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De Soto Baptist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN . . .

As I contemplate this article I am thinking of Lent and what it means, and even more importantly what it can mean to each of our lives, personally and individually. The words from the Chorus of a hymn comes to mind: "Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where Thou Has died." From the hymn "I Am Thine O Lord", written by the blind hymn writer Fanny Crosby. One way of seeking to be drawn closer to Christ during this Lenten season is the practice of "GIVING UP SOMETHING" or "GIVING OF SOMETHING". Each of us can/will have their own personal way of experiencing this spiritual journey. However, I would encourage you to consider the suggestion of reading through the Gospel or Luke during this Season of Lent, as suggested and organized for us by Aaron Brownell. Included in this newsletter is a continuation of the outlined schedule.

This spiritual experience is actually the giving of as well as the giving up some of our personal time during this season of Lent. This experience is not really that great a sacrifice, and unlike giving up things like desserts, or whatever seems important to us, the Spiritual growth and impact can be far greater and more significantly life changing. If possible discussion or sharing with someone else can contribute to even greater understanding and growth on our Christian journeys.

As you read, setting some personal guiding procedures may be helpful, bringing more understanding and challenge to our lives. Some examples could be + What in this passage could make my walk with Christ more meaningful! . . . + What – if anything – is the most difficult challenge of this passage? . . . + What, according to what I'm reading, would help me share or relate God's love to others? . . . * What do I need more understanding of or help with? . . . Why did what I'm reading take place" . . . and the list can grow as you embark on this incredible journey with our Lord and Savior!!!

So often thoughts turn only to Easter Sunday, while of equal significance and life impacting worth are the other notable events of the journey – especially those of Holy Week - which will find greater focus in our April Newsletter. And if you've not yet started on this journey, it's not too late. You may just have to do some extra reading at some point! May God bless each of you, and our entire Church Family, as we share in this journey together.

I close with words of appreciation for Aaron's time spent in the organization of this journey, which promises to be impacting to everyone who joins in with the dedication and opening of minds and lives to which God calls us.

In love and gratitude of each of you in both the DeSoto Baptist Family and the Family of God changing lives as you answer God's call on your life....

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)

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17



DOERS OF THE WORD - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Throughout the Lenten season our women's group will be following the suggested readings of Luke for each day. We will meet and discuss our questions and insights through our ZOOM meetings on Monday evenings at 6:30.

Please join us!

Contact Brooke Brownell to receive the link to the Zoom meeting at bsm2015@hotmail.com or 785-562-8532.



THANKFUL ANNOUNCEMENT . . .

Following the resignation of Alicia Champlain from Secretarial duties, we were thankful to have Leslie McNamara, with Fred and Paula Jones produce the January and February newsletters, blessing us all! And now moving into the future we are VERY THANKFUL to announce that Brooke Brownell and Kim Ingalls will now assume this responsibility along with other secretarial needs as they arise. PRAISE GOD for their giftings being used for the Glory of God!!!



The Caring Heart of De Soto Baptist

As the De Soto Baptist Women's Associate for Church and Community Relations, one of my greatest privileges and joys is to help connect our church family to the needs of our community. Often the projects that might start with our ABW actually become projects for our entire church family: the Bethel Christmas Family Adoption, Operation Christmas (De Soto), Caps for Kids, Snacks for Starside, School Supplies, Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunts.

We are told to care for the poor and needy, to be our brother's keeper, to help others in any way that is right and good. And, we witness that throughout our year. De Soto Baptist has a big heart for missions. . .whether around the world or across the street.

Your response to our **Caps for Kids** was not just heart-warming for us to watch, but hand and head-warming for the recipients, whether through Bethel or the Service League project that delivered those caps and gloves to children in Johnson, Wyandotte, and Leavenworth Counties. During this past week of snow and severe cold, I thought how timely our drive was. . .carrying over into February....I know that those families were so thankful for those caps that were delivered in late January---not too late, but "right on time."

Because we have developed a reputation for "having a heart" for **Starside** and helping with unexpected needs, the counselor reached out to me a little over a week ago to see if we could possibly help provide some **school supplies** right now - this semester- for the kids at Starside. Because of CoVid and the unknown schedule for schools last fall, we hadn't held the usual School Supply Drive that Starside needs. Because of the large percentage of Starside families needing help for lunches and basic school supplies, our summer drives have become very important to them. With our schools returning to full-time attendance, their supply of basic school items had run out. (She was unaware that we had been the ones sending snacks these recent months.)

I had remembered that we had carried over a balance for school supplies from the 2019 drive, so, thanks to local merchants and internet bargains, we were able to deliver basic school supplies for 25-30 children. The Starside folks greatly appreciate our generosity in providing not only the snacks but also those basic supplies. How pleased we should be that we are known for our caring and generous hearts.

The supplies we delivered will probably not meet all of their needs for this semester, but they do give the children and the teachers a great lift, knowing that others care enough to help. Once they distribute these supplies, they will let us know of any additional critical needs.

Blessings to you all for what you do for so many.

Karen Wall, Church & Community Relations



A MOMENT WITH JO

Acts 3:6, " Then Peter said, "silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

What an awesome story this is of the power of Jesus' name. Most secular people do not care if you use the word God or Lord, but bristle at Jesus's name. A recent happening to me was the result of a stupid act of leaving the dishwasher lid down as I bustled around wiping counter tops and placing dishes in the racks. Oh, you know what happened, I hit the corner of the door with my shin, turned under a large flap of skin and began to bleed over the floor and in my shoe. I yelled for John, grabbed large amounts of paper towels and finally was able to slow the flow somewhat. John wrapped my leg with towels and shipping tape and off to the ER.

Dear Jesus, please stop this pain and heal my leg, I prayed continually to hospital. We arrived at 1:50 p.m. and I would like to say it was a short wait, but at 7 p.m., I asked the attendant who was calling names if he thought it might be soon as I had been waiting for 5 hours. People around us said, " you have been here for 5 hours?" Within 30 minutes, my name was called and taken back for aid. As the nurse tried to remove the bandage, I yelled, "help me, please Jesus". She put moisture on it to be able to remove it and in came the doctor. He kept talking of what he would do and without telling me, he quickly flipped the flap back into its proper position. He said, no stitches, but small strips to hold it. I marveled at Jesus' immediate response to my urgent request to help me. Three weeks later and having Home Health Care visiting nurses, I am healing well and back to walks, but not exercise.

We know our dear Jesus Christ always hears our prayers and we know sometimes it is not the answer we wish, but that moment in ER has continually been a great comfort to me as I heal. Thank You. Lord Jesus.

Blessings,
Jo Sweatt



“Little Dresses for Africa”

Anyone ready to start sewing again? It’s almost time to start our next project.

We will need to spend about 2 months collecting necessary materials in order to start this project.

Items needed are:

½ Inch Bias tape in a variety of colors. (it takes one package per dress)

¼ Inch elastic. You can purchase this by the spool on Amazon.

Old Pillowcases and/or misc. Fabrics.

If you want to contribute, but are not able to sew, money contributions are welcomed.

If we start collecting these needed items now, hopefully by April we can begin sewing.

This will be an all summer project working at your leisure. I feel we can probably wrap it up around the first of September and get them shipped.

We will have a meeting as time draws near to begin our project, to receive materials, pattern and instructions.

Any questions please contact: Susan Reames 540-219-8373 or sreames7@gmail.com



AMERICA FOR CHRIST

At this time of year we're privileged to participate in the "AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING" with the theme this year being "For the Purpose of Equipping Saints", based on the message of Ephesians 4:11-13, which reads "So Christ himself gave the Apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

WOW . . . what an assignment!!! Just a few of the potential examples of the advancement for Christ's integration into the world include grants to Mission partners involved in the healing of broken families and communities through the spreading of God's love . . . the nurturing support of discipleship and leadership of Christ . . . the sending of more than 5,000 Discipleship and Christian Education Guides to Regions and Churches for workshops in English, Spanish, French, and Karen. This averages more than 1,000 Bible studies and several hundred Discipleship workshops! And not to be overlooked are the opportunities for development of Leadership Empowerment for Pastors, Chaplaincy, and Specialized Ministries! So YES, this offering opportunity can be of benefit to our local congregations in Central Region in leadership development according to God's plans! And being "life learners" is a critical aspect for Pastors in leadership as the Servants God has called them to be.

Significant and unique opportunities lie before each of us as Missionaries in or our community and neighborhoods . . . perhaps in our schools where snacks are needed for those whose parents may lack the funds for these daily needs . . . or in provision of hats, scarves, and gloves for children who come to school in freezing weather without these . . . or in the donations of food products to town pantries . . . or in answering of other calls as God may orchestrate in these times of great stress. And in reality there can be no better solution than to get our minds off our own personal challenges, changes, and even disappointments, recognized during these trying times as being inescapable. Fitting in with this is a memory going back 70 years when as a 10 year old reading the Leavenworth Times was such a priority for me that I motivated our bicycle riding paper boy to throw an extra copy so I didn't have to wait for my Dad to finish reading before I got it! The main article I've remembered all these years was a Psychology column by a Dr. Crane, with a strong emphasis on the concept "Go through the proper motions and you'll feel the proper emotions!" Hmmmm . . . could this possibly fit in with answering God's call on our lives for various actions to which we're directed? Could getting our minds off ourselves and the increasing challenges being faced with a turn in the direction of hearing, answering God's call on our lives to His love and leading in possibly new arenas of outreach – or being "servant missionaries" in our own communities be the calling to each of us now?

How truly blessed we are to be part of a Denomination which encourages and provides for the opportunities to embark on Ministries of Outreach from specific needs in our own community to those stretching from boundary to boundary across America. Offerings for this outreach of Missions can be given throughout the month of March, with the designation of America For Christ so designated.

Mary Etta Copeland – Missions Associate for Central Region ABW

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.

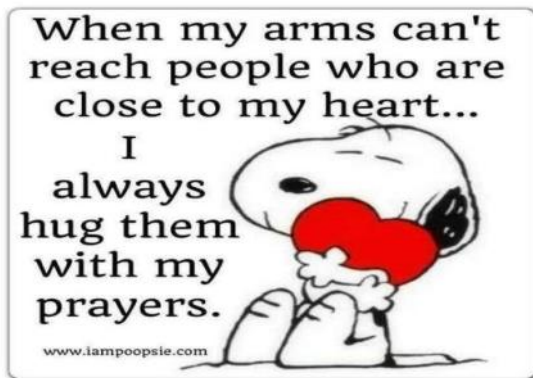
Luke’s Gospel is perhaps the most cohesive telling of the story of Jesus Christ. We learn about His time in the temple, the encounter on the road to Emmaus, parables like ‘The Good Samaritan’ and ‘The Prodigal Son’, His passion for the poor, and willingness to spend time with people from all levels of 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

Thank you for your support!

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Let Brooke Brownell know if you would like to join the Zoom.	1 Women meet over Zoom*	2	3	4	5	6
7 America for Christ Offering	8 Men's Bible Study Women meet over Zoom*	9	10	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings	15 Women meet over Zoom*	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Men's Bible Study Women meet over Zoom*	23	24	25	26	27 Passover
28 Palm Sunday	29 Women meet over Zoom*	30	31			

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Tracie Griffin	3 Larry and Donna Gulley	4 Lucas Walker Nora Miller	5 Ron and Joy Mann	6 Danny and Linda Lane
7	8 Justin McDaniel Pat Reeves Pat	9 Karen Adcock	10	11	12 Dakota Allen Kim Pew	13 Shane Muhl (Bosworth)
14 Brandi Hastings Kathryn Hines	15	16 Nathan Cardiff Kim Ingalls	17	18 Mark Coatney Doug Opdycke	19 Mike Montgall	20 Rick McAninch Derrick McAninch
21	22 Gene and Rebekah Cosby	23	24	25 Brandon Riffel	26 Linda Nalley	27 Bailey Rendzia Wanda Riedhart
28 Amelia Brownell Gary Logan	29	30 Don Gipson	31			

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