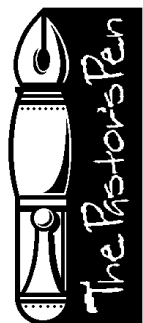




*"This is the day the Lord has made; we  
will rejoice and be glad in it."  
Psalm 118:24*



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

# De Soto Baptist Church

## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN ~

.I have a friend who - even when things aren't going so well - will often say "Every day is a holiday." Of course we know that is not officially true! However, the Apostle Paul was able to say, "Rejoice in the Lord always." Again I will say rejoice!" Paul could rejoice every day . . . even when the circumstances of his life were very difficult. Why? Because he Lord had risen indeed~ This resurrection fact is cause for us as Christians to rejoice every day! This truth brings a bright light to all of our experiences. Every day in the life of Christians really is EASTER!

Each Sunday in the month of May, as we come together as a church family to celebrate Easter and worship together, there is also something else that is special for these services! On May 2nd we will observe the Lord's Supper, remembering that Christ truly is our everyday Bread of Life, as well as how He died for each of us and the remission of our sins. Mother's Day, on May 9th, is always very special as we honor our Mothers, often through decades of history. May 16th brings another significant recognition of our Graduates, in this a "never-before-experienced" time of challenge for them and their families! May 23rd is Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the wondrous gift of the Holy Spirit to be our Counselor and Guide. And then finally, the last weekend, May 30th, is when we as a Church Family together in Worship observe the importance of the reason for Memorial Day – which is actually Monday, May 31st.

And as we conclude a very busy and significantly meaningful month of May we look forward with anticipation for what the Summer months hold in store for us. Surrounded by such questions as "Are we going to have ??????" . . . "How will we do what we've done before, but in new ways" . . . "Do we have adequate resources to meet our various needs?" . . . And on continue the potential questions of possibility! And what I truthfully envision is the incredible and positive spirit of DeSoto Baptist Family in looking to God for His provision and direction . . . and thus the unfolding of new and developing and expanding ways of doing what we've always done in answer to God's call and direction for DeSoto Baptist to a community and world in need of His all-powerful and all-reaching LOVE!!!

Blessed to be part of the DeSoto Baptist Family of  
God ~

*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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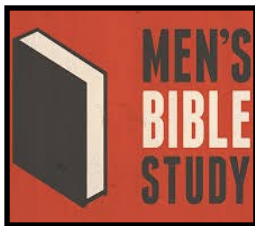
on our Facebook account

**De Soto Kansas Baptist Church**



## AUDIO CDs OF WORSHIP SERVICES AVAILABLE

**W**e 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)



## 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!

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

**THANK YOU!!!**

For submitting Tithes and Offerings to:

DeSoto Baptist Church

PO Box E - DeSoto, KS 66018





## A MOMENT WITH JO

**II Timothy 4:2, "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season."**

I like to begin each day with thanking Jesus for Who He is and how much I love Him. Then I offer myself to used this day for His glory. I love to see and experience His surprises, leadings, and sharing throughout the day.

One day before we left our Florida home, I went to the Club House to select colors for our house. I was sitting in the foyer with the large colors book when a woman walked in, looked around not knowing what to do and where to go. I asked if I could help her and she replied she was able to go through the first gate but could not proceed through the gate that leads to the house she needed to visit. She was a home health nurse and had an appointment. I told her that we will go to the office and explain the situation. Another person was in with the secretary, so we waited and visited. She told me she had this appointment, one in Punta Gorda, two in Arcadia, and then back to Sarasota. She was rather young and I thought she probably had children as she was concerned about finishing her job and returning home. She had a long day ahead and now was behind schedule.

I told her I had had Home Health for 4 weeks in February and when I had talked with them, the nurse had said that is the hardest part if getting to and from visits.. I then asked the Lord to please open the door for her and help her go to the house to help her patient, asked Jesus to bless and calm her spirit and thanked Him for loving us so much. Just as I finished, the door opened and she went it. She began laughing and said thank you. My words to the Lord, "You are so amazing and always on time. Thanks be to God. Jo Sweatt



**WOMEN INSPIRING WOMEN**  
**American Baptist Women's Centennial Conference**  
**Topeka, Kansas June 4-5**

**All women** - come celebrate 100 years of American Baptist Women of the Central Region as we gather for inspiration, interaction and fellowship. Last year marked 100 years of conferencing for ABW of the Central Region (Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas).

Our main speaker is a highly-sought ABW speaker from Green Lakes, Wisconsin: Sandy Wimpelberg. Sandra is a certified Life Coach who will share her passion and knowledge with us throughout the two days:

*"The thing that 'makes my heart sing' is working with individuals. . .to help them discover their greatest gifts, skills and abilities. . .bringing them all to bear in achieving dynamic results in life, career, relationships, and spiritual wellness.*

*"My personal mission is to be a 'generous multiplier' in using and passing on the gifts that I have been given."*

A description of her is as follows: *"that Scottish woman carries the charm and warmth of her Scottish heritage into every presentation. . .she is truly a 'speaker for all seasons.'"*

I find it an exciting prospect to find new gifts, new passions, new understandings, and new goals for our lives. Sandra will speak three times during the general meetings and is also leading a workshop.

Nine of our DBC women have already registered. Some will be driving back and forth to Topeka; some of us will be staying overnight at a Comfort Suites close to the First Baptist Church. (There's still room for more "over-nighters.")

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mary Etta or Karen about the details. - **our local ABW pays for half** of the registration fee. **You have until May 26** to get your registration to Mary Etts. The registration form is available - please join our group of women for this inspiring and rewarding conference.

# LOVE GIFT PROJECT

The sanctuary was a beautiful site on Easter Sunday! How special for God's leading in our Love Gift Project. This year we were able to raise almost \$1000.00 for the Love Gift. Debbie Maniez and I had an idea to purchase 2 Easter Lilies, then pledge to give one away to someone that has not been able to be with our church family for the past year, was embraced by everyone. I know it was an incredible blessing for everyone involved. Remaining lilies were delivered to Hillside Village.

If we listen closely to God's gentle whispering, we will be able to continue raising money for these worthwhile projects. Thank you to everyone who assisted in purchasing, delivering and a special blessing to those who received the lilies.

May the Blessings flow through our Lord Jesus Christ, Anita Woywod

Donated Lilies in Memory/Honor of:

Terry & Paula Rhodes: Memory of Tom & Pauline Rhodes/Honor of Thurman & Lois Duncan

Dean & Karen Wall: Memory of Burl Gratny & Jeff Coatney, Ted Morse & Sharon Queen

Debbie Maniez: Memory of Tim Maniez, Junior & Jean Maness/Honor of Mainez Family & Malone Family

Pat & Tami Reeves & Family: Memory of Glen Nelson / Honor of Ruby Nelson

Jeff & Richelle Hodges: Memory of Wendell & Eva Hodges, Marshall & Leslie Copeland

Doug & Vergie Opdycke: Memory of Vergil & Nadine Dean, Gerald & Christine Opdycke

Rev. Richard & Mary Etta Copeland: Memory of Richard and Mary Etta's Parents

Reba Berola: Memory of Troy & Nina Hartle & Billy Boyd

Jerry & Linda Nalley: The Nalley Family and the Green Family

Rodger Brackett: Memory of Linda Brackett

Jon Kobler: Memory of Belva Thrasher & Bell Gabriel

Larry & Brenda West: Memory of Margaret West & Thelma Bowes

Jim & Kim Ingalls: Memory of Gail Ingalls, John Holl & Lauren Gilbert

Marge Morse: Memory of Ted Morse

MaryGale Kramer: Memory of Raymond & Dorothy Kramer / Honor of Kramer & Appell Family

Anita Woywod: Memory of Chuck, Frances & Jeanene Lawhead, Bill & Martha Woywod / Honor of The Lutz Family

Danny & Linda Lane: Memory of Gene & Lila Werst, Mike & Linda Dale

Kristen & Tom Huang: Honor of Mike & Bonnie Montgall, Peter & Jeanne Huang

Corey & Tamara Sipe: Memory of Tamara's Grandparents

Rick & Monica Walker: Memory/Honor of the Walker Family & McAninch Family

John & Julie Riffel: Memory of Our Parents

Mike & Barb Bosworth: Memory of Sarah Fletcher







# Congratulations



## CLASS OF 2021



**Emms Brownell**

*Graduating from De Soto High School.*

*Plans to take a gap year and serve the Lord locally and possibly abroad to get a better understanding of God's purpose for my life. She is interested in entrepreneurship and hope the Lord will lead her to that in the next year.*

*Daughter of Brooke and Aaron Brownell*



**Savannah Tasker**

**Graduating from De Soto High School**

Savannah plans on working part time while getting her CNA certification.

*Daughter of Kim and Shawn Pew*



**Cole T. Huang**

Graduating from Free State High School

Plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis. He hopes to double major in graphic design and ecology in hopes of advocating for the environment.

Son of Tom and Kristen Huang



**Kenzie Simpson**

Graduating from DeSoto High School.

Plans to attend K-State University with a major in elementary education.

Daughter of Dave and Traci Simpson and granddaughter of Rick and Patti Hollingsworth.



**Mason Griffin**

Graduating from De Soto High School

He plans on attending JCCC in the fall and Transferring to KU to study Exercise Science.

Son of Jeff and Traci Griffin



# Congratulations



## CLASS OF 2021



Cody Towner

Graduating from Wichita State University

Son of Jeremy and Jamie Towner



Kayla Ingalls

Graduating from Pittsburg State University

Master of Science in General Psychology

Daughter of Jim Ingalls (Kim)

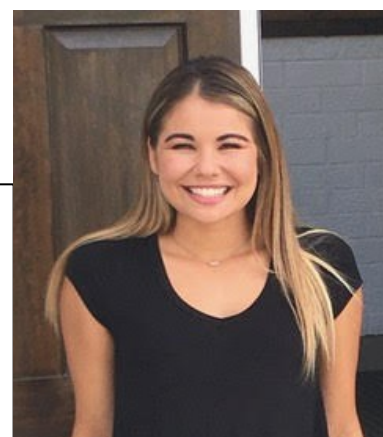


James Ingalls III

Graduating from Fort Hays State University

Bachelor's Degree in Medical Diagnostic Imaging

Son of Jim Ingalls (Kim)



Emily Parr

Graduating from KU School of Education.

She will be teaching 1st grade at Starside in DeSoto.

Daughter of Don and Vicky Parr



Donny Parr

Graduated from Washburn School of Law  
2020. Ceremony May 2021.

Son of Don and Vicky Parr



Caleb McQuality

Graduating from Wichita State University

Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science.

Plans on obtaining a Master's Degree in Kinesiology/  
Exercise Science in the fall.

Son of Matt and Leah McQuality



**BOYS AND GIRLS - MOMS AND DADS -  
TEENS AND PRE-TEENS**



**SAVE THE DATES!!!**  
**DBC VBS IS COMING IN JULY!!**

The De Soto Baptist Church Vacation Bible School is coming again with all of the usual fun, excitement, and inspiration.

**July 12,14,16      9-11:30      Ages 4 - 18.**

- \*Children 4-5 (who have not attended Kindergarten) will be part of the great Pre-K classes and fun.**
  - \*Children who have completed Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade make up our elementary teams.**
  - \* Students who will be in Middle School in the fall will provide our Junior Leadership positions.**
  - \* High School students serve as Youth Leaders and serve in many Important leadership roles.**
- \*\*All church family members: We need YOU to help this be the best VBS ever!! We need helpers of all ages and all abilities.**  
**Contact Karen Wall, Richelle Hodges, or Richard Copeland!!**  
**669-1991      583-1503      583-1425**

## **DOERS OF THE WORD" Women's Bible Study**

Join us in person or through Zoom as we explore the **revolutionary teachings** of Jesus through his parables. Our study for the next four months will be **eight parables of Jesus**, utilizing the book **Inverted** by Tom Ellsworth. "Living out the perspective changing parables Jesus told" is the goal of this study.

Stories have always been one of the most indelible ways of remembering events and their significance. Jesus was the master storyteller with lessons that hold eternal truths.

Join us on this discovery of new insights into living. We will meet on May 10 and May 14 in the basement from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. OR join us through Zoom. Books can be ordered online or request one from Mary Etta or Karen Wall.





# Community OUTREACH



## 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.

## 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.**

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

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



# De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

## MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						 1
2 The Lord's Supper	3	4	5	6	7	8
9  Men's Bible Study with Matt Burns Women's Bible Study with Karen Wall & Mary Etta Copeland	10	11	12	 13	14	15
16 Recognition of Graduates	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Jeff Hodges Brings Message	24 Men's Bible Study with Matt Burns Women's Bible Study with Karen Wall & Mary Etta Copeland	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Chris & Allison Haynes
2 Marilyn Etherton	3	4 Cheryl Towner	5 Allison Haynes	6 Gary Crowley Larry Gulley Jr. Jake Miller	7 Amy Culver	8 Paula Rhodes
9 Terry & Paula Rhodes Dennis Allen	10	11 Emma Brownell	12 Whitney & Brandi Hastings	13 Maya Huang	14 Caleb Martin Kaylynn DeRoulet	15 Heidi Copeland
16 Kathy Hayden	17 Jennifer McDaniel Jamie Nelson	18 Leland Lister	19 Corey Sipe	20	21 Shane & Rachel Muhl	22 Jeff & Traci Griffin Barb Beesley
23	24	25 Nicholas Cardiff Mary Jo McDaniel	26 Don & Tara Bartholomew	27 Lilly Champlain	28	29 Calvin & Kelly Hayden
30 Gene Cosby Cassandra Miller Jo Sweatt Ken Warsop	31 Rhonda Burns Paul Hughes Noah Phillips					

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