



*Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, today and always, Lord God. Energize and equip us to live out your love in the world.*



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

## De Soto Baptist Church

Spring is in full bloom with Summer on the way. Seasons come and go, and each new season has its virtues and delights. The past year has been a unique season in the life of De Soto Baptist Church. It has had a new pastor for the first time in over half a century, and an Interim Pastor to boot! It has certainly been a delight to me as that self-same Interim Pastor, to worship and serve this community along with every one of you!

Now this Church Family is about ready to plunge into the next season in its life. The Pastoral Call Committee has been working hard, pouring over resumes and interviewing candidates, and now its hard work is coming to fruition. Soon it will call a new pastor to lead this church to help it reach its mission to minister to its world and to grow spiritually and in numerically.

Having had the honor of serving you this past year, I would like to offer some words of honest observation, which I hope will be an encouragement. Firstly, this church is highly respected and has an excellent reputation in this community. De Soto Baptist Church has been faithful for many years, and among many other services, it has provided excellent weekly worship, wonderful Bible Studies, memorable VBS experiences, and has raised up many civic leaders in this community.

Secondly, this church is a loving place. If it has a distinctive, it is that it has chosen to open its doors and its hearts to all people, and has chosen to give a listening ear, warm words, strong hugs and handshakes, twinkling eyes and beautiful smiles to everyone. There are many differing theological perspectives represented in this place, different traditions, different vocations, different types of families, political views, different everything...and I believe we all worship and serve better because of the diversity. The great respect everyone has for folks who have different viewpoints is truly moving, and it has attracted, and will attract, many more folks into its family. It has stayed firm on the important tenants of its Faith, and allowed itself to be both welcoming and curious about the nonessentials and differing theological varieties.

Lastly, this church has been able to grow and change over this years in order to stay relevant, and this is something that it will be asked to do again and again in future years, with many significant changes needing to happen in the next immediate season of the church's life. Personally, I think everyone I've spoken with about the direction of this church community, has told me the same basic things. It's like everyone is on the same page, even though they may not have shared those viewpoints with others. The same items are identified as being necessary to be relevant in this community for years to come. They are, in no particular order as follows:

Reinvent the worship experience, either with one service, or create a second service that is specifically designed for folks under 40.

Provide excellent youth and children's programs.

Continue to provide excellence in the music program, and some of that excellence will be in contemporary worship to attract younger people.

Obviously, this is a tall order, but there is such a spirit of selflessness and honest desire to follow Christ that I know that all of you will rise to the challenge. I have faith that you as a church will courageously make the tough choices, and the right choices in the future, and will continue to be a light in this community for many, many years to come.

It is truly with great sorrow that I will be leaving this place, and part of my heart will remain here forever. I have deeply fallen in love with every one of you. You all have my phone number, and I will always be a phone call away from a conversation. I will always be here as a friend to share your burdens with, to provide a listening ear, or simply to have a good laugh with. I will be watching you from a distance, praying fervently for you, and I know I will be delighted with your future successes in reaching and leading many new souls into more light and the great joy of worshipping and serving alongside all of you.

In Christ's Eternal Love,  
Pastor Victor

## ONLINE WORSHIP—LIVE SUNDAYS AT 10:30AM

Link to weekly worship services and all past worship services

can be found on our church website:

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



**f** FIND US ON **FACEBOOK** De Soto Kansas Baptist Church

### National Day of Prayer

May 4 12:00 p.m.

City Hall / Community Center Gym



May 10

Deacon's & Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.



### ABW Meeting

May 22 6:30 p.m.

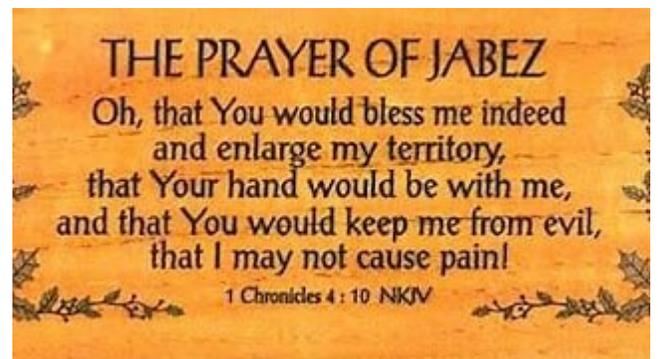
Jo Sweat will have a session on Meditation and Prayer



## DOERS OF THE WORD - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month: May 9 and May 23 at 6:30 in the church basement.

Contact: Mary Etta Copeland: 913-314-9362 or Karen Wall: 913-669-1991





## A MOMENT WITH JO

Homesick for Jesus

II Corinthians 5: 6-7 " That is why we are always full of courage (4b,He gave us the Holy Spirit). Even while we are at home in the body, we are homesick to be with the Master-for we live by faith, not by what we see with our eyes."

We recently returned from 4 months in Florida. We always miss family, our little ones, and friends. Even though we visit on the phone, it is not like being together in person, as each of you know. A few days after we returned, one of our great-grandsons, Greyson, who is six, asked if he could come to our house and he and I would play army as we did when he and his family stayed 2 months with us last summer until their new home was finished. He came and we had great fun as he was the captain and I was responsible to carry out his instructions. Amy ,our daughter who lives next door, brought Maddox, who is 3 and is Greyson's brother, to .see us. John was sitting in his recliner and Maddox walked to him, leaned over John's leg, put his cheek on him and patted him with such a sweet smile on his face.

How precious. I miss everyone when we leave and always look forward to returning.

On Sunday, after returning, we went to church for 10 a.m. service, but when we arrived, the sanctuary was empty and Anita told us the service begins at 10:30. Church in Fl. begins at 9 a.m. and our De Soto church used to begin at 11 a.m, so to me the logically thought was 10, but we used our time to read some Scripture and pray. Precious time in our church. Later was a time of laughter and joy as we greeted friends we had not seen for some time, but who came at the correct time.



## AB WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CENTRAL REGION SUMMER CONFERENCE

**Reshaping in His Image**

**For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wal of hostility. Eph. 2:14 NIV**

Attention all DBC Women: many of us have experienced wonderful personal growth and joyful memories as well as developing dear friendships at the Summer Conferences of past years. We urge you to consider attending this year's gathering in Parsons, KS.

The First Baptist Church will host our annual conference that runs from 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 2, until 2:35 on Saturday, June 3, afternoon. Workshop Descriptions and Registration Forms are in this newsletter. Talk to others who have attended - find friends to join you – we carpool to share on expenses as well as share in fellowship.

Our local ABW traditionally pays for half of your Registration – talk to Mary Etta about these details. We will be reserving hotel/motel rooms soon - don't miss out on this joyful and meaningful experience.



SATURDAY, MAY 6, 9:00- 4:00

ALL-CHURCH YARD SALE!!

DE SOTO BAPTIST SHELTER HOUSE

*Take the time to clean out and purge!!*

*Bring your items to our city-wide Yard Sale!!*

Save the date - start cleaning out those closets and shelves. We will need donors and workers. Money raised will go to the ABW Fund for Special Project or a similar cause.

**A few details:**

(1) most items will **not** be priced - we will give buyers the opportunity to donate - we will also have bags to fill \$5 for small, \$10 for large.

(2) If you have items of greater value and want to set up a table of your own you may do that, and we ask that you give whatever you think is a suitable donation for our ABW. You will be responsible for removing your own items.

(3) We will need workers - sorting, setting up, helping during the sale, clean up.

There will be sign-up sheets for helpers.

(4) People to contact: Paula Jones, Linda Lane, Karen Wall, Paula Rhodes, Vergie Opdycke and/or Julie Riffel





# CLASS OF 2023

## GRADUATE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 21

10:30 A.M.

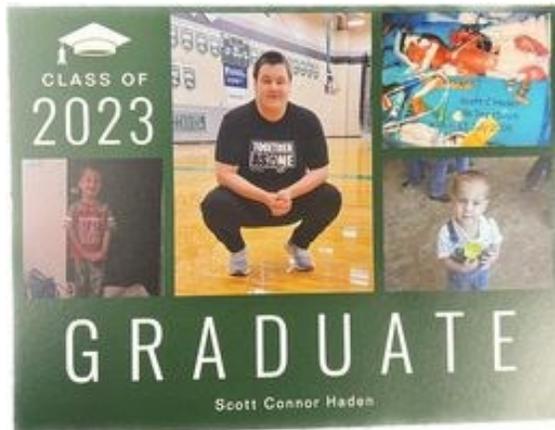
### Scott Haden

De Soto High School

Parents: Kelly & Dana Haden

Grandson of Danny & Dee Mandich

Great -Grandson of Darrel Zimmerman



### Emaleigh Towner

De Soto High School

Planning to attend Cloud Community College for the study of agriculture and hoping to continuing with track for two years then transfer to Kansas State.

Parents: Jeremy and Jamie Towner

### Avery Blubaugh

Mill Valley High School

Will be attending Pittsburg State University

Parents: Joe & Dana Blubaugh

Grand-parents: John & Julie Riffel



### Noah Beggs

De Soto High School

Grand-Parents: AC & Vicki Haulmark



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**SUNDAY, MAY 21**

**10:30 A.M.**

## **Rylie McDaniel**

University of Kansas

BS Exercise Science

Rylie will continue her education at Indiana University, where she plans to earn her Doctorate of Physical Therapy and PhD in Rehabilitation Science.

Parents: Justin McDaniel & Jennifer McDaniel

Grand-parents: Mac & Mary Jo McDaniel



## **Mackenzie Lane**

Wichita State (December 2022)

BS Criminal Justice & Psychology

Summa Cum Laude

Currently employed by KBI

Parents: Kirk & Kerry Lane

Grand-Parents: Danny & Linda Lane

# 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.



## ONE DE SOTO RELIEF FUND

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

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## TITHES & OFFERINGS

### THANK YOU!!!



For submitting Tithes and Offerings to:

DeSoto Baptist Church  
PO Box 578 - DeSoto, KS  
66018



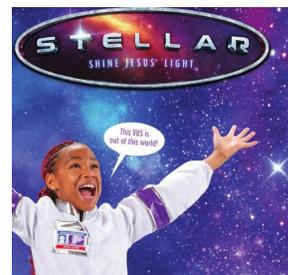
PARENTS - GRANDPARENTS:

SAVE THE DATE!!!

June 12-15, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Ages 4-12

Get ready for a VBS Week that will be

“Out of This World!!”



Have your children start the summer with a GREAT WEEK of Fun and Surprises Celebrating God’s Greatness.

“God loves you, no matter what!” - “God is with you everywhere!”

JOIN THE FUN ---- EVERYTHING IS FREE (JUST LIKE GOD’S LOVE!)

BIBLE STORIES - SONGS - GAMES - TREATS – NEW FRIENDS

DeSoto Baptist Church - 8655 Copeland Way

Check our facebook page or our web site: [desotobaptistchurch.org](http://desotobaptistchurch.org)

Online Enrollment starting in May---[desotobaptistchurch.org](http://desotobaptistchurch.org).

Questions?? Contact: Karen Wall, 669-1991 or Richelle Hodges, 481-7610

2023 Out of This World REGISTRATION FORM:

If you do NOT want to use online registration, you can fill out the from below

MAIL it to: De Soto Baptist Church, Box 578, De Soto, KS 66018

De Soto Baptist Church - June 12, 13, 14, 15 - 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade completed this year, \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents/Guardians: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address:; \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark yes or no to the following release:

De Soto Baptist Church may photograph or video my child during VBS week and may use that photo or video to show in the church or on a church publication. Yes ( ) No ( )

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Our VBS program is one of the most successful outreach programs  
that we have.

**BUT, IT TAKES A VILLAGE! WE NEED YOU!**

Would you prayerfully consider what you can do to help us have an  
“out of this world” vacation bible school???

We need helpers and leaders; we need prayer warriors as well as financial support;

We need recruiters to invite neighbors, friends, and families.

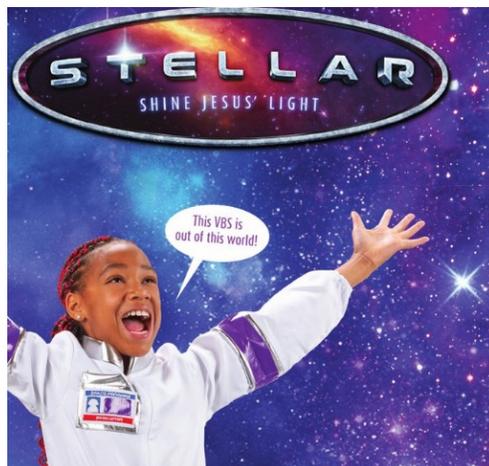
We need group leaders - working with a group of 10-15 children,  
going from station to station to learn of God’s love.

Station Leaders: Crafts and Imagination Station - Games and

Recreation - Snacks - Bible Stories - Kid-Vid leaders

Pre-School and Nursery Helpers

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board –  
or Contact: Karen Wall, 669-1991 or Richelle Hodges, 481-7610



# De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

## May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion Sunday Deacon's Fund	8	9 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	10 Deacons & Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Business Mt 7:00	11 National Day of Prayer	12	13 All Church Yard Sale
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17 National Police Week May 15 - 21	18	19	20
21 National Police & Graduate Sunday	22	23 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	24	25	26	27
28 Memorial Sun- day	29 Memorial Day	30	31			

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

# May 2022

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Chris & Allison Haynes	2 Marilyn Etherton	3	4 Cheryl Toner	5 Allison Haynes	6 Larry Gulley, Jr., Jake Miller, Gary Crowley
7 Amy Culver	8 Paula Rhodes	9 Brandon Prince, Dennis Allen <i>Terry &amp; Paula Rhodes</i>	10	11 <i>Jonny &amp; Shelby Hodges</i>	12	13 Maya Huang
14 Jack Miller, Kyle Walker	15 Heidi Copeland	16 Kathy Hayden	17 Jayme Wall Nelson	18 Leland Lister	19 Corey Sipe	20
21 <i>Shane &amp; Rachel Muhl</i>	22 Barb Beesley <i>Jeff &amp; Traci Griffin</i>	23	24	25 Mary Jo McDaniel	26 Brody Serigny <i>Don &amp; Tara Bartholomew</i>	27
28	29 <i>Calvin &amp; Kelly Hayden Shawn &amp; Kim Pew</i>	30 Junelle Woolery, Cassandra Miller, Jo Sweatt, Ken Warsop, Gene Cosby <i>Dean &amp; Karen Wall</i>	31 Paul Hughes, Wanda Burns <i>Walt &amp; Mary Jo McDaniel</i>			

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P.O. Box 578

De Soto, Kansas 66018

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NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

U.S. POSTAGE PERMIT #3

DE SOTO, KANSAS 66018

«First Names» «Last Name»

«Care Of»

«Address Line 1»

«Address 2»

«City», «State» «Zip»

May 2023

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