

Have you ever been to the desert?

The dictionary has various definitions of a desert:

1. A region so arid because of little rainfall that it supports only sparse and widely spaced vegetation or no vegetation at all;
2. Any area in which few forms of life can exist because of lack of water, permanent frost, or absence of soil;
3. Any place lacking in something

It seems God often uses deserts in the lives of His people. He does this because He knows the benefit of removing the distractions so you can rely more closely on Him.

When He rescued the Israelites out of Egypt to bring them into Relationship with Him, He took them to the desert; When Jesus was to begin His ministry, to fully teach His flesh obedience, He took Him to the desert;

Deserts can be uncomfortable and dreaded places but they can also be the best of places to draw close to God. To be alone with Him. To meditate on His word. To try to figure out your relationship with Him and what He would like to do in and through you. To discover yourself in Jesus.

Sometimes a church can become a desert place spiritually. Older members age in place and drop out of the church work force. Younger leaders who are mobile pick up and move away. During a pastor search, we realize the shepherd is not there to lead us. The teacher is not there to teach us. The spiritual structure we rested on is absent from our midst. We find we have become complacent relying on others to give us our spiritual food and tell us how to walk our Christian walk.

And so God leads us to a desert place. He does not desert us there, but He leads us there and calls us to draw aside and spend time with Him.

Paul could have gone to Jerusalem and spent time with the Apostles to build up his new faith. Instead, he went to the desert and spent time alone with God and the scriptures.

Do you feel a little lost? Do you feel like things are not in control? Do you feel a little more anxious and you just don't know why? Open your Bible seek to know God more intimately.

There is a wonderful bit of comfort in 1 John 2:27:

"As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in Him."

He will draw near to you and reveal to you a personal purpose in the desert place.

Blessings,

Pastor Matt

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



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Church Renewal and Revitalization

Believers in Jesus Christ are a people, who belong to a heavenly Kingdom, living here in this place, to represent that Kingdom to which we now belong as citizens.

What would it look like if our church were an Embassy? An Embassy is a Diplomatic Mission. A diplomatic mission is a group of people from a state or organization, present in another state, to officially represent the sending state.

I would like to see if we can pull some parallels from embassy work that would inspire us in the working out of the mission of our church. If anyone is interested let's gather and have a short discussion around **6 PM on July 12th**.

If you can't make that, I'm in the church office on Wednesdays from 5-7pm or Saturdays from 10am to 1pm and you can stop in and we can brainstorm about the subject.

Or you can send me an email at mattsmblhm@yahoo.com

Don't just leave me sitting here lonely!

Blessings, Pastor Matt



ABW Meeting

July 24 6:00 p.m.

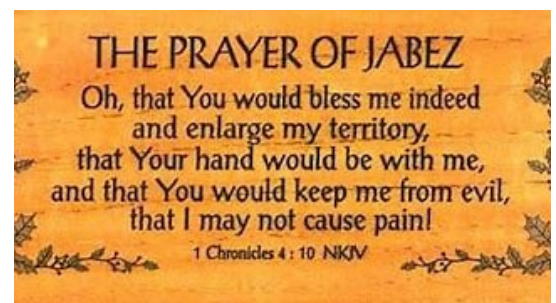
Pot Luck Dinner ~ Bring a dish to share

Fellowship Hall in Lower Level ~ Please join us!

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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. July 11 & July 25, We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month: Contact: Mary Etta Copeland: 913-314-9362 or Karen Wall: 913-669-1991



A MOMENT WITH JO

Psalm 31:19

MY TIMES ARE IN YOUR HAND

Psalm 31:14, "But as for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, " You are my God"

15. "My times are in Your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies."

All of us experience times of decision and changes we would rather not have to make. John and I are making some those decisions and I have asked the Lord to help us adjust, not look back at former things, but to have a calm and right spirit as we walk out these times of adjustment and giving up activities we have enjoyed so much. The most recent was not attending the Flint Hills Symphony, which we had been patrons for some time and it was truly a highlight of the beginning of summer, but the increasing difficulty for John and the walker, we felt was time to not go. We also have given up going to our cabin in the mountains of New Mexico, which has been a very special place for us.

Both John and I thanked the Lord for wonderful trips, long summers in Red River, NM, and gave Him all our thoughts of sadness and sorrow and asked Him to give us a heart of rejoicing and gladness. We both thanked our dear Jesus that we are still able to cruise. Deliver us from allowing the enemy to disturb our joy and may we declare, "our times are in Your hand."



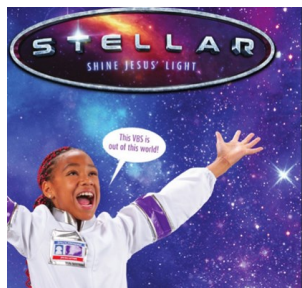
Children's Sunday School & Nursery

provided during the 10:30 Morning Worship Service.



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!



STELLAR VBS - SHINE JESUS' LIGHT!



The church was filled with sounds of laughter,
songs of Jesus, games, crafts, snacks, Bible
stories and love as another successful Vacation
Bible School was held the week of June 12-15

With 40 children ages 4-12, 12 junior or teen leaders, and 24 adults, laughter, activity and love abounded in and outside our church walls. A huge thank-you goes to all those in our church who helped as leaders, recruiters, or contributors: everyone's contribution is greatly appreciated.

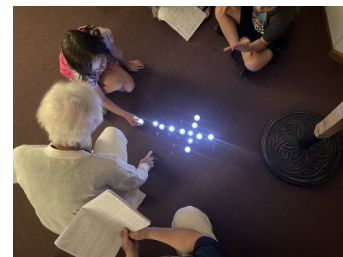
With the charge to "Shine Jesus' Light," we learned that no matter the situation, we are to Shine the Light of Jesus to those around us and to the world.

Our Sunday Service on June 18 was not only in celebration of Father's Day, but also a chance for the children to share with their families the lessons learned and the songs that were sung all week. We then went to the Shelter House for a Picnic Lunch. Despite earlier showers, the Shelter House was the perfect setting for our all-family picnic.

As our special project this year, we teamed with World Vision through their Kid-to-Kid Program so that all of the offerings would go to purchase bibles for children around the world, written in their own language.

Our donations were sufficient to provide 40 bibles to be distributed through everyone for their generosity with their financial support, prayers, encouragement, teaching and hard work!!

Great Job, everyone!



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

Puzzle!

Jesus instructs us to give and serve. What does Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tell us *not* to do? To find out, cross out all the following letters. Then write the remaining letters in order on the spaces below.

B J K Q X Z

B W J I T J H Q H O B L Z D G B O O K
D K F Q R O M T B H J O B S Q E X Z T
O K X W J H O B M I Z T I J S D Q K U
E W X B H E Q N I T K I S I Z N Y O U
R P J Z O W B E Q R T O A X C Z T X J

DO NOT

PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Proverbs 3:27, NIV



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Bible Quiz



In what land and at what age did Moses die?

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old



Answer: C (See Deuteronomy 34:5, 7.)


American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES

We had such a fun time playing bingo with the Hillside residents this month!



De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		No Business Meeting this Month. Next meeting August 9th 7:00pm				1
2 Communion Deacon's Fund	3	4  HAPPY 4th OF JULY!	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	12 Church Renewal and Revitalization Discussion 6:00pm	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 ABW Pot Luck Dinner 6:00pm	25 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Rick Walker	4	5 Larry Townner <i>Jerry & Linda Nalley, Dennis & Crissy Allen</i>	6 Rebekah Cosby	7	8 Fred Jones
9	10 Monica Walker, Rylie McDaniel, Hank Kramer	11 Rick Miller	12	13	14	15
16	17 Sharon Brashears <i>John & Darlene Hackworth</i>	18	19 Devin Haynes, Tom Huang	20 Candy Sipe	21	22
23	24	25 Jon Copeland, Tamara Sipe	26	27 Larry Gulley, Sr., Amelia Hufford <i>Jim and Kim Ingalls</i>	28 Graycee Reeves	29 Larry West
30	31					

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