



There is a song by a group called Building 429 called "Where I Belong".

The chorus says— "All I know is, I'm not home yet This is not where I belong. Take this world and give me Jesus This is not where I belong."

I like this song and when I am tired, and the world seems oppressive, I enjoy listening to this chorus. But it hit me the other day that this may not be exactly theologically correct. The world can be an oppressive place, and I do believe that we belong to a kingdom yet to be revealed in a physical manner, but this world, this place, these circumstances are exactly where we belong. This is where God has placed us and called us to do good works for Him.

Ephesians 2:10 tells us "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works...."

Matthew 5 says we have been placed here to be salt and light for Him.

We may wish we were somewhere else at times, but the real decision is will we walk in obedience to God's will for us here.

Your circumstances right now may be good or bad. God allows both to come into our lives. His word promises strength regardless.

Strength to continue serving.

Strength to endure and still reflect the glory of God to those around us.

We do belong here.

We have been called to this.

We have work to do here.

My prayer for us is that in whatever circumstance we find ourselves, the only option we will allow is obedience to God's word.

Through obedience we will find true fulfillment.

Blessings to you.

Matt

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De Soto Baptist

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September 2023	DE SOTO BAPTIST CHURCH
WORSHIP ONLINE	ONLINE WORSHIP—LIVE SUNDAYS AT 10:30AM Link to weekly worship services and all past worship services can be found on our church website: <u>www.desotobaptistchurch.org</u> FIND US ON FIND US ON FACEBOOK De Soto Kansas Baptist Church
PRAISES & Prayers	For health concerns, prayer list or Pastoral Care Please contact Pastor Matt Burns ~ Cell #785-640-9688 Email: mattsmblhm@yahoo.com or desotoksbaptistchurch@gmail.com
From the Deacons	Deacon's & Trustees Meeting September 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Business	Church Business Meeting September 6 7:00 p.m.
wispicially	ABW Meeting September 11 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Lower Level ~ Please join us!
WOMENS BIBLE STUDY JOIN US	DOERS OF THE WORD - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY Our Doers of the Word women's bible study and prayer group has a NEW MEETING TIME! Please note that we will now be meeting at 1:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. That means we will be meeting on Sept. 12 and Sept. 26 at 1:00 p.m. Contact Mary Etta Copeland: 913-314-9362, maryettablessings.kc.rr.com or Karen Wall: 913-669-1991, karenwall61@yahoo.com
Christian Education Department	Christian Board of Education Meeting September 13 6:00 p.m.

ABCCR Annual Gathering 2023

September 29 - 30, 2023

First Baptist Church, 1330 Kasold Dr, Lawrence, KS 66049

Keynote Speaker

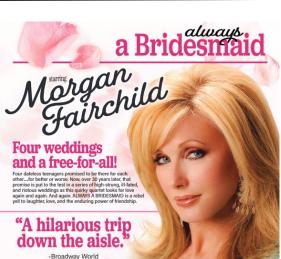
David Fitch, PHD Northwestern University

Pastor of 30 years and involvement in 8 church plants. Coach of YMCA USA Hockey Program for 7 years Has written for Christianity Today - Outreach Magazine - Church Leaders.com - Ethics Daily, Plus a number of others.

Please let Kim Ingalls know if you are attending & submit meals money by September 6th!

Friday Lunch \$13 and Friday Dinner \$18

Registration Fee has been provided by De Soto Baptist Church



JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED AFTERNOON!!

We've booked another group reservation for the latest production at the New Theatre and Restaurant!

This has proven to be a very enjoyable outing for our ABW women as well as their guests - bring husbands, friends, acquaintances!

This production is a fun-filled show, all about weddings - good, bad, and disastrous. It stars the beautiful and talented Morgan Fairchild.

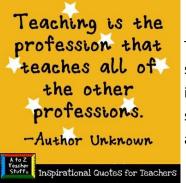
The date is Wednesday, Nov. 1. Cost is \$36, and that includes the production, a delicious buffet including complimentary soft drinks & coffee, and \$2 allotted to help with the tip.

We always car pool, so transportation should not be a problem. The doors open at 12 and the play should be completed by 3:00

BUT, it is important to get your reservation in as soon as possible. Our final payment is due over a month in advance, so I need your payment by mid-September.

Contact me, Karen Wall: karenwall61@yahoo.com or 913-669-1991 (text or call).





TREATS FOR TEACHERS - BIG SUCCESS!!

Thank you to all who contributed in making our teacher appreciation project such a success. At 7:30, Aug. 17, on the first full day of classes, ice cream treats and encouraging notes were delivered to the buildings for the teachers, administrators and support staff of all school buildings in De Soto: Starside, LTMS, DHS, Bridge, the Service Center, and the Administration Office.

This was a project started by ABW and generously supported by our church family - a project to encourage our teachers and let them know that we appreciate their hard work, expertise, dedication, and the love they shower on our children. From all indications, this was a very popular outreach. Thank you so much for your support!

Thank you for taking the time to drop off the ice cream bars. What a nice gesture – I'm sure all the staff really appreciated your thoughtfulness. Many thanks, Rhonda Eckelman Medicaid Specialist/MIS Asst. DeSoto USD #232 913-667-6200 x. 2870



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 **DO WE HA** information to 913-221-5642





COOKS GET READY!!!

DE SOTO BAPTIST HAS COOKING TO DO!

Mark your calendars for two days in October! Our church has been asked to provide pies and/or cakes for two community events in October.

October 13 & 14 will be the 2023 Fall Fine Arts Show. We have provided a pie stand for this event since its inception many years ago. This year the Show will be held in the Gymnasium and Community Center of City Hall. We are honored to be able to provide pies and other baked goods to the vendors as well as all attendees, and it has proven to be an important money-making project for our ABW as well as a great time of fellowship – visiting with artists and guests.

October 28 will be the Harvest Festival at The Barn at Kill Creek Farm. We will have a booth that will serve pies, desserts, cookies and whatever else might be needed.

We will need many pies along with cakes, cookies, cinnamon rolls and other such goodies. We will also need workers to man our booths. Please be on the "look-out" for sign-up sheets for these volunteer events. These are great opportunities for us to support community events, but these also provide excellent means for us to raise money for the important missions of our ABW.

If you have questions about these events, see Linda Lane or Karen Wall.



DOERS OF THE WORD - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

NEW MEETING TIME!

1:00 p.m.

Please note that we will now be meeting at **1:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays** of each month. That means we will be meeting on Sept. 12 and Sept. 26 at 1:00 p.m. .

Doers of the Word, following the admonition in James, seek to be "doers" not just "hearers" of the word. Our time includes bible study, sharing of praises and concerns in prayer, as well as seeking ways to be the "hands and feet of Jesus" through service, encouragement, and fellowship. All women are welcome!

Contact Mary Etta Copeland: 913-314-9362, maryettablessings.kc.rr.com or

Karen Wall: 913-669-1991, karenwall61@yahoo.com



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

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For submitting Tithes and Offerings to:

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PO Box 578 - DeSoto, KS 66018



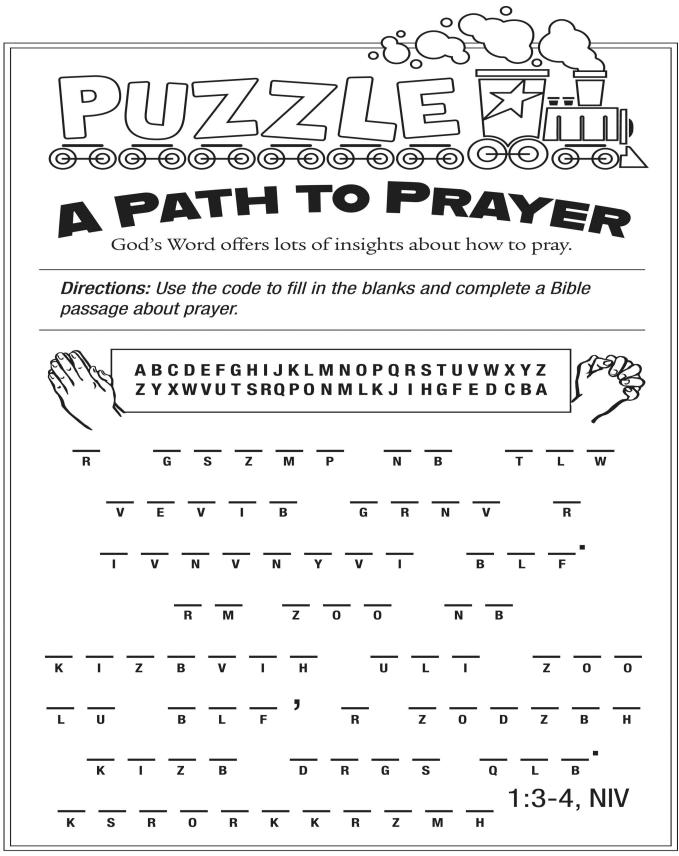
De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

September 2023

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Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I

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