE SCRIP PROGRAM

These are gift cards that are available to numerous merchants such as...

- Applebee's
- Chili's
- On the Border
- Long Horn Steak House
- Borders
- Kohl's
- Pizza Hut
- Panera Bread
- Red Lobster/Olive Garden
- Wal-Mart

These merchants donate a portion of each purchase back to our church.

Some cards are available immediately. Other merchants may be available upon request.

Contact Rick or Monica Walker for more details. Order today!



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!

December 2020

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Second Sunday of Advent Communion Sunday	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Third Sunday of Advent Pray for Central Region Churches	14 6:30pm Doers & Men's Bible Study	15	16	17	18	19
20 Fourth Sunday of Advent	21 Happy First Day of Winter	22	23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26
27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021+	

December 2020

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 John Hackworth	5
6 <i>Andy & SunDee Everett</i> James Balch Ian McPherson	7 Linda Conrad	8	9 Chris Bosworth Jason McDaniel Blake Weese Haylee Weese	10 Libby Stone	11 Kelly Hayden	12 Donna Gulley Danny Lane
13 Caitlin Weese	14	15	16 Chris Berola	17	18	19 <i>Larry & Brenda West</i> Noah Cardiff
20 Luke Beggs	21 Darlene Hackworth Jenna Toner Chris Zimmerman	22	23 Jayma Zook	24	25	26 Paula Jones Margaret Wycoff
27	28 Sean Nalley Susan Reames	29 Sean Nalley Susan Reames	30	31 <i>Sean & Janet Nalley</i> Jon Kobler		

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