

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and **the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**" Isaiah 9:6*



Our combined Adult Sunday School class just completed viewing a video series entitled "Flickering Lamps". The title comes from the lamps or lampstands in Revelation that represent the light and very life of the seven churches addressed by Jesus through John.

The Six Chapters in this series spoke of the following subjects:

- Christ's Purpose for His Church
- Christ's Plans for His Church
- Christ's Presence and His Church
- Christ's Power and His Church
- Christ's Provision and His Church
- Christ's Pre-Eminence and His Church

As you notice, there is a common theme throughout these chapters; Jesus Christ's desire and plans, and the outworking of those plans through us, His Church.

There is only one way to discover the mind of Christ in all these areas. It is to spend time with Him in His word.

Notice I said "time".

Sitting through church service once a week won't do it. We need to commit to more. There is a great importance in attending a Sunday School class and discussing scripture with fellow believers. There is a great importance to attending a Bible Study and discussing scripture with fellow believers.

It is there that you will find yourself held accountable and pushed and confronted with thoughts and ideas and the Holy Spirit's work.

It is through these venues that you will come in contact with the living and active scriptures and you will begin to soak up the things of the Spirit.

There are two types of sponges. One sits in the bottom of the drawer and dries up and is hard and abrasive. The other does what it was created for, it absorbs liquid and becomes pliable and useful to the user. Come and absorb the word of God and let Him make you useful in Jesus Christ's amazing hands.

Blessings,

Pastor Matt

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**De Soto Baptist Church**





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

A recording of each service will still be available and posted to the website Sunday afternoons.

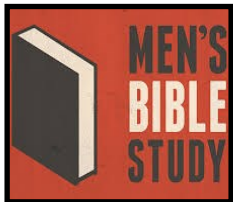
Link to weekly worship services and all past worship services can be found on our church website:

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

or on our Facebook account



De Soto Kansas Baptist Church



## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting in the Copeland Center



## DOERS OF THE WORD WOMEN'S GROUP

All women are invited to Participate in our Doers of the Word Bible Study and Prayer Group.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Subject to change for winter months.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact  
Mary Etta Copeland (913-583-1425)

## ABW Ladies Meeting

January 13th @ 6:30 p.m.



## Board of Christian Ed Meeting

January 15th at 7 P.M.

## January 8

Deacons Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.





## Salvation Army Ringing of the Bells Hobby Lobby in Lawrence

Volunteers rang the bell in Lawrence this season.  
Spreading joy and helping to raise funds for those in need.

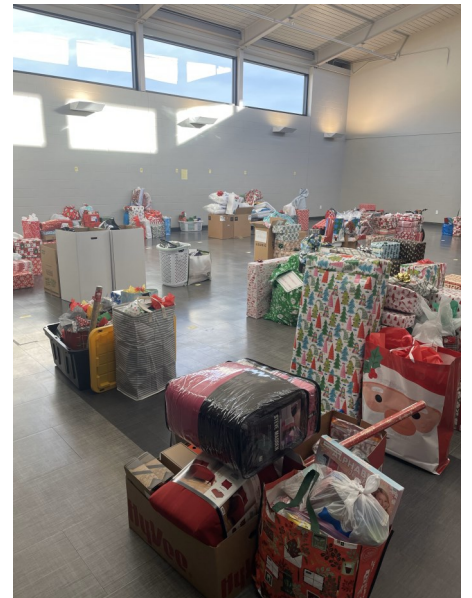
Together we can make a difference!

Thank You Sharon Coatney for Organizing this event!



**De Soto Baptist Church** took on the challenge in providing Christmas gifts for a family of 10 from Bethel. Your generous spirits have made this possible to provide clothing and other necessities as well as a special gift for all members of this family. Thank You Mary Gale Kramer & Debbie Maniez for organizing this event!

**In addition**, we have filled the buckets lining our church aisle with cleaning supplies. These are greatly appreciated by the families at Bethel as those are items that are often overlooked by other donors.



## NUNSENSE



Thirty members of our church family and their invited guests enjoyed a wonderful meal and a very entertaining musical on December 11 when they traveled to the New Theatre and Restaurant for their Wednesday matinee performance. The musical production of NUNSENSE provided many laughs, great entertainment, and the meal was at its usual standard of excellence.

We have discovered that this activity is greatly appreciated by many of our church family. We do have a block reserved in June for the production JERSEY BOYS, and we may have another outing some time in the spring. We have learned that this group outing provides an opportunity for many to enjoy this wonderful venue in Overland Park by taking advantage of the matinee group rates and driving or car-pooling during the day time.

Feel free to contact Karen Wall (913-669-1991 text or call) concerning upcoming productions that you would like to attend OR to reserve some tickets for the June musical. If you remember the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, you will know that we will be remembering and reliving those days of the late 50's and 60's.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:



Our **Doers of the Word** bible study and prayer group will be meeting on the first and third Tuesdays in January. . . weather permitting. January 7 and 21 will be our meeting dates; the time is from 1:00pm to 3:00pm; and we will be meeting in the basement.

We are continuing the rich study from Kathy Lee Gifford's book The God Who Sees, and we will be starting a new section by exploring a new heroine - - - the well-known Ruth, wife of Boaz, ancestor of David and of Jesus. Hers is a story of devotion and faithfulness, and God's provision in the midst of despair. We know you will be inspired by her story and its application to our lives.

You are never too late to join our group - - - we have a three-fold purpose of learning more about the Bible and God's message, the power of praying for the needs of our group and our church family, and finding ways to reach out in the mission of "being doers of the Word and not hearers only."

If you would like more information, please contact Mary Etta Copeland (913-583-1425) or Karen Wall (913-669-1991). We do have a couple of books available, and they are easily accessible from Mardel's or [www.christianbook.com](http://www.christianbook.com).

# Matt Burns Installed as Pastor at DeSoto Baptist Church!

Matt Burns was installed as Pastor at DeSoto Baptist Church December 8th, 2024.

Retired Pastor Tom Fraunfelter, who has served as a mentor for Matt, was part of the installation; along with ABCCR Dr. Gregg Hemmen.

Here are a few pictures from the worship service and reception.





Office Hours at the church

Weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

## Church Challenge December 29 - January 26th



De Soto Baptist Church, De Soto, KS

Amherst Community Church, Snyder, NY;  
Home of Buffalo Bills



Each church will collect toilet paper rolls for their local food pantry. The Church with the most rolls wins the challenge.

If the Bills lose, their pastor will wear a Chiefs shirt;  
If the Chiefs lose our pastor will wear a Bills shirt!

Challenge leaders are Patsy Allenbrand for De Soto Baptist Church and Lisa Zimmerman (Darryl Zimmerman's Daughter) for Amherst Community Church.

## Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting

DBC had a craft table for children  
Hot Chocolate outside for adults and children



Register online by going to [www.abccr.org](http://www.abccr.org), and click on the "events" tab.

Please join us January 17th and 18th at Prairie Homestead in Wichita, Kansas as we hear from Jeanine and Walt White, Global Consultants for International Ministries. Registration is \$45 per person. Registration helps cover travel expenses and the honorarium for Jeanine and Walt.

The Registration fee also includes two meals: dinner and lunch, provided by Prairie Homestead.

Save the Date:  
January 17-18, 2025

Mid Winter  
Missions Conference

Location: Prairie Homestead,  
Wichita



Guest Speakers:  
Jeanine and Walt White  
Global Consultants  
International Ministries



## 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.*



## 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://  
collectcheck-  
out.com/r/yyw9d](https://collectcheck-out.com/r/yyw9d)



## ONE DE SOTO RELIEF FUND

For citizens of De Soto

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!***





# BIRTHDAYS

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

			1	2	3	4
						Anita Martin Jennifer Weese
5	6 John Toner	7	8 Patti Hollingsworth Griffin Cosby	9	10	11 Jonny Hodges
12	13	14	15	16 Frankie Lister	17	18
19	20	21	22 Kritsen Huang <i>Jim &amp; Reba Berola</i>	23 Jim Ellis	24 <i>Jeff &amp; Candy Sipe</i>	25
26	27	28 <i>Richard &amp; Mary Etta Copeland</i>	29 Jim Brashears <i>Tanner &amp; Leslie McNamara</i>	30 Julie Riffel Mason Griffin	31	

# CALENDAR

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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5 Communion Deacon's Fund	6	7 Women's Bible Study 1:00pm	8 Deacons 6:30pm Trustees 6:30pm Business Meeting 7:00pm	9	10	11
12 ABW Ladies 6:30pm GS Troop #5516 6:00pm	13	14 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	15 Board of Christian Ed 7:00pm	16	17	18 GS Troop #5516 10:00am - 12:00pm
19	20	21 Women's Bible Study 1:00pm.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	29	30	31	



# BECAUSE OF WHO GOD IS

Thanks to who God is, we can talk to him in prayer.

*Directions: Unscramble the descriptions of God, using the Bible references as clues. Then write the circled letters below to complete Psalm 109:26, NIV*

Psalm 145:8

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Job 36:5

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Psalm 90:2

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2 Peter 3:9

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1 Thessalonians 5:24

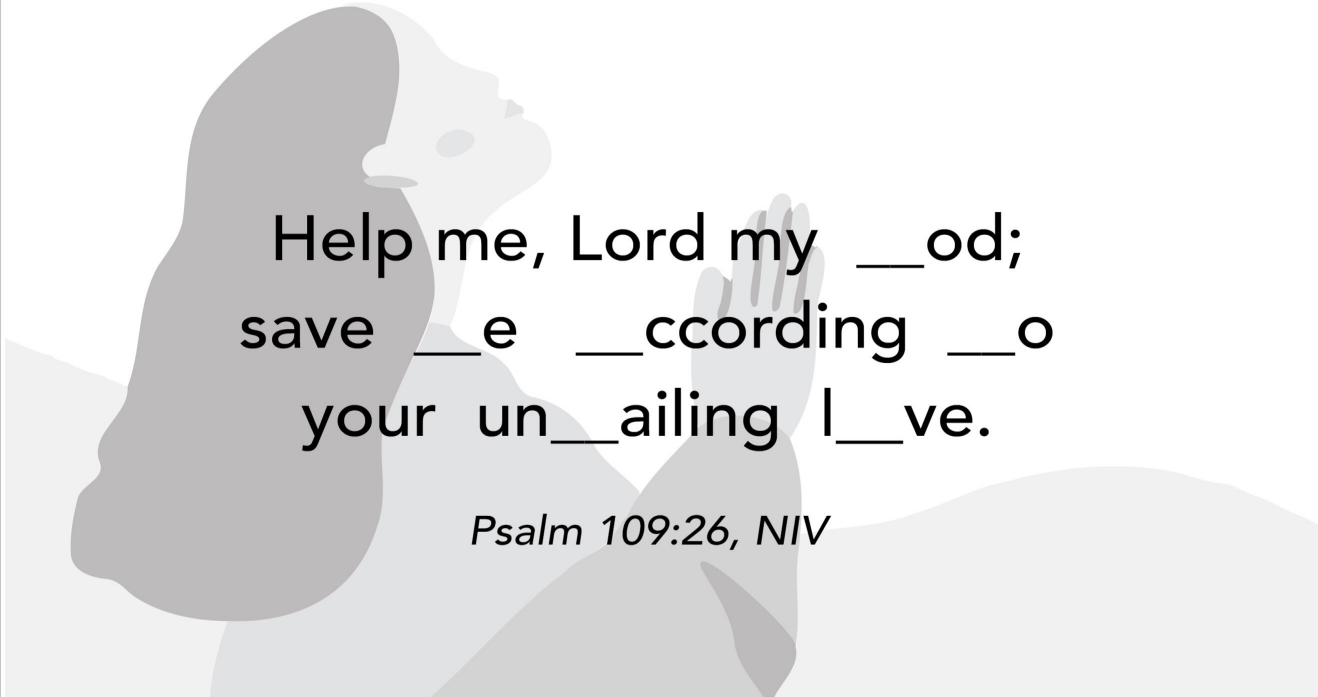
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Isaiah 40:25

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Help me, Lord my \_\_\_od;  
 save \_\_\_e \_\_\_ccording \_\_\_o  
 your un\_\_\_ailing l\_\_\_ve.

*Psalm 109:26, NIV*