



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, today and always, Lord God. Energize and equip us to live out your love in the world.



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

De Soto Baptist Church

One of my favorite commentators/authors is a man named G. Campbell Morgan. He was a British evangelist and preacher born in 1863 and died in 1945.

I recently was reading a piece he had written on the Lord's Prayer. I have had this prayer memorized since I was a child, but I am always amazed at the depth of God's word. There is always something to learn.

Mr. Morgan points out that in the opening lines of the prayer, the word "heaven" is used twice. The first time it is plural, and therefore should read, "Our Father who art in heavens...". In the next verse, it is singular and should read, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

He goes on to point out that in the scriptures we find three "heavens" mentioned. The first example would be Matthew 8:20 "...birds of the heaven". So, we have the first heaven where the birds fly. The second example is the place of the stars found in Acts 2:19-20 where Peter quotes from Joel, "And I will grant wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood...", so we have the stellar spaces of the second heaven. Third is Paul's statement in 2 Cor 12:2: "I know a man in Christ who...was caught up to the third heaven." A place, he calls in verse 4, "Paradise". So, Mr. Campbell states, we have these three heavens: One, the atmosphere. Two, the stellar spaces. And three, the dwelling place of saints and angels.

His point being, that in the Lord's Prayer, we worship our Father, who art in the heavens (plural) as He has created and works in all three. Next, we ask for His will to be done on earth as it is in the heaven (singular). We are asking for things to be done on earth as they are in that third heaven where the Father is enthroned and where the saints and the angels dwell.

I love to learn these nuances of God's word. I love the discovery of things that fit together in the words and principles and wonders of God's kingdom. These things further prove the truth of God's word and the reality of His existence. It helps us to understand and know God better. When we know Him better, we can love Him better. When we love Him better, we will desire to serve Him more.

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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National Day of Prayer

May 2 12:00 p.m.

City Hall / Community Center Gym

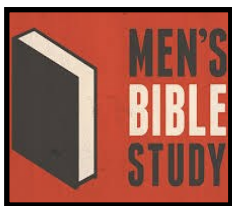


May 8th

Deacon's Meeting 6:00pm

Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.



Men's Bible Study

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting in the Copeland Center



DOERS OF THE WORD - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join our Women's Bible Study to learn how to access God's richest blessings .

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.



A MOMENT WITH JO

He Holds My Hand

Isaiah 41:10, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am with you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

13, " for I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, fear not, for I will help you."

Do you remember when you were a young child and someone held your hand and you felt safe and protected? My sister, Sara, was three years older than I and often, Mother would tell us to walk down the alley to the grocery store and get some meat from the freezer drawer we rented. I always held Sara's little finger on her left hand as we walked, talked, and sang. For several years we walked liked that manner and even when we were much older, I would hold her pinkie finger as we walked and giggled.

As I read the Bible, I underline Scriptures where Jesus holds my hand as I tend to stumbles sometimes. Proverbs 3: 26," For the Lord will be your confidence, and will keep our foot from stumbling." The Word always brings me peace, joy, and comfort. Today as I write this article, the wind is extremely blustery and as I was walking from our house to our daughter's, the wind almost blew me over. I remembered this Word the Lord had given to me and thanked and praised Him for His loving care for me. Another time, I heard Him say, " Watch where you are walking", which is always a good idea. What a loving and gracious Father we have.



*All Women are Invited to a
Bridal Shower for
Emily Parr*



Sunday, May 5, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate her upcoming marriage.

Emily is the daughter of Don & Vicky Parr.

They are registered at Target & Amazon

You may also use this link:

<https://registryfinder.com/registry/emily-parr/reece-leyh/wedding/june-2024/kansas/4016402>



Dedication and Celebration of the new Wellness & Activity Center at Bethel Neighborhood Center

This is basically a gym with surrounding Nurses, etc. offices. And the amazing announcement of NO MORE DEBT, with final gifting coming in!!! It was a lovely luncheon with beautiful setting and about 150 people there . . . including KC Dignitaries, AB Pastors and ABW Women, & CRABC Executive Minister from Topeka. There were several small, short performances of Bethel children, a small choir of older singers, Dedication by Executive Minister Greg Hemmin, a few other remarks by Dignitaries, and benediction by Richard. He will finish his 4-year Board Term in December, which followed my 4-year term, so maybe we can now catch up on some major “home/ personal neglects”!!! Altogether we had over 72 regular Board Meetings with Richard as President for 3 years having many more with checking & signing needs, etc. But grateful and blessed by these opportunities of service and outreach for our Lord and our Region, and truly serving the Mission Field . . . without having to leave our home and wonderful DeSoto to go to Africa or some other “far-off” field, but just going to countless meetings!!! MC’s were Board/Committee members Bob Southard (Unique Finds owner) and Sandra Olivia (former Newscaster for KC station), and in conclusion I was one of the 2 honored as I was ABWCR President when we chose Bethel as Special Project and got this all started. And the other was Mary Lou Reiter (from a church in Northland) whose role was Chairman of both construction areas, the renovation of old part and this new addition. And Mary Lou was from a small town in Southern Kansas just adjacent to where Jeff grew up!

DeSoto Baptist has truly been a major outreach of Missions work at Bethel, going back to our early years here. One of the 1st involvements was bringing Bethel Children out for “Spending a Week in the Country” - in such homes as Ruckerts, Simmons, Eppersons, Zimmermans, and others that we can’t remember!. And many continuing outreaches such as Christmas adoptions, food & clothing contributions, and supporting many of their other needs and outreaches through decades of involvement are truly evidence of DB serving on a Missions Field. Praise God for this dedication and involvement.

Rev. Richard & Mary Etta Copeland

American Baptist
Women's
 MINISTRIES
of the Central Region

April Highlights: We put together small canvas Blessings Bags that include a copy of the New Testament, hand sanitizer and Kleenex that can be given out when the Deacons are asked for assistance or whenever needed. Donated money towards Snacks for Starside Elementary kids.

- May 9th Bingo at Hillside @ 1:00 - All helpers welcome
- May 11 Mother's Day Bruch 11:00 am - Join us with your favorite dish - lower level
- June 10 ABW Meeting 6:30 pm - All Ladies welcome
- June 16 Father's Day cookie reception after church service

Linda Lane, Susan Reames, and Patsy Allenbrand drove to Muskogee, OK to visit Murrow Indian Children's Home. It was a very windy drive! Upon arrival around noon, we met Betty Martin. She gave us a tour of the administrative building and gift shop. We then unloaded our donations and gave her the cash donation. She was very excited!!

We then checked out Joseph Cottage where we took pics of the 2 bedroom that will be redone by our next mission group and found our beds for that evening. We then went to eat and came back to our rooms to rest.



AB WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
CENTRAL REGION SUMMER CONFERENCE
First Baptist Church of Topeka
3033 SW Macvicar Avenue, Topeka, KS
June 7-8



Class of 2024

Graduate Sunday

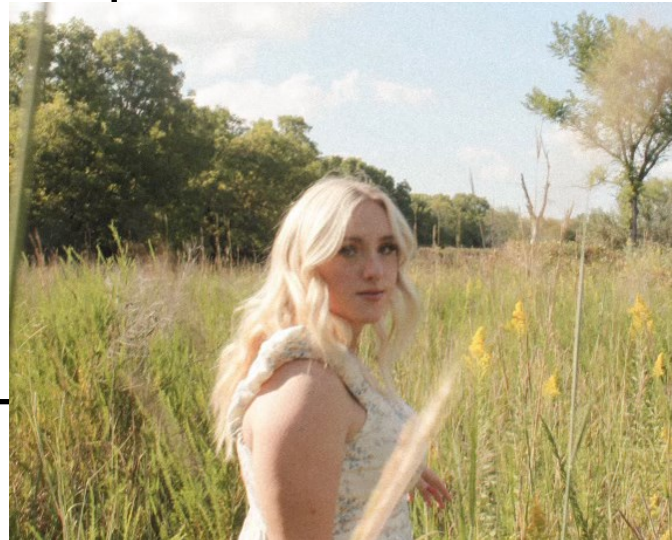
Sunday, May 19

Faythe Reeves

University of Kansas

Bachelor of General Studies in Film and Media
 with a Minor in American Studies
 She walks down the hill May 12th
 Currently seeking employment

Parents: Pat & Tami Reeves



Lane Fulk

Spring Hill High School

Parents: Nicki & Chad Fulk
 Grandson of Danny & Linda Lane

He will continue to work for the family business, ADKI.

Casey, Cameron, and Carson McCollum

De Soto High School

Parent: Shelley Mann McCollum
 Grandparents: Ron and Joy Mann
 Great Grandparent: Sannie Dibble



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

Thank you for your support!



For submitting Tithes and Offerings to:

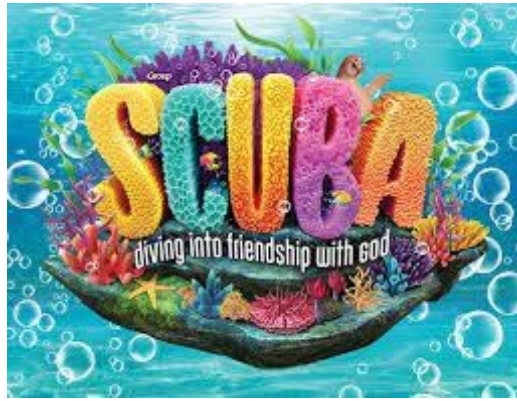
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PO Box 578 - DeSoto, KS 66018

Online Tithing and Donations
are available!

<https://collectcheckout.com/r/yyw9d>





PARENTS: SAVE THE DATE!!

DE SOTO BAPTIST VBS STARTS SOON!

Monday, June 17 through Thursday, June 20, 2024

Monday: 12:30-4:00 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday: 1:00-4:00 pm

Thursday: 1:00-4:00 pm PLUS EXTENDED TIME for our PROGRAM and a COOKOUT!

Each day at SCUBA VBS your child will be

Diving into Friendship with God!

Kids Ages 4-12, PLUS Junior Leaders in Middle and High School, can join to adventure!

We'll be SWIMMING through Rotations at Sing & Play Splash,

Imagination Station, Sticky Scripture, Deep Bible Adventures,

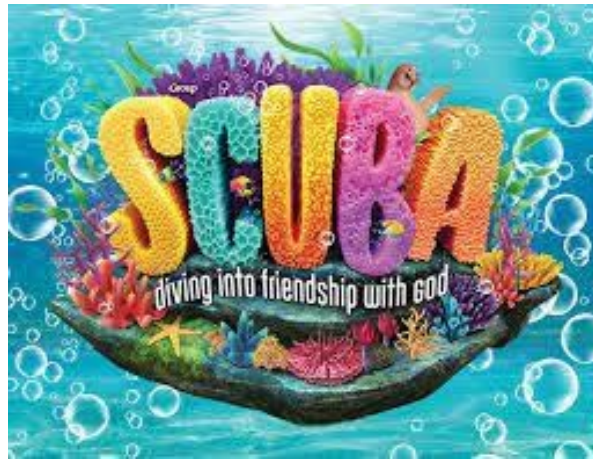
Reef Recreation, Tidal Treats, & Fin-Tastic Finale!

De Soto Baptist Church – 8655 Copeland Way

Watch for registration to begin at desotobaptistchurch.org

Contact: Richelle Hodges 913-481-7610 or Donna Gulley 913-620-3280

How can God use YOU to help share His FRIENDSHIP with kids in our community?



Our VBS program is one of the most successful outreach programs that we have!

BUT, IT TAKES A VILLAGE! WE NEED YOU!

Would you prayerfully consider what you can do to help us have an awesome vacation bible school?

We need helpers and leaders; we need prayer warriors as well as financial support;

We need recruiters to invite neighbors, friends, and families.

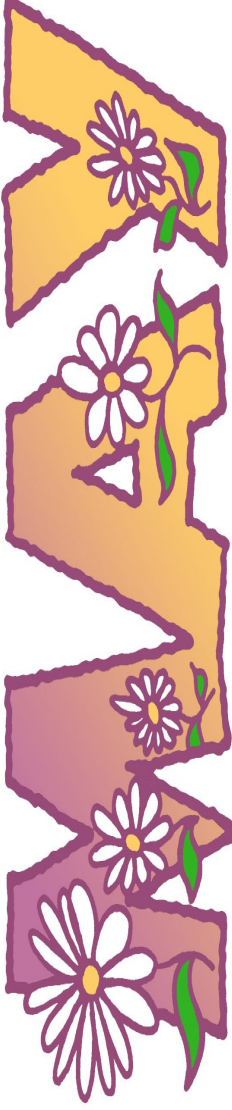
We need group leaders - working with a group of 10-15 children

Station Leaders: Crafts and Imagination Station - Games and Recreation - Snacks - Bible Stories

Pre-School and Nursery Helpers

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board -

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar



Sun

Mon


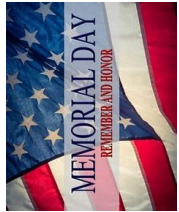
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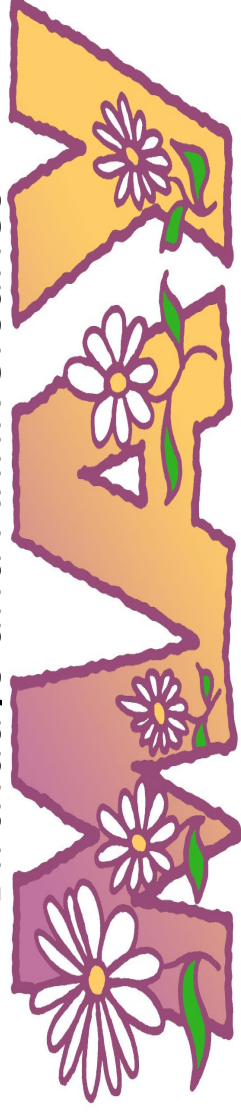
Thu

Fri

Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion Deacons Fund Bridal Shower 2:00		Deacons Meet 6:00 Trustees Meet 6:30 Business Meet 7:00	Hillside Bingo 1pm	National Day of Prayer 12:00 pm		Mother's Day Brunch 11:00am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Mother's Day 	Women's Bible 1pm Men's Bible 6:30pm			National Police Week May 15 - 21		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Graduate & Police Appreciation		Women's Bible 1pm Men's Bible 6:30pm				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Women's Bible 1pm Men's Bible 6:30pm				

Birthdays and Anniversaries



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

			1	2	3	4
			<i>Chris & Allison Haynes</i>	Marilyn Etherton		Cheryl Toner
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Allison Haynes	Larry Gulley, Jr. Jake Miller Gary Crowley	Amy Culver	Paula Rhodes	Dennis Allen <i>Terry & Paula Rhodes</i>		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Maya Huang	Caleb Martin Jack Miller Kyle Walker	Heidi Copeland	Kathy Hayden	Jayme Nelson	Leland Lister
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Corey Sipe			Barb Beesley			Mary Jo McDaniel
26	27	28	29	30	31	
<i>Don & Tara Bartholomew</i>			<i>Calvin & Kelly Hayden Shawn & Kim Pew</i>	30 Junelle Woolery, Cassandra Miller, Jo Sweatt, Ken Warsop, Earl Cosby <i>Dean & Karen Wall</i>	31 Paul Hughes Wanda Burns <i>Walt & Mary Jo McDaniel</i>	

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