

2021



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION De Soto Baptist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

This past year has definitely been different for all of us. To say it has been difficult would be an understatement in light of the extreme degree of difficulty experienced by so many. However, as we enter the New Year it's with a new hope that gradually a brighter day will evolve. We will continue to pray for those who have been most impacted, especially those who have lost loved ones or who will yet experience such challenges.

As we move forward many of us will remember the words of the Psalmist in Psalm 27:14 . . . *"Wait on the Lord!"* We have just celebrated the wondrous gifts of eternal HOPE, divine PEACE, JOY from within and the constancy of GOD'S LOVE!!! Even in a time of extreme challenge these gifts can be our strength!

As we move forward, we are mindful of and thankful for so many who have enabled our church to both continue as a church family connected through love and prayer, as well as to support God's work through a variety of shared abilities and talents. We have truly stepped out and into new territories through the expanse of our video ministry outreach. I would be remiss if I didn't express deep gratitude for the involvement of so many in our new ways of doing as demanded by the changing – and unpredicted times! This would include our Minister of Visitation and Choir Director, Jeff Hodges, who has consistently organized and directed both Choral and Bell Choirs, with participation of Richelle - Kyndel and Sam Hill - Karen Hufford – Kristen and Tom Huang -Tami, Pat, Nelson, Graycee, and Faythe Reeves - Monica and Rick Walker, plus Mary Etta, Karen Hufford, and Karen Wall on organ and piano.

Also providing hospitality and the framework of safe practices during this time of challenge we recognize Roger Brackett, Jim Brashears, Leah and Matt McQuality, Debbie Maniez, Vergie Opdycke, Dean Wall, Brenda and Larry West, Anita Woywod,

Contributing to the impact of visual and audio enhancement are Aaron and Micah Brownelle, and Danny and Linda Lane. Also, Aaron's vision is to be given credit for the inclusion of 19 weekday advent Devotions each morning, which I gladly proceeded with! In light of the challenges of this unplanned **Journey of 43 Sundays** – instruction for which I must have missed those classes in Seminary – as we look back it is with great joy that God has been with and guided us all in each and every step of the way!!! And it is with gratitude and praise to God that we recognize such numbers as ????? (Aaron will provide) in being part of our now extended outreach.

Closing with prayers of gratitude to God and for each of you for the involvement of spreading God's love in new ways, as well as for His continued presence as we seek to follow as He leads. . .

Pastor Richard

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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

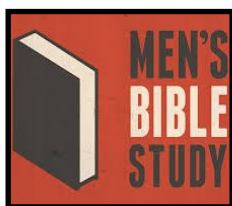


De Soto Kansas Baptist Church



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!



JOYFUL NUMBERS

An important reminder that sometimes the NEGATIVES bring about POSITIVES! DeSoto Baptist has some numbers to CELEBRATE!! The highest number of video views on Sunday services has been 87, while the highest number of weekday morning devotionals has been 334!!!! These numbers represent site views—we have no idea how many individuals have been involved in each view— and are in addition to the 50-60 worshipping in person on Sunday mornings! PRAISE GOD for this reminder from His Word, "What was meant for evil, God meant for good!!!

DBC outreach is EXPANDING!!!!

THANK

YOU

Your generosity
made a difference

GENEROSITY

A Description for De Soto Baptist Church

We will be continuing our drive to provide snacks for those Starside kiddos whose parents are unable to send snacks to school for them to eat with the other children in their classes. These snacks provide a great break in the day's work and help the children focus on their learning. If you would like to bring snacks to church, they will be taken to the Starside teachers by one of their own faculty members. . . Richelle Hodges!! If you doubt their effectiveness, below is a thank-you note we received from one of the Starside students:



"Thank you for the snacks! I appreciate you!"

Thank you for the snacks the snacks help me focus - Fill my belly up.

The snacks are great!

I love the snacks - maybe you could donate more snacks. . . please

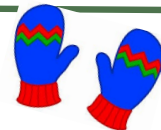
Thank you for the snacks, De Soto Baptist church!"

The snacks must be small pre-packaged snacks. Crackers, Cheez-its, fruit snacks, chips are best. Please do not provide any foods with peanut butter because of allergies. Also, in trying to get the children to bring more nutritious snacks, they discourage cookies as well - so, no cookies - If you would rather donate some dollars and let others to do the shopping, you can make a check out to De Soto Baptist Church and put "Starside Snacks" on the memo line. They can be put in the offering basket on Sundays or sent to De Soto Baptist Church, Box E, De Soto, KS 66018.

SHARE
THE
WARMTH



HATS AND GLOVES FOR COLD WINTER DAYS!



We are continuing the CAPS AND GLOVES FOR KIDS drive through mid-January. These will be distributed to children throughout Johnson and Wyandotte counties through the Kansas Children's Service League and through Bethel Neighborhood Center. 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. There is a large blue tub in the narthex of the church for these donations, or you can donate dollars and let us do the shopping. Mark your envelopes or your checks on the memo line with "Caps for Kids." Blessings to you for your love and generosity.

DOERS OF THE WORD ZOOMING IN JANUARY

January is usually a month of cold weather with snow and sometimes freezing rain. So, using ZOOM for our women's Bible study and prayer group in January will allow us to stay warm and safe in our own homes.

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 joining us from 6:30-7:50 on Monday, January 11 and Monday, January 25.





-CHURCH SECRETARY -

De Soto Baptist Church is not only a great place to worship, grow, serve and learn, it is also a great place to work. We are looking for a friendly, humble and respectful person to serve as church secretary/clerk/facilities coordinator.

All of us were created by God to make a difference in the world around us. God has a place for you where your unique abilities and passions can impact the lives of others. We believe your life will never make sense until you find, develop, and fulfill your purpose. De Soto Baptist Church doesn't just happen week to week, it is built and carried everyday by people who give of their talent and energy.

This position will require computer skills as well as working experience with social media and simple website tools. A laptop is provided so the majority of work can be done from home. A job for all ages, including older job seekers are encouraged to apply.

Responsibilities include: - Prepare monthly newsletters - collect articles and information, create, print, fold, sticker and mail (12-15 hours per month)

- Monitor church email account

- Monthly agendas, and maintain church records in the church database

- Church Website - upload newsletters, business meeting minutes, update banners and post upcoming activities- Church Directory - Update as needed- Maintain current list of members, birthdays and anniversaries - Attend, record and print minutes of Bi-Monthly Church Business Meetings- Church Facebook Account - post weekly services and events- Update Church Google calendar and written calendar in copy room - Weekly bulletins (when COVID restrictions are eliminated) - type print and fold along with various inserts & prayer requests list, Children's Bulletins - Assist with facility scheduling as needed- Miscellaneous responsibilities as assigned by Pastor Copeland

This is a paid position and averages 30 hours a month (prior to COVID) but less time is required now. This position needs to be filled immediately. If you are interested please contact Pastor Copeland.



Pastor Copeland delivering the Christmas Message
as the Innkeeper from the Christmas Story.

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 REFLIEF 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!

January 2021

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 	
3 Communion Sunday	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 6:30 PM Doers & Men's Bible Study	12	13 Pray for Central Region Church	14	15	16
17	18 	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 6:30 PM Doers & Men's Bible Study	26	27	28	29	30
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January 2021

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Josh & Alicia Champlain</i>	2
3	4 Maggie Champlain Anita Martin Jennifer Weese	5 Chris Chandler	6 John Toner	7 Samuel McQuality	8 Griffin Cosby Patti Hollingsworth	9 Wanda Hughes
10	11 Jonny Hodges	12 Zoey Zimmerman	13	14	15	16 Frankie Lister
17 Vickie Haulmark	18	19 Harry Cates	20	21 Diezel Hastings	22 Kristen Huang <i>Jim & Reba Berola</i>	23 Harrison Cosby Alan Hines Jim Ellis
24 <i>Jack & Mary Ann Peck Jeff & Candy Sipe</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Richard & Mary Etta Copeland</i>	29 Jim Brashears Jackson McQuality Jessica Reed Blake Saiz <i>Tanner & Leslie</i>	30 Mason Griffin Julie Riffel Samantha Stone
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