

ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

## De Soto Baptist Church

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When I was a kid, I grew up swimming in a cow pond. This was a pond with “active” cows swimming in it also, so you can imagine it was dirty water and we definitely needed to shower when we got back home.

Sometimes we would go to a lake, and it was wonderful as the water was cleaner, and although it smelled a little fishy, it didn’t smell like cows.

Later in life, we went to Florida to the ocean. Wow! What a difference! You could see down into the water and make out the fish swimming. The water was clear and beautiful and refreshing.

Then we went to the Bahamas. And the clarity of the water was even greater! The water was so clear I could see my toes! (Well, I could see my toes if I could see my toes.)

The point is that when I was a child, I was perfectly happy to swim in an old cow pond with the snapping turtles and the cows. I didn’t know the Florida beach was so wonderful. I am glad that we became life-long learners so that we could experience the more wonderful things of this world.

It’s the same with the Bible. You can settle for just knowing a bit about it and leaving it on the shelf in your home, and never experience the wonderful things that God wants to show you on the pages of His word. Or you can make the effort and dig into it. As you learn and grow, the word will become more and more clear. The voice of God will become more and more clear. You will find those “Wow” moments when you see something you did not know was there or read for yourself about something you had only heard about before. And then your relationship and your love for God will grow.

I have been studying God’s word for over 41 years now. I’ve read it cover to cover numerous times, and I still find things I did not see before. God speaks to us and reveals truths to us that meet us in the times of our lives that we are experiencing now.

There are opportunities for you to learn and grow in the life of our church. Sunday School is not just for children. It is an opportunity for you to get more familiar with God’s word and get your questions answered as we study together. Men’s and Women’s Bible Study is another great way to dig into the word of God and see things more clearly as we interact with each other in God’s word.

You can stay in the cow pond and perhaps be satisfied with the experience. But you are forsaking the joy and wonder of standing in the ocean. Jesus said, “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

Please come and join us as we experience a more abundant life.

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



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**FACEBOOK** De Soto Kansas Baptist Church



For health concerns, prayer list or Pastoral Care

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**August 7th**

**Deacons Meeting 6:00pm**

**Trustees Meeting 6:30pm**



**Church Business Meeting**

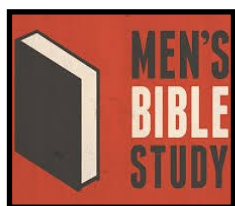
**August 7th**

**7:00pm**

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

DOERS OF THE WORD Women's Bible Study and Prayer Group will not be meeting during the month of August.

Please be watching for an announcement of a women's gathering in August; as well as our plans for a new bible study starting in September.

**Men's Bible Study**

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

Meeting in the Copeland Center

**August 21**

Board of Christian Ed Meeting

## A Moment With Jo

***Psalm 90:10, "The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years."***

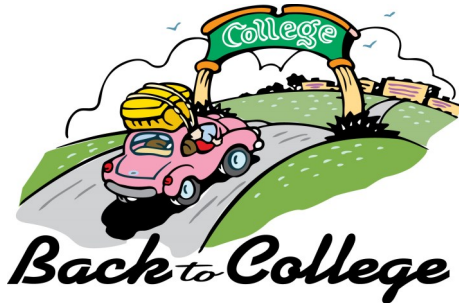
***Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: 2 ) a time to be born and a time to die."***

I have been reading in Eccl. in the Bible and this is what my heart says to do: Love the Lord with all my heart, obey everything He asks me to do, take care of my heart-do not have unresolved problems with others, continually ask Him to reveal a closer more intimate time with Him, pray for boldness and courageous, when He asks me to step out of my comfort zone, watch carefully over His call on my life, and ask Him for a deep love of His Word.

Several weeks ago, I was driving On I-35 S in the middle lane, a car on my right and a car on the left . Suddenly, the car on my right swerved directly in front of me and I naturally screamed, " Jesus", slammed on brakes and turned slightly left and missed that car. Afterwards, I thanked the Lord very much and prayed that only He would be the One when my time to go and not the enemy doing an evil deed. For many years, whenever I drive out of our driveway, I ask Father to watch and keep us,, protect us and bring us home safely, in Jesus's name by the power of the Holy Spirit.

On July 13, John and I were watching nightly news where we witnessed the assassination attempt on President Trump live. We never know the time of our departure from earth, but may we fill our lives with love, forgiveness of our sins and others against us, and place our faith and hope in our Beloved Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jo Sweatt



### 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](mailto:mulemanmike@centurylink.net) or text the information to 913-221-5642





## DE SOTO BAPTIST CHURCH MAKES A DIFFERENCE!!!



**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!

### 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.)



## De Soto Days Church Float

Let's fully participate this year!

Lets create a float that would go along with the theme,

**"De Soto Through the Decades"**

I would like to have members of our church on the float holding a sign or place card with the year they were baptized. Our theme could be "Through the years with De Soto Baptist Church". Perhaps another large sign asking, "Have you followed Jesus in baptism?" to give it an evangelistic element.

We would need a truck and a trailer, a minimum of decorations, maybe a stock tank and put someone in it. I put a planning meeting for the float on the calendar on August, 14th at 7pm. If you are interested in planning, please come and share your thoughts. If you can't make it, and you have ideas, email or text me with those ideas. If you are able to ride the float send me an email or text so we can plan accordingly. It is a great opportunity to have fun and be a witness to our community.

# 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.

### **HOURS OF OPERATION:**

Tuesdays — 10 am to 12 pm

Thursdays — 4 pm to 6 pm

Saturdays — 9 am to 11 pm



## TITHES & OFFERINGS

**THANK YOU!!!**

For submitting Tithes and Offerings to:

DeSoto Baptist Church

PO Box 578 - DeSoto, KS 66018

Online Tithing and  
Donations are available!



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



## 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](http://www.desotoksfoodpantry.wordpress.com)

Thank you for your support!

Murrow Indian Children's Home, Muskogee, Okla., has been providing care to Native American children with support from American Baptist Home Mission Societies and its predecessor organizations for more than a century. The mission of the home is to provide a safe, nurturing environment, spiritual foundation and cultural experiences to Native American children.

The home ensures that Native American children and teens are cared for and given the tools needed to continue growing and transitioning into adulthood, with the additional help of tribal and community services.

July 27 - 29 De Soto Baptist Church volunteers headed to Murrow to renovate 2 bedrooms , 1 bathroom and some odds & ends.

Patsy Allenbrand ~ Matt & Rhonda Burns ~ Donna Gulley ~  
Jim & Kim Ingalls ~ Fred & Paula Jones ~ Rick & Monica Walker



Bedroom #1 Before



Bedroom #1 After



Bedroom #2 Before



Bedroom #2 After

# American Baptist Women's MINISTRIES



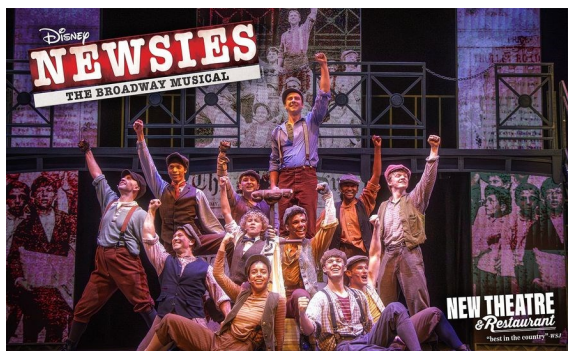
August 4th - Back to School Event / Ice Cream Social

5:50pm - 6:30pm

We will be distributing backpacks and school supplies to children that attended this year's VBS

August 8th - De Soto Chamber of Commerce Meeting 11:30 am - 1:00pm

DBC will be hosting and providing desserts



August 28th

DBC Day at the New Theatre & Restaurant

We will have 40 theater-goers attending the Broadway musical NEWSIES! Karen Wall will be passing out tickets on Sundays of August 18th & August 25th. Plans will be in place for car-pooling for this Matinee showing.

Join us for another group outing to the New Theatre & Restaurant Matinee on Wednesday, Dec. 11.

We have reserved 28 tickets for this production at \$35 each.

\$5 down payment due by Sept. 1.

Contact Karen Wall to reserve your spot: 913-669-1991 (Call or Text)





# AUGUST

## De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2	3
4 Communion Deacon's Fund Back to School	5	6	7 Deacon's 6:00p Trustees 6:30pm Business 7:00pm	8 De Soto Chamber of Commerce 11:30 - 1:00pm	9	10
11	12	13 Men's Bible 6:30pm	14 De Soto Days Float Meeting 7:00pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Board of Christian Ed 7:00pm	22	23	24
25	26	27 Men's Bible 6:30pm	28 DBC Day at the New Theatre	29	30	31



# AUGUST

*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

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

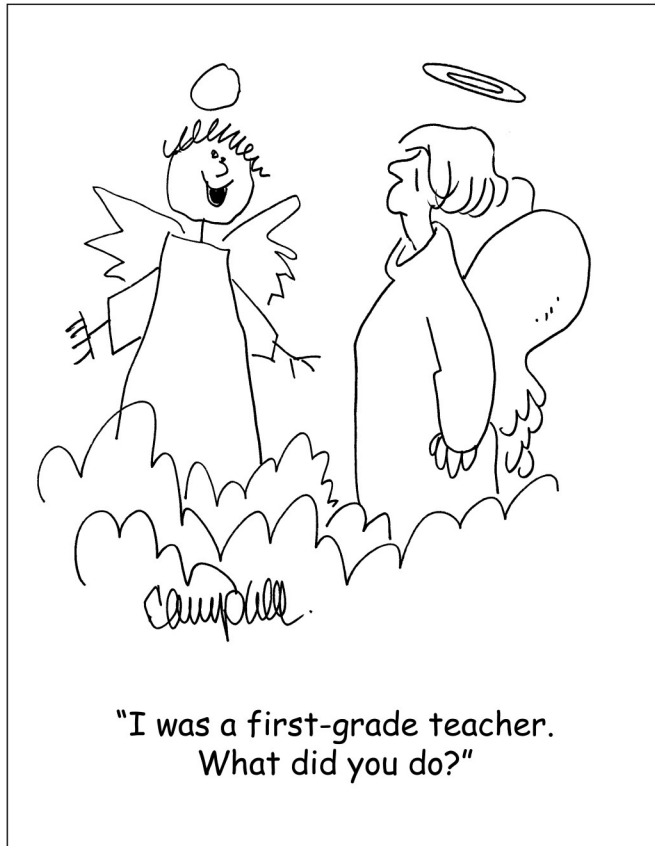
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