



2021



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

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

The season of Advent and Christmas has so quickly passed us by. This month of February brings reminders of our usual activities, of which major changes have been brought due to the challenging time in which we're now living and adapting! First to come to mind is the blessing of last year's CELEBRATION OF LOVE BANQUET, the 50<sup>th</sup> such event in our history, and a major contributor to the LOVE GIFT emphasis of ABW for Missions. This offering (actually promoted by ABW groups each month of the year with coverage of a variety of outreaches of Missions needs all over the world) last year totaled \$2,279 from just this event. YES, you read this right! Quite an accomplishment for a fund that began during Depression era with women donating just pennies, nickels, and dimes for the sharing of God's love throughout the world. Any ideas for new ways for accomplishing things we're now not able to do in the traditional ways of the past as we seek the welfare of all our Church Family? If so, I've been alerted that our women are open and listening!

While it may seem early, we begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on **February 17<sup>th</sup>** which leads us on to Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday on **April 28<sup>th</sup>**, and moving into **Easter on April 4<sup>th</sup>**. Tentatively we plan to hold observance of Maundy Thursday with a service at the church at 7:00 p.m. on **April 1<sup>st</sup>** and the traditional two services on **Easter Sunday** at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

An added feature this season of Lent will be the reading from the Gospel of Luke, a part of the journey to the Cross and Easter. Aaron Brownell has provided a Bible reading schedule which we invite you to join in through your personal daily time with God, whether it be individually, as couples, or as families. Passages from Luke will also be a source of focus during our Sunday sermons of the Lenten season.

During these times of challenge, change, and occasional frustration, our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday monthly Communion has taken on a new process! We are using an enclosed cup with wafer on top, so only the individual partaking in Communion does any touching; and we continue to do this on the first Sunday of each month. For those who are participating from home and would like a delivery of such to you please leave a message at 913-708-5191 or 913-583-1503.

Again, I share thanks to all who are in your own way continuing to be a part of our ongoing worship of God and our service unto Him and His call on each of our lives!  
God Bless and Be Safe,  
Pastor Richard

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



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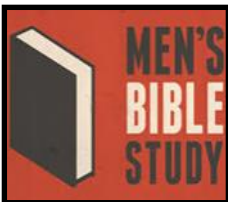
or on our Facebook account

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!*



## DOERS OF THE WORD ZOOMING IN FEBRUARY

February 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 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, Feb 8 and Monday, Feb 22.



## CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm

*All Members Welcome to Attend!*



## GENEROSITY

### A Description for De Soto Baptist Church



We have completed our drive to help needy children during this winter season. **Caps for Kids** provided caps and gloves for needy children in our area. The Kansas Children's Service League received a large basket from our church from the December donations; these were sent to children in Johnson, Wyandotte, and Leavenworth counties. Bethel Neighborhood Center children were the recipients of those donated in January.

If you heard or read the thank-you note from one of the Starside students who had received snacks from our **Snacks for Starside** drive, you know the great appreciation we received from these kiddos (whose parents can't afford to send snacks for them).

Once again, our DBC family has displayed their abundant generosity and concern for those in great need. Blessings and thanks to you all.



Due to CoVid restrictions we are unable to have our traditional Souper Bowl of Soup lunch. We will be collecting cans of soup for the De Soto Food Panty through the month of February. Requested is NO TOMATO SOUP as they have plenty of this on hand.



De Soto Baptist is honored to share the pulpit with Dustin Stewart, who will be bringing the message on Sunday, February 21st.



## A MOMENT WITH JO

*Sing to the Lord*

*Psalm 66:2 "Sing out the honor of His name; make His praises glorious."*

*Psalm 100:2 "Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing."*

*James 5:13 "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms."*

What a blessing when we do what we know pleases our Heavenly Father and we are filled with joy. Even when I am not aware of singing, I have people who tell me, "you are always singing." A devotional book about songs and psalms gave me a better understanding of this fact. The author, David McLaughlin, writes, "Even at work, even in times of hardship, even in our despair, Lord, we could not help, but sing if we truly understood Your works, because we know that to be true. Encourage us to sing Your praises, even when we feel least like doing so, because when we get to heaven, we might look back and wonder why we weren't always singing."

My Grandmother West had a lovely alto voice and as I sat with her often in church, as my mother played the piano, Grandmother would put her finger on the harmony notes in the hymnal, teaching me to sing plus to memorize the words. I am very thankful for learning hymns as a young person and I sing them often today. Another wonderful experience was when John and I were members of a couples' prayer group and the only songs we sang were Scripture psalms from KJV. They continually bubble up in my heart and I am amazed how these psalms are exactly what is needed at that time. Also, Christian songs from the last 45 years or so are always ready to come forth.

When I was having chemo treatments for Lymphoma, one morning as I was trying to make a cup of tea, I was humming a song and when I paid attention to it, the song was "He Touched Me". Oh, the joy in my heart as I said to the Lord, "Thank you for touching and healing me."

I Corinthians 14:15 "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also, I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. Praise be to God".

As English preacher Charles Spurgeon said, "When your heart is full of Christ, you want to sing". So let us sing, sing, sing praises to our glorious Jesus.

Jo Sweatt

**ABW, American Baptist Women**, was founded in Buffalo, New York in 1951 by 1600 American Baptist Women as the *National Council of American Baptist Women*. Through the years it has grown, expanded, and updated to meet God's call for ministry to a diverse needy population of several thousand throughout (but not limited to) our own community and worldwide.

From the very beginning of the founding of De Soto Baptist Church in 1947, ABW became reality under the leadership of our beloved Dorothy Nalley! Throughout the years the outreach has become monumental. Structure of organization includes 4 Divisions: Administration, Personal Development Ministries, Church & Community Ministries, and Mission & Service Ministries. Administration includes President, Secretary, and Treasurer, all focused on the organization of the designated areas.

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT** focuses on our individual growth as Christians and includes **Love Gift**, the Offering for Missions begun back during Depression years, when pennies were literally all that would be donated. Our own Love Gift Banquet with a history of 50 years celebrates both the covenant of marriage as well as the opportunity to donate additional funds for this vital monetary event benefiting both Region and National needs. Participation at annual Conference of the Region is significant, as is local opportunities such as Bible Studies.

**CHURCH & COMMUNITY MINISTRIES** is widespread in outreach at De Soto Baptist. The outreaches include Food Pantry, school needs, VBS, De Soto Days, Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt, Thanksgiving Dinner, funeral meals, nursing home connections, and countless others.

**MISSIONS & SERVICE** brings the joyful opportunity for us to be servants of outreach both here in De Soto as well as throughout our country and into continents worldwide. We are blessed to have the nearby missions of Bethel Neighborhood Center in KCK which has an outreach of around 12,000, we also are involved in significant outreach to Murrow Indian Children's Home in Muskogee, Oklahoma, as well as the entire Indian region in that state. Writing this, great memories - with smiles - of our road trip there with several cars loaded with women and supplies on our way to a mini retreat in "beautiful Bella Vista". (Mary Etta gives permission for someone else to figure route & mileage through those hills into the night!!!) WHITE CROSS, which deals with various supplies needed on Missions fields - both handmade and purchased - is our contributions avenue to supply needs throughout the world, often very cheap and easy for us, but of monumental significance to those ministering in far-off lands.



## 40 days in the Gospel of Luke

Forty days is not a long time, but it is a powerful number of days and is seen countless times throughout the Bible. Just as the rain fell on Noah for forty days, or Moses fasted for forty days before he could receive the ten commandments, or the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by Satan, we know God can accomplish great and mighty things in the lives of His children in just forty days.

Luke’s Gospel is perhaps the most cohesive telling of the story of Jesus Christ. We learn about His time in the temple, the encounter on the road to Emmaus, parables like ‘The Good Samaritan’ and ‘The Prodigal Son’, His passion for the poor, and willingness to spend time with people from all levels of society. In Luke, Jesus gives us the most explicit instructions as to what true discipleship really means. He models this through His relationships, His behavior, His teachings and through His unwavering obedience to the will of the Father; willingly dying on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for sin.

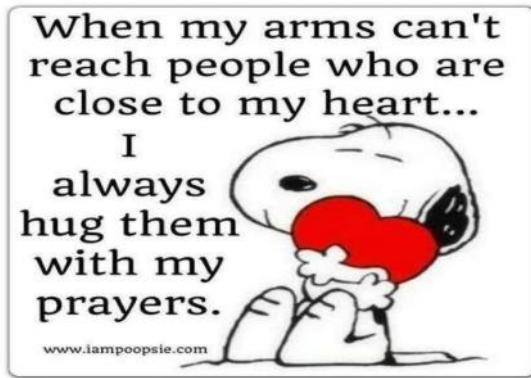
Spending 40 days reading, studying, and absorbing the Gospel of Luke is an opportunity to not only grow stronger in your faith, but to also have a rewarding and enriching experience during the weeks leading up to Easter. Starting on Ash Wednesday, the 17th, I urge you to make this commitment to reading through the Gospel of Luke with us and continue the journey that Pastor started us on leading up to Christmas.

### Reading Luke in 40 Days

**Follow this schedule from Ash Wednesday until Easter and you will read the Gospel of Luke. On Sundays, you may want to reread text that tugged at you or focus on the passages used in worship.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2/15/2021			1:1-38	1:39-80	2:1-20	2:21-52	REST
2/22/2021	3:1-38	4:1-39	4:31-44	5:1-39	6:1-16	6:17-49	REST
3/1/2021	7:1-23	7:24-50	8:1-25	8:26-56	9:1-27	9:28-62	REST
3/8/2021	10:1-42	11:1-28	11:29-54	12:1-32	12:33-59	13:1-35	REST
3/15/2021	14:1-35	15:1-32	16:1-31	17:1-37	18:1-17	18:18-43	REST
3/22/2021	19:1-28	19:29-48	20:1-26	20:27-47	21:1-38	22:1-23	REST
3/29/2021	22:24-53	22:54-71	23:1-31	23:32-56	24:1-27	24:28-53	CELEBRATE EASTER






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

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

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## De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion Sunday	8 6:30 PM Doers & Men's Bible Study	9	10 6:30 Deacon & Trustees Meeting 7:00 Church Business Meeting	11	12	13 Pray for Central Region Church
14 	15 	16	17 Ash Wednesday Lent Begins	18	19	20
21	22 6:30 PM Doers & Men's Bible Study	23	24	25	26	27
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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7		Leslie McNamara				Dale Cannell
Tami Reeves	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Stephanie King	<i>Justin &amp; Jennifer McDaniel</i>	Jim Ingalls	Don Bartholomew Marge Morse	Owen Brown
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Richelle Hodges John Sweatt	Quinn Miller Aubry Rudy <i>Charles &amp; Willetta Lawhead</i>	Tara Bartholomew Debbie Maniez	<i>John &amp; Jo Sweatt</i>		Bob Karashin
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Patricia McAninch	Dana Blubaugh	<i>Jim &amp; Marilyn Etherton</i>	Brooke Brownell Richard Copeland	Cassie Shipman	Beth Couch	Patsy Allenbrand
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Above  
else <sup>all</sup> love  
each other  
deeply  
- 1 Peter 4:8