



De Soto Baptist Church



2023

ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

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February is the season for romance, with Valentine's Day halfway through the month, and it begs the question, why are we so taken with Romantic Love? Many of our favorite novels and films culminate with a romantic kiss. And yet, half of modern marriages end in divorce, and people are reportedly finding it more and more difficult to find "the one." Historian Stephanie Coontz shares that 100 years ago, finding a spouse was pretty simple. Folks back then married someone because they came from a good family, or was a good provider or homemaker. She laments, "Now we marry for love - for that intangible, fleeting, inspiring feeling." Obviously, basing a relationship and marriage upon an intangible, fleeting feeling is unwise, to say the least, because, of necessity, those romantic feelings are going to flutter away in time. We humans don't have the capacity to hold onto emotions for very long. They come and go like the waves in the sea.

So why are we so taken with romance? Why do so many of us leave loving homes, with parents who gave sacrificially and compassionately, for a handsome fellow or pretty girl? Why do we let deep, lasting friendships with dear friends fall away, sometimes disappearing altogether, for the hope of a romantic connection? We're not stupid...usually, yet many of us apparently throw logic out of the window for a sparkly smile and a moonlit kiss, and quite often.

I think the reason we crave romantic love so much is that it's hardwired into our souls by our Creator. Over and over in Scripture, God's relationship with His people, whether ancient Israel or the Church, is compared to a beautiful relationship between a married couple. Ephesians 5:31-32 leaves no doubt that this is the case when it states, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one."

Earlier in that chapter, we see strong injunctions to couples to serve one another, even unto death. Some unscrupulous people taken the verse that wives should submit to their husbands out of context in order to subjugate women, when in the same Bible passage, men are ordered to love our wives as Christ loves the church. If there's any doubt about the lengths we men are to go to lovingly serve and honor our wives, we are ordered to love our wives, "just as Christ loved the church," and it's followed up by the example, "He gave up his life for her." Clearly, God wants husbands to be bending over backwards to out-give and out-serve their wives, and if wives are also trying to be the ones who out-give and out-serve their husbands, the seeds are sown for a beautiful marriage, and a lifetime romance of mutual caring and tenderness.

Sure, we all like romance, especially when we're young, because it means we're accepted by someone we're attracted to, and that's an exciting prospect, but as we mature, we begin to notice the similarities between romantic love and our deep, beautiful, spiritual connection to God. Nuns, Priests and Monks who lose the beauty of this connection will inevitably fall into sexual immorality, seeking the lower arm of romance, which is simply sexual gratification.

I think every time we see that swashbuckling guy kiss that pretty girl at the end of the film, and a little tear or two wells up from our eyes unbidden, it's because we honor the possibility, the beauty, the mystery of True Love. We want to believe, however rare it may truly be, in Love, in the kind of eternal union to which our souls aspire, because that is one of the foretastes of that eternal union we will someday experience with our God.

So this Valentine's Day, buy your best gal a dozen roses, book a romantic, candlelight dinner, stare deeply into the eyes of your partner and let them see your loving appreciation, but somewhere in the back of your mind, look forward to the summation of all things, when our relationships with God will be made complete, and all other relationships will be fulfilled in it. All the best and most beautiful parts of our parent-child relationships, sibling relationships, best friend relationships and certainly romantic relationships, will be swept up in and completed fully in our relationship with our True Love - our Lord, who willingly loves us unto death and eternity.

Pastor Victor Velez





ONLINE WORSHIP—LIVE SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

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



FIND US ON
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De Soto Kansas Baptist Church



Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship

Every Sunday in February
Before and After Church Service
Copeland Center



DOERS OF THE WORD IN FEBRUARY

Join our Women's Bible Study of the book
The Prayer of Jabez to learn how to access
God's richest blessings for you and your family.
Tuesday, Feb. 14 and 28, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Contact Mary Etta Copeland: 913-314-9362
or Karen Wall: 913-669-1991
(In person at Church or available on ZOOM!)

Deacons &
Trustees
Meeting

Deacons & Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m.



CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, February 8th 7:00 pm

All Members Welcome to Attend!



ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OF SOUP!!!

February 12

Church basement following our church service

We ask families to bring crock-pots of soup or appropriate sides of crackers, cheese, relishes, salads, or desserts.

Free-will offerings are requested with the money raised going to our local Food Pantry and the De Soto Relief Fund for families needing aid at this time.

We also invite the community to come to take part in this time of sharing, so we will need extra pots of soup for those guests.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Questions contact Richelle Hodges (913-481-7610) or Linda Lane (913-634-8299)



Prayer Path Dedication

Weather permitting, on **Sunday, February 26th**

We will observe a celebration time after the regular Sunday service for the dedication of the Prayer Path. This project completes a larger, three-pronged plan to upgrade our outdoor facilities, which included first the shelter house, second was the playground, and now we have the third leg which is the Prayer Path.

The Prayer Path was first conceived by Mary Etta Copeland, who, in 2010, at the first official meeting of a Prayer Path committee, mentioned that around the year 2000 she and Richard attended a National ABC conference in Green Lake, Wisconsin, and she returned to De Soto convinced of the absolute necessity that our church needed to be centered around the need for prayer in all situations. She also believed that our church, with the wonderful land area that we have, needed to use that land as a prayer site – a garden, a path, or something similar. Others on the committee shared that they had felt the need to have a quiet place, preferably surrounded by the beauty of God's world, a place to commune with God. So, out of this first meeting came the vision to have a prayer path to provide a safe place of natural beauty for people to seek God's guidance, comfort, and encouragement.

A special thanks goes out to all those who contributed ideas, talent, labor, time, and money to the completion of this major endeavor. More specific information about the planning and building of the Prayer Path will be published after the dedication ceremony. It is an area that will continue to change and beautify as it matures, and other features are added. Hopefully, many people will be able to enjoy this outdoor area for many, many years to come.



A MOMENT WITH JO

The Lord will provide-Jehovah Jireh



How I appreciate the different names for our Heavenly Father. There are many attributes that remind us of His Father's loving heart to us, such as Abba Father; our peace, Jehovah Shalom; the One who heals, Jehovah Rapha, and many more. Recently when we arrived in Florida for the winter, we found that our golf cart would not work. We had planned to drive it to grocery store, but either the battery or something else was wrong. Before leaving last April, we asked a neighbor, who sells and repairs carts if he would take care of it while we were gone, we felt confident it would be. Also, the next morning the stove would not work, nor was the water heater on. I called our wonderful Christian man who takes care of our house and lawn and he came over and turn on the breaker panel and checked cart,, but again, golf cart would not work. he plugged it on again and hoped that would do it. The next morning he came to our house and told me a great story. The Lord had awakened him at 4 a.m. and asked him if he had checked a switch that much be turned off for it to run. Dru said, "No Sir, I did not". The Lord said, "you need to take care of it for John and Jo". I began laughing and said that I was sorry for him awaking early, but so grateful that Jehovah Jireh takes care and provides what is needed. What a good good Father we have.

Jo Sweatt

WE WANT YOU

VBS IS COMING!!! SAVE THE DATE!!
JUNE 12-15

will be the date for our VBS week of excitement, joy, music, activities, games and learning about God's Love! Invite your neighbors, family members, friends....even strangers!!

This is such an important outreach program for our church!!



COMING SOON:
An invitation for quilting parties!!!
Be looking for exciting news from an
enthusiastic and creative quilter -
"Anyone can do this" is her cheering promise.
Be alert!



SNACKS FOR STARSIDE



With Second Semester starting in early January, there will be the continuing need for Snacks for the children at Starside whose families cannot provide these extra food choices. We discovered this need two years ago, and the children at Starside have greatly enjoyed our donations. It is a huge help for the school and the teachers who often provide these snacks to those children whose families cannot afford to send these every day.

If you would like to be a part of the Snacks for Starside program, you can bring pre-packaged snacks to the church at any time and put them in the Starside blue bucket. Please bring crackers, food bars, veggie straws, or fruit snacks. Goldfish and Crackers/Cheese sandwiches are very popular. Cookies and Chips are not considered to be nutritious and are not given out. If you would like to donate money for us to purchase snacks, put your money in an envelope labeled for Starside Snacks or make out your check to De Soto Baptist Church with Starside Snacks on the Memo Line. We have some elves who will go to Harps or Sam's or Costco to get the best buys and deliver them to the school.

As the ABW Associate for Church and Community Relations, I am always so grateful for the generous hearts and caring spirits of the DBC family. We do so many things for so many causes. Thank you, thank you, for responding to these needs for our community as well as across our country and the world.

Karen Wall, Church and Community Associate



Communication Updates

In an effort to update files... Please confirm and/or update church member information for future communications.

Even if you think we have the correct information, please send information to confirm.

Send name, address, phone, email, birthday, and anniversary for entire household to: Kim Ingalls:

desotoks baptist church@gmail.com



MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET at the NEW DINNER THEATER and RESTAURANT

APRIL 20, 2023

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and
the play begins at 1:30 p.m.

All women of the church are invited to join us for an amazing production based on a true event from the 1950's including the stars pictured above: Jerry Lee Lewis, Ray Perkins, Elvis Presley, and Johnny Cash. We are again sponsoring a group event for this opening-day matinee. Tickets are \$36, which covers this outstanding musical production and a delicious buffet. We have 36 seats reserved and have already received 18 reservations. Final payment is not due until March 30, but do contact Karen Wall to reserve your seats. Feel free to invite guests to join us (men are welcome to come along.) text or call: 913-669-1991 Karen Wall



LET'S HAVE AN ALL-CHURCH YARD SALE!!



Start your Spring cleaning now---time to minimize and De-clutter! A date in late March or April will be chosen - The Shelter House & Parking Lot will be the Sale Site. All donations will be sold for our church's missions projects, but consignments will be taken for a commission. We will have SAVERS send their truck to pick up all "left-overs" PURGE!! - Less clutter means less stress!!

??? Contact Paula or Fred Jones, 913-638-1149, Karen or Dean Wall, 913-669-1991

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.



TITHES & OFFERINGS THANK YOU!!!

For submitting Tithes and Offerings to:

DeSoto Baptist Church
PO Box 578 - DeSoto, KS 66018



ONE DE SOTO RELIEF FUND

For Citizens of De Soto

The De Soto Food Pantry has created a fund called One De Soto Relief Fund. This fund is available for community residents who are undergoing a hardship due to a current emergency, crisis, or natural disaster.

For more information, visit our website at:



www.desotoksfoodpantry.wordpress.com

Thank you for your support!



February 2023

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Communion Sunday	6	7	8 6:30 Deacon & Trustees Meeting 7:00 Church Business Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19	20 	21	22 	23	24	25
26 Prayer Path Dedication 11:30	27	28 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.				

February 2023

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				2 Leslie McNamara	3	4
5	6	7 Tami Reeves	8	9 Stephanie King	10	11 Jim Ingalls
12 Marge Morse Don Bartholmew	13	14	15 Richelle Hodges John Sweatt	16 Quinn Miller	17 Debbie Maniez Tara Bartholomew	18 <i>John & Jo Sweatt</i>
19	20	21 Patricia McAninch	22 Dana Blubaugh	23 <i>Jim & Marilyn Etherton</i>	24 Richard Copeland	25
26	27 Patsy Allenbrand Scott Jones	28				

Engaged in the Ministry of Reconciliation

De Soto Baptist Church

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De Soto, Kansas 66018

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FEBRUARY 2023



Above all
else love
each other
deeply
- 1 Peter 4:8