



2023



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

De Soto Baptist Church

I think God created me to be an “interim”.

In 1983 I performed a parachute drop with the Army onto a little island called Sardinia off the coast of Italy. When the dust settled, I was the highest-ranking person un-injured in my platoon. So, I became the “interim” Platoon Sergeant for the remainder of that field exercise.

In 2005, I deployed to Iraq with the Kansas National Guard and one of the Platoon Sergeants stepped down from his position. I again became the “interim” for the year we were deployed to Baghdad.

In 2012 I became the interim pastor for the First Baptist Church of Hoyt.

A year ago this month, the CEO where I work stepped down and I was asked to be the interim CEO until the position was filled.

The interim CEO position recently ended which freed me up to become the interim Pastor for Desoto Baptist Church.

Now I don't believe in coincidence. I believe in the sovereignty of God and His timeliness in our lives.

In my Christian life, I've tried to keep one eye on the world and one eye on heaven, keep my head in the game, and just field the ball. God has a game plan and I'm not smart enough or spiritual enough to know what that is ahead of time. But if I keep my head in the game, I can see the ball when it is hit, move in that direction, and make a play on the ball that by God's grace will be successful.

As we move forward, this is what I feel we need to do as a church. We need to field the ball.

We don't decide what we want to do with God's church, we work to build ourselves up to be useful for Jesus. We discover what God wants to do, we get on board with His strategy in this current world climate, and we field the ball.

In the coming days, the Holy Spirit is going to ask you corporately and individually to step out and do things that perhaps you have never done before. Things you didn't know you could do. You may be asked to field the ball. You can't get ready by playing games on your phone or watching Netflix. It is going to take some disciplined time in God's word and in prayer. When the call comes, you are going to think, “I can't do that.” And you are right. But the Holy Spirit can empower you to do impossible things.

I'm thinking of that old song... “Put me in Coach, I'm ready to play, today!”

I'm excited to take the field with you.

Thanks for having me on the team.

Pastor Matt



In you, O LORD,
do I take refuge;
let me never
be put to shame;
in your righteousness
deliver me!

PSALM 31:1, ESV

ONLINE WORSHIP—LIVE SUNDAYS AT 10:30AM

Link to weekly worship services and all past worship services

can be found on our church website:

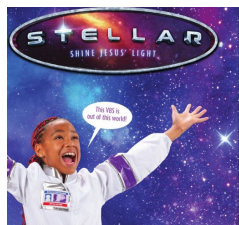
www.desotobaptistchurch.org



FIND US ON

FACEBOOK

De Soto Kansas Baptist Church



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!!



June 7

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

Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.



ABW Meeting

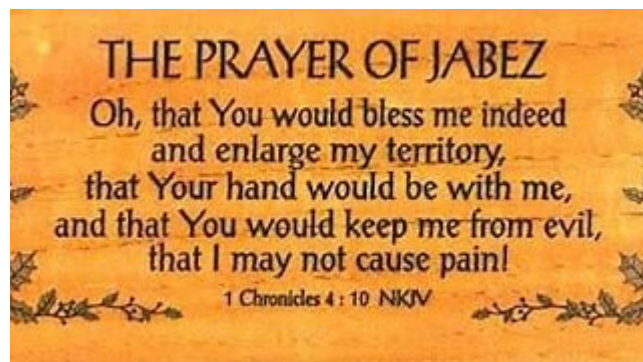
July 24 6:00 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner

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: June 13 and June 27 at 6:30 in the church basement.

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



A MOMENT WITH JO

Psalms 31:19

" Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear you".

My husband, John, and I recently returned from a cruise along the coast of California for a week. We were both amazed and full of joy with the trip, ship, drivers, meeting fine people, good food, and surprises from our Heavenly Father.

Even though we had been in San Francisco before, we had never seen the Presidio, but I had heard and read about it and was looking forward to seeing this most important Army Post on the Pacific Coast during WWII. Caesar, our driver, asked if we would like to drive through the cemetery, which is the final resting place for many Medal of Honor awardness. I told him that my birthday was on the original Memorial Day and my sister, Sara, and cousin Tom, would walk 3 miles to Hartford Cemetery , go and look at tombstone and talk about all the babies who died. As we began the drive inside, I felt the Lord saying to stop and pray. I asked him if he would stop. He asked if he could drive up the hill for a better view of it plus Golden Gate Bridge? He stopped and I began to thank the Lord for bringing up here, for all the men and women who had given their lives for this country and for their family who loved and missed them. I asked Jesus to bless Caesar, his wife, and 2 daughters and said what a blessing he had been to us, as well as other things. When I finished praying he said, "oh, my heart is very touched and there are tears in my eyes. Thank you". A very precious time.

We returned to ship and I asked a server if she had gone off ship. She said she was supposed to meet some relatives, but the ship officers said they would not let them. I held her hand and said that she, and I, and Jesus were asking for an open door to see her family the next day and would the Lord open this door. We praised and thanked Him. The next evening at dinner, she came to me and told me that she had gotten to see family. Again, we thanked and praised Jesus for His great love and goodness to us.



THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR

INCREDIBLE SUPPORT FOR

Our "YARD/ GARAGE SALE!!

Your donations, your time, your purchases, and your
encouragement helped us clear over \$1800!!!

BE PREPARED!! We are planning another Garage Sale in early October. This will have a theme: Holiday Decorating. So, if you have many more boxes of Christmas or Thanksgiving or Halloween decorations than you need . . plan on "downsizing" and bringing those items to us in October!!!





Bingo at Hillside

June 22 - 1:30 PM



This is such a fun activity for them and us! Each winner receives a prize (which we provide), they enjoy looking through the goodies and seeing what they want to select.

If you would like to join us please contact Linda Lane - 913-634-8299
or 12oakslane@gmail.com



From the desk of Linda Lane

As I was listening to Dustin Stewart's wonderful message on Sunday, May 21 and the new adventure the Lord has them on, it reminded me of the importance we have as Christians to reach out to others right here in the USA; I was saddened to hear that the US is less accepting of hearing God's word than many other countries. If you, like me, would like to explore ways to reach out to others, Central Region is providing an opportunity through First Baptist Church of Olathe.

Living a Life that Invites Others to Jesus – A New Way of Thinking

Reimagine evangelism as opportunities to get to share the saving love of Christ in a way that feels natural for who you are. Learn practical strategies for gathering those in your community through discussions and activities, and develop skills for asking good questions and sharing your own stories of gospel transformation.

June 24, 9 to 5 - First Baptist Church of Olathe

2024 E. 151st, Olathe, KS

Cost \$15

<http://www.fbcolathe.org/>



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

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TITHES & OFFERINGS

THANK YOU!!!



For submitting Tithes and Offerings to:

DeSoto Baptist Church

PO Box 578 - DeSoto, KS
66018



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Get ready for a VBS Week that will be

“Out of This World!!”

June 12-15 from 1 P.M.– 4 P.M.

Children from ages 4-12 / Teen helpers 12-18



Pre-Register now!

<https://vbspro.events/p/c535c9>

They can scan the QR code or use the web site listed to pre-register. Those who prefer to do the paper registration may do so filing out the page below and mailing to: DeSoto Baptist church, POBox 578, De Soto KS 66018

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.

STELLAR VBS REGISTRATION Ages 4 through 5th Grade

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: _____

Telephone: (if different from above) _____

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: _____



“We need more youth in our church!”

This is a common statement in church gatherings across our nation.



If we are serious about having more youth and young families, then we need to work together to develop programs, activities, and opportunities for children, youth, and their families.

Our VBS program is one of the largest and most effective outreach programs for our church. Counting the teens who help us as junior and teen leaders, we have had as many as 100 children and youth involved. BUT we need adults to volunteer to help us carry out this very important Christian education program - providing excitement and meaningful growth for all ages. We then need to discover ways to extend the excitement and involvement. . .all of that needs brainstorming and dedicated workers.

This year we have some “holes” to fill: (1) we are needing some people to work with the Pre-K kiddos (ages 4-5); (2) we definitely need someone who would enjoy the games in our recreation station; (3) we have a Kid-Vid Station that has a video every day demonstrating real examples of kids dealing with crises that apply to the bible stories being taught---we need a leader. (4) We also need teens and adults to head up our crews of up to 15 children each that are then divided into groups of 5.

Would you prayerfully consider what God would have you do to help us in these four days of VBS? Talk to Richelle or Karen about these great opportunities. If you are a station leader for something like Recreation or Crafts, the VBS publisher has all of the ideas and supply information that you will need. Each station tends to be pretty basic and well documented. There is a sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board - we will definitely help you this first time.

We will be posting some ways that you can help us financially – next week we will have lists of items that we will be using for VBS week. If you would like to sponsor or pay for one or two of these items, that would all add up. We do have money budgeted for our VBS program and have had some generous donations in the past. However, it always makes us feel better when we know we have helped with our prayers and our donations. You can put money in a sealed envelope with VBS written on one side - or you can make out a check to the church with VBS on the notation line.






If you want to plan ahead, we will have another World Vision partnership program for our children. Their daily offering money will be used to purchase bibles in foreign languages that will be distributed to children all over the globe. A donation of \$12 will provide a complete bible for one child in his/her own language. This is done through the well-known organization of World Vision.

As always, we are so very thankful for the love and generosity that our church family demonstrates with our VBS program. Please be thinking of additional activities we could plan to help our church become “young” and vibrant.

Blessings Always, Karen Wall

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4  Trinity Sunday Communion & Deacons Fund	5	6	7 Deacons a & Trustees Meeting 	8	9	10
11	12	13 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	14  FLAG DAY	15	16	17
18 	19	20	21  HELLO SUMMER!	22	23	24
25	26	27 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	28	29	30	



June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Paul & Wanda Hughes</i>	2 Ron Mann	3 Caleb Hufford
4	5 Mary Etta Copeland	6	7	8	9 Isabella Sipe	10 Debbie Chandler, Ross Stone <i>Ben & Junelle Woolery</i>
11 Rylee Miller Corey & Tamara Sipe	12 Sharon Coatney <i>John & Julie Riffel</i>	13	14 <i>Jeff & Richell Hodges, Fred & Paula Jones</i>	15 Zachery Yarbrough <i>Paul & Debbie Chandler</i>	16 Will Smalley	17
18	19 James Ingalls III	20	21 Linda Lane <i>Bruce & Nichole Yarbrough, Gary & Bonnie Logan</i>	22	23 Marie Gillihan	24 <i>Mike & Bonnie Montgall, John & Jenna Toner</i>
25 Charlene Prudden	26	27 Nichole Yarbrough	28	29 Abigail Yarbrough	30	

Engaged in the Ministry of Reconciliation

De Soto Baptist Church

P.O. Box 578

De Soto, Kansas 66018

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