

2023



*"O come, let us sing unto the Lord:  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of  
our salvation. Let us come before his pres-  
ence with thanksgiving"*

*Psalm 95:1-2*



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

## De Soto Baptist Church

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In a BBC news article this week, Philippe Lazzarini, the UNRWA commissioner-general, stated, "I have sometimes the impression that the world is now losing its humanity."

UNRWA is the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. Mr. Lazzarini's comments are based on the recent conflict in Israel and the inhumane treatment that the people groups involved are showing to one another, especially the non-combatant population.

"Humanity as a character trait is defined by "the quality of being humane; kindness; benevolence".

It's the way that we hope to be treated and to treat those around us. I wonder if those who have stepped back from being humane ever thought they could be driven to cross that line in which they walk away from their humanity, to treat another person inhumanely, due to the acts of atrocity and hatred brought to their doorstep.

Would you cross that line?

But I'm a Christian. I serve Jesus.

Do you think that will be enough?

Below the surface of my Christianity there is a sinful nature that would fight and claw its way to the surface. It is the old self of Colossians 3 which has been "put off" and replaced with the "new man which is renewed in knowledge..."

But we cannot be "renewed in knowledge" if we have no knowledge. If we remain babes in Christ, because we do not pursue the knowledge of Christ, we will find ourselves weak and continually letting that "old man" rise to the surface. I believe that is why God gives us so many commands here in this chapter to strive to be infused with Christ. He says "keep seeking", "set your minds", "rid yourselves", "put on".

And a most important command: "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you..." There is only one way to do that. You must spend time engaged with it. Read it. Study it.

When those around me are losing their composure, or their neighborliness, or even their humanity, I want to rise above my sinful human nature and reflect Jesus into the midst of the situation. That takes a greater strength than I have on my own. I need to be filled with, infused with Jesus.

If we become complacent in our relationship and knowledge of Him, we will be no different than others who "lose their humanity". I fear we will fail Him when the world comes knocking at our door.

Start again today. Get engaged. Stay engaged. Seek others to study with. Hold each other accountable.

Fellowship and accountability centered around God's word helps us to be a light when it is needed.

See you on Sunday!

Matt



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

Link to weekly worship services and all past worship services

can be found on our church website:

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

or on our Facebook account



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**FACEBOOK**

**De Soto Kansas Baptist Church**



## Deacon's & Trustees Meeting

November 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Copeland Center Conference Room



## Church Business Meeting

November 8th

7:00 p.m.

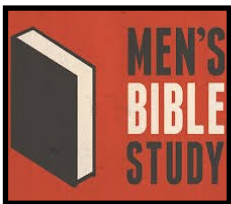
Lower Level



## ABW Meeting

November 13

6:30 p.m.



## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 pm

Meeting in the Copeland Center



## 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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Nov. 7th and Nov. 21st at 1:00 p.m.

Contact Mary Etta Copeland: 913-314-9362, [maryettablessings.kc.rr.com](http://maryettablessings.kc.rr.com)



## TITHES & OFFERINGS

For submitting Tithes and Offerings to:

DeSoto Baptist Church **PO Box 578-** DeSoto, KS 66018

### *A Moment with Jo...*

PSALM 94:18, "IF I SAY, " MY FOOT SLIPS", YOUR MERCY, O LORD, WILL HOLD ME UP.

:19, IN THE MULTITUDE OF ANXIETIES WITH ME, YOUR COMFORTS DELIGHT MY SOUL".

PROVERBS 3:5,"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING.

;6, IN ALL YOUR WAYS, ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT YOUR PATH."

RECENTLY, JOHN AND I WENT ON A HUDSON RIVER CRUISE FROM NYC. I CHECKED THE WEATHER AND KNEW IT WOULD BE QUITE COLD, SO LAYERED CLOTHES, GLOVES, RAINGEAR, AND HAT WERE NEEDED. ALL TRIPS NEED PREPARATION, SOME MORE THAN OTHERS., BUT ALWAYS PRAYER AND INTERCESSION FOR THEM. I BEGAN PRAYING THAT ALL WOULD GO WELL, THAT WE WOULD BE A LIGHT TO SHINE FOR JESUS TO ALL WE MET. I PRAYED FOR THE PASSENGERS WE WOULD HAVE OUR MEALS WITH ON THIS TRIP AND ON EXCURSIONS, BLESSINGS ON STAFF AND OFFICERS AND THEIR STAFF. BEFORE WE LEFT, HE GAVE ME THIS ENCOURAGEMENT:

"DO NOT FEAR, ALL WILL GO WELL".

WE FLEW TO NYC ON SATURDAY AS WE WERE BOARDING SHIP SUNDAY AT NOON. WE STAYED IN A HOTEL ACROSS FROM "ONE WORLD TRADE CENTER, WHICH IS THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE'S TALLEST BUILDING AT 1,776 FEET. THAT EVENING, WE WENT TO A LOUNGE IN THE HOTEL AND SAT NEXT TO A COUPLE. SHE ASKED ME, "WHAT BRINGS YOU TO NYC? I TOLD HER AND SHE RESPONDED THEY WERE ALSO. THUS BEGAN A WEEK OF MUCH FUN, LAUGHTER, TEASING, WONDERFUL MEALS, EXCURSIONS-WEST POINT, FDR'S FAMILY HOME, OTHER MANSIONS, APPLE ORCHARD FARM AND OUR LOVE FOR JESUS. THE VERY FIRST MEAL, I ASKED IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US AS WE BLESSED THE FOOD, YES, THAT WAS FINE AND WE CONTINUE EVERY MEAL AFTER. ONE TIME, I WAS SLOW TO HOLD HANDS AND THE MAN PUT HIS HANDS TO HIS WIFE AND SAID, "IT TIME TO PRAY". WHAT A JOYOUS WEEK WE HAD AND ALL GLORY GOES TO JESUS FOR HIS LOVE AND COMFORT TO US AS WE ENJOYED THIS WONDERFUL COUNTRY. BLESS HIS HOLY NAME.

  
**2023 Annual Gathering!**  
**Lawrence, KS!**





## 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.

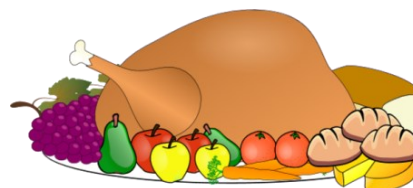
#### **HOURS OF OPERATION:**

Tuesdays — 10 am to 12 pm

Thursdays — 4 pm to 6 pm

Saturdays — 9 am to 11 pm

*The food pantry is located in the same building as City Hall and the Community Center. Anyone with a DeSoto address or a student enrolled in the DeSoto School District, and that can show proof of residency, is eligible to shop.*



HELP A DE SOTO FAMILY

On THANKSGIVING DAY!

Distribution Date November 18th

Fill a double-grocery bag or reusable bag with the following items:

1 box mashed potatoes

1 large can sweet potatoes

1 box stuffing

2 cans green beans

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1 can or jar of turkey or chicken gravy mix or base

1 can cream of mushroom soup

1 can French fried onions

1 can fruit

1 can applesauce

1 large package Jello gelatin

1 dessert mix (cake, brownies, etc.)

Bring to the Chamber Office, De Soto Food Pantry, or Cedar Creek Pharmacy by **November 16th**. Prefilled bags are available for purchase at Harps for \$25.

We will be giving each family a \$25 gift card to Harps Grocery. If you would like to add that to your donation, you can either obtain a gift card for this amount or you can make a check out to De Soto Food Pantry and we will purchase the gift cards. Please attach to the outside of the bag or give to volunteer separately so that we know can keep track of these and make sure each family receives one.

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ABW meets November 13th @ 6:30 (lower level)

We will be adopting 1 large family from Bethel and 2 families from De Soto for our Christmas Projects as well as providing cleaning buckets for Bethel.

Watch for the sign up sheets on the bulletin board.



November 19th

Please join us for the Church Family Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner after services.

Look for the [sign up sheet](#) on the bulletin board.

Also need volunteers to decorate tables, food set up and clean up.



# SPOOKTACULAR TRUNK OR TREAT!!

SUNDAY, Nov. 5th, 5:00 P.M.

FUN, FOOD and MUSIC!

This year for Trunk or Treat we will be having a Spooktacular event on Sunday, November 5th with the parade starting at 5:00 pm.

Cars will need to be in place by 4:45.

Following the parade there will be activities for all ages, including the addition of music this year.

Some activities will include a hay ride, petting zoo, games, crafts, a photo backdrop, s'more making, and a hotdog meal, all free to those attending.

There will be a sign-up at church to help in the different areas.

Invite your friends, family, & neighbors to attend!

*It's sure to be a fun Spooktacular family event!*

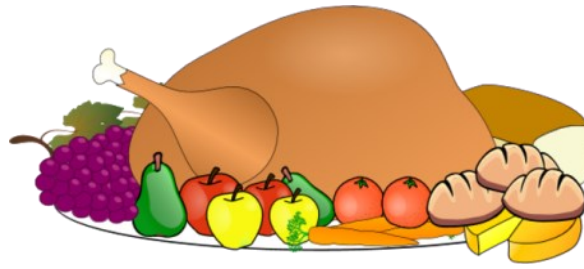


## Adult Choir Cantata

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Nov. 12th, 19th, 26th

Dec. 3rd & 10th



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Communion and Deacons Fund	6	7	8 Deacons & Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Business Meeting 7:00pm	19	10	11 VETERANS DAY 
12	13 ABW Meeting 6:30 p.m.	14 Women's Bible Study 1:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19 Thanksgiving Potluck after service	20	21	22 Men's Bible Study 6:30p.m.	23 	24	25
26	27	28 Women's Bible Study 1:00 p.m.	29	30		
			Adult Choir Cantata rehearsal at 11:30 on Nov. 12th, 19th, 26th & then Dec. 3rd & 10th			





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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Sun**      **Mon**      **Tue**      **Wed**      **Thu**      **Fri**      **Sat**

			<b>1</b> Jeff Hodges Jerry Nalley	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Carter Beck <i>Rick &amp; Monica Walker</i>	<b>4</b> Tim Queen
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Sannie Dibble	<b>7</b> Jim Etherton	<b>8</b> Kayla Ingalls	<b>9</b> Crissy Allen	<b>10</b> Calvin Hayden	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Sara Tush	<b>14</b> Gayla Houghman	<b>15</b> Avery Ingalls	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Cole Huang Jeff Sipe	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> SunDee Everett	<b>29</b> Reta Ellis	<b>30</b>		

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