



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

De Soto Baptist Church

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I found some interesting statistics about pastors in a book I was reading on church renewal.

Pastoral Stats

- ◆ 90% of pastors work more than 46 hours per week
- ◆ 80% believed that pastoral ministry affected their families negatively
- ◆ 75% report a significant stress-related crisis at least once in their ministry
- ◆ 50% felt unable to meet the needs of the job
- ◆ 90% felt they were inadequately trained to cope with ministry demands
- ◆ 70% say they have a lower self-esteem now than when they started out.
- ◆ 40% reported a serious conflict with a parishioner at least once a month
- ◆ 70% do not have someone they consider a close friend.

I'm not complaining.

I feel as an interim pastor that one of my jobs is to open your eyes to some realities that pastors don't like to address. This is one of them.

Your pastor would probably never complain to you in a board meeting or from the pulpit that he is feeling run down and worn out. Perhaps these statistics help us understand why pastors are leaving the ministry and why it takes so long to find a pastor to fill our pulpit.

I would urge you to be praying and asking God what you could do to help minister to His people. When God lays something on your heart, you should give it a try. You won't know if you can preach unless you step out and do it. You won't know if you can teach Sunday School unless you step out and do it. You won't know if you can minister to the sick unless you go to the hospital and visit them. You won't know what you are gifted at until you listen to God's leading and step out and try.

God doesn't need you to be talented, He just needs you to be available and willing. Recall what Jesus said to Paul: "My grace is sufficient for You, for power is perfected in weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Some final thoughts:

- ◆ Have faith that when God is calling you to do something He will empower you to do it.
- ◆ Don't ask "What should the church do to serve?", but ask "What should I do to serve?"
- ◆ If you feel led to do something and you are nervous about it ask another person to go with you.
- ◆ If we all find something to do to serve in the church, it will take a big load off our new pastor.
- ◆ You have some time now, before he gets here, to go into training.

I will be praying for you.

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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For health concerns, prayer list or Pastoral Care

Please contact Pastor Matt Burns ~

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**Deacon's & Trustees Meeting**

August 9 at 6:30pm

**Church Business Meeting**

August 9

7:00pm

**ALL-CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY!!**

Sunday, August 27

After Church Service

**ABW Meeting**

September 11 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall in Lower Level ~ Please join us!

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

Join our Women's Bible Study 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: at 6:30 p.m.

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



BEING AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO TEACHERS!

Our ABW is leading a drive for our church too provide encouragement for the teachers, administrators and support staff of De Soto Schools. We want them to know that De Soto Baptist Church loves and appreciates the hard work and dedication they bring to our community. So, we will be putting notes in their mail boxes and providing a yummy treat for them on the first full day of school. This will be for the schools located in De Soto: Starside Elementary, Lexington Trails Middle School, De Soto High School, and Bridge (special needs center.) If you feel led to help support our educators with this important community encouragement, you can make a check out to De Soto Baptist Church with "TEACHERS" or "SCHOOLS" on the memo line. Or, you can put cash in envelopes that are located in the hymnal racks with SCHOOLS on the outside. (Teachers who are connected with our church but teaching in schools other than those mentioned will also find a surprise in their boxes as well.)



ABW College Connection Program

ABW would love to send your children, grandchildren and family members that are attending college this year greeting cards throughout the school year. We would need the names and mailing addresses of each of the students to get them on the list.

Please contact Barbara Bosworth at mulemanmike@centurylink.net or text the information to 913-221-5642



DE SOTO BAPTIST MAKES A DIFFERENCE!!!***READ THE LETTER!!***

SNACKS FOR STARSIDE has made a huge impact on the lives of many needy children as well as their teachers! The letter below should give all of us joy, knowing that we can make a huge difference in the life of one or many children and their teachers. If you would like to join us in our SNACKS FOR STARSIDE project, there is a large blue bucket in the church narthex marked for your donations. If you would prefer to have someone do the shopping for you, you can donate by putting money in a marked envelope and placing it in the offering or by making out a check to De Soto Baptist Church with "Schools" or "Starside" on the info line. This is one more sign of the important impact that De Soto Baptist makes on our community. We are so thankful for your generous hearts!

Dear De Soto Baptist Church,

Our teachers and staff at Starside Elementary would like to sincerely thank you for the snacks you faithfully provided throughout the school year. As you may or may not know, we are a Title School, which means our need is great among our student population. Many of our teachers allow for a snack time, especially if their lunch time is on the early or late side of the schedule.

While most students do bring a healthy snack, many are not able to bring a snack due to family circumstances. If you could see a child's eyes light up when they realize we have a snack for them, it would melt your heart. Sometimes a child arrives in the morning and hasn't had breakfast either. Having something on hand to provide for these students is such a blessing.

Thank you for meeting this need for our students. Your commitment to helping take care of Our students is so appreciated.

Starside Teachers and Staff

WHAT SNACKS ARE SUGGESTED?

Preferred snacks would be cheese and crackers, Gold Fish, animal and other similar crackers, small bags of popcorn, fruit rolls, etc.

(Cookies and candies are not considered to be healthy snack choices, and items with peanut butter are not good because of so many allergic reactions.)



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

Good afternoon,

Please share the information below with your friends and your church. We need people to purchase bricks individually, so we can raise funds to continue our services. Also, the flyer is attached.

As a non-profit, we depend on financial donations and fundraisers to help sustain Murrow's programs and services. Our Brick fundraiser will not only help sustain the services we provide, but will also recognize those who have helped. **Our goal is \$50,000, so we need to sell six hundred bricks. We need individuals to purchase bricks to reach our goal.**

It is always easy for Murrow to be overlooked, because of the children's inability to contribute to society. However, they are our future and where will be when these children are ill-equipped to transition to adulthood. If we don't intervene and provide services now, this cycle of abuse and neglect will continue and be detrimental to the Native communities as well as the State of Oklahoma. We need to prevent these children from re-entering the system as offenders.

In 2020 Oklahoma Department of Human Services reported that Native children represented more than 35% of those in foster care, yet Native Americans make up only 9% of Oklahoma's population. 7% of Native American youth become homeless after aging out of foster care and are arrested at a rate of three times the national average.

Murrow Home has provided a home for abused and neglected Native American children for over 150 years. Today, Murrow also provides a transition program for youth aging out of tribal foster care, pregnant teens, and teen mothers with children that are transitioning to adulthood.

With the purchase of a brick, you will be part of changing the outcome of these children's lives. The bricks will be placed around the Eagle in front of the administration building.

Thank you in advance for your brick purchase.

Many Blessings,

Betty R. Martin

Executive Director
Murrow Indian Children's Home
2540 Murrow Circle
Muskogee, OK 74403
918-682-2586



Community Appreciation for Prayer Path

Richelle recently received this lovely note and asked if she could share it with our Church Family through our newsletter.

Hi Richelle!

Rose Davidson here. I wanted to let you know I just walked and prayed through The De Soto Baptist Church Prayer Path. I learned of it in the Discovering DeSoto magazine. What a blessing this quiet place is to the community!

I have long loved the ACTS guide to prayer. And the faith, hope, and love virtues make it complete. It truly does provide guidance, comfort, and encouragement as your mother wanted. If I had to choose, I'd say my favorite is the Hope meditation. Such a beautiful explanation of our very real Hope in Christ. (I expect my "favorite" will change per the day and time.)

God bless,

Rose





**We're Bringing Back an old Tradition:
OUR ALL-CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY!!**
Sunday, August 27



We will have an All-church Birthday Party - celebrating everyone's birthday!!

We ask that **twelve members sign up to decorate a table and bring a cake** with table service that will represent one month of the year - Then everyone sits at the table that represents their birth month.

This is a great way to meet new tablemates - BUT it's primary purpose is to raise funds for the Central Region's ABW Special Project. This year the project money will go to the **Antioch Christian School in Liberia**.

Attendees will be asked to bring a pot-luck dish as well as donating to this cause (If you bring a cake, that will be your pot-luck donation.) You can buy a piece of some other table's cake - or purchase an enticing "left-over" cake at the final auction. This event is always a lot of fun - - - we usually sit with our birth-month buddies. Please join us for good food, good company, and helping a great cause! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board now!! Support our ABW Special Project - let's help these children in Liberia with their school and basic needs.

American Baptist Women's MINISTRIES

We have such a fun time playing bingo with the Hillside residents join us August 31 @ 1:30pm

If you are interested in joining us and/or donating prizes please contact Linda Lane, 913-634.8299



De Soto Baptist Church Calendar



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
6 Communion and Deacon's Fund	7	8 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	9 Deacons & Trustees Meeting 6:30 Business Meeting 7:00 pm	10	11	12 Office Closed
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Office Closed
20 Hillside Village Service 9:45 a.m.	21	22 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	23	24	25	26
27 All Church Birthday Party	28	29	30	31 Hillside Village Bingo 1:30 p.m.		



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Bailey Crosbie Oliver Sipe		<i>Alan & Robin Stone</i>	Kyndel (Reeves) Hill Robin Stone <i>Pat & Tami Reeves</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Rose McAninch <i>Rick & Danielle Miller</i>	Luella Davis	Logan Miller	Gwendy Olivarez Vergie Opdycke	Andy Everett Brady Rendzia	Danielle Miller	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<i>Gary & Nancy Crowley</i>	Lana McPherson Janet Nalley	Reba Berola John Riffel <i>Jim & Reta Ellis</i>	Drew Haynes	Barbara Bosworth	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Hannah Hufford <i>Doug & Vergie Opdycke</i>	Glenna Beytein				Bonnie Montgall Anita Woywod Nate Tush	Joy Mann
27	28	29	30	31		
Jenny Miller Mary Gale Kramer						

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