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## De Soto Baptist Church

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An activity from our VBS called “Jesus Sightings” .... Here is an excerpt:

“One reason people have trouble trusting Jesus or God in our wild world is that—we can’t see God the way we see our friends around us. But God is here—there’s evidence all around us, pointing to His love, creativity, power, and beauty. God wasn’t just doing things in the Bible. God is busy right here and now in De Soto!”

Then we gave the children a wrist band to remind them to watch for “Jesus sightings” throughout the week. Times when someone did something that represented Jesus’ working amongst us, or a person doing something that Jesus would do for another person.

This is an interesting concept as the world may be watching you to see who your Jesus is. We don’t need to wait for unplanned opportunities to arise for us to represent Jesus, we can go about our lives intentionally interacting with others in a Jesus like manner. Performing polite gestures, assisting with helping acts of kindness, being a breath of fresh air in a weary world.

This is where the presentation of the gospel begins. Living in the world as a representative of Jesus’ kingdom. This should not be something unplanned or accidental for us as believers. It should be our intention from the moment we rise till we lay our heads back on our pillow. To intentionally represent our Lord.

I pray that the month of July will be a blessing to you and your family as you spend time together. I hope you will make an intentional effort to spend time with your church family as well. We love seeing you.

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**



**July 9th**

**Deacon's Meeting 6:00 p.m.**

**Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

**DOERS OF THE WORD - Women's Bible Study**

Women's Bible Study is 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month.

We are taking a Summer break and will resume in September.

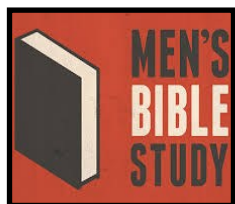
Our new study will be:

"Strength in The Struggle Letting go of fear and anxiety."

By Lauren Ibach.

Book can be ordered on Amazon.

We are suggesting each lady buy 2 books each. One for themselves and one to invite a friend.

**Men's Bible Study**

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

Meeting in the Copeland Center

**ABW Meeting**

July 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall in Lower Level ~ Please join us!

**Board of Christian Education**

July 16 at 7:00pm



## 2025 Vacation Bible School Mission Outreach

Donna and I can't even begin to THANK YOU enough for all the time and energy you gave to share God's love with the children and families of De Soto. So many of you from our church family gave so generously of your time, energy, and resources this year at De Soto Baptist Church VBS and for that we are so GRATEFUL. Without the help of everyone, this outreach ministry in our community would not be possible. For those of you who prayed for our week at VBS, THANK YOU! We felt the blessing of your prayers. It



was also such a blessing to be able to have the resources we needed for the kids, thanks to your generosity.



A HUGE THANK YOU to all who took on a leadership role as a Crew Leader (Paula Jones, Barbara Bosworth, Kim Pew, Rebekah Cosby, Tami Reeves, & Gayla Hougham) or a Station Leader (Karen Wall, Sharon Coatney, Ruby Nelson, Charles Lawhead, Paula Rhodes, Susan Reames, Patsy Allenbrand, Matt Burns, Rhonda Burns, Nicky Fulk, Linda Lane). We know you put in extra time to prepare for your responsibilities with your stations and crews.



Another HUGE THANK YOU goes out to those who helped with registration (Rebekah Cosby), Audio/Video (Danny & Linda Lane & Rhonda Burns) and also to all who helped with decorations and set up (Rodger Bracket, Jim Ingalls, Jeff Hodges, Corey Sipe) & clean up. Every detail made our week at TRUE NORTH a blessing to so many. All the youth helpers also made such an important impact (Lucas Mora, Alyssa White, Bonnie Bartlett, Madison Merz, Emily Merz, Brooklyn Fulk, & Parker Lane). Seeing the smiles on the faces of the children each day really showed us all what a difference you were making in their lives. The last activity of the event, the cookout, was another testament of the outreach to our community, seeing all the families stay after the program to enjoy the hot dogs, chips, & cookies prepared & served by Anita Woywod, Rodger Bracket, Rick & Monica Walker, and Jim & Kim Ingalls.

Finally, THANK YOU for the beautiful flowers and kind words you gave us. We truly felt blessed to have spent the week sharing God's love with the children of De Soto. Donna and I both felt like we should have kept going another week! What a blessing to have such a loving, caring church family who wants to share God's love as well.

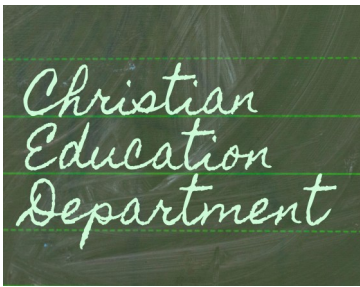
Richelle Hodges, for the Board of Christian Education





### VBS Offering Update

This year at VBS we participated in the Operation Kid-to-Kid project to help provide warm coats & blankets for children in the United States. Throughout the week we collected \$500! It was so amazing to see such generous donations come in from the kids that attended our VBS. Every \$5 given provides \$70 worth of warm items. With these gifts, we are able to provide warm coats and blankets in the amount of \$7,000! That is another God Sighting!



We will be meeting in July on the 16th at 7:00 pm.



Do you love playing with the little ones? We are still looking for more help with the nursery. If you love spending time with children and sharing the love of Jesus with them, this might be the perfect opportunity for you! You can volunteer as much or as little as you'd like - once a month, once every quarter, whatever works best for you. Possible times include 9:30 for Sunday School for parents & 10:30 during the Morning Worship time.

We'd also love to get more people involved in our ministry to children during church as well. If you'd like to help with Children's Church, let us know! We will provide the lesson, you just have to share it with the kids and then have fun! Sing songs, do color pages, do a craft, play a game, watch a video! Just let us know what your preference is and we'll make it easy!



We are happy to see so many attending Sunday School. We currently have 2 adult classes and a youth class. We meet at 9:30. What a great way to grow in the Lord and get to know and support your church family. If you are able to attend our Bible Studies as well, that is another opportunity for Christian growth.



For health concerns, prayer list or Pastoral Care

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# 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

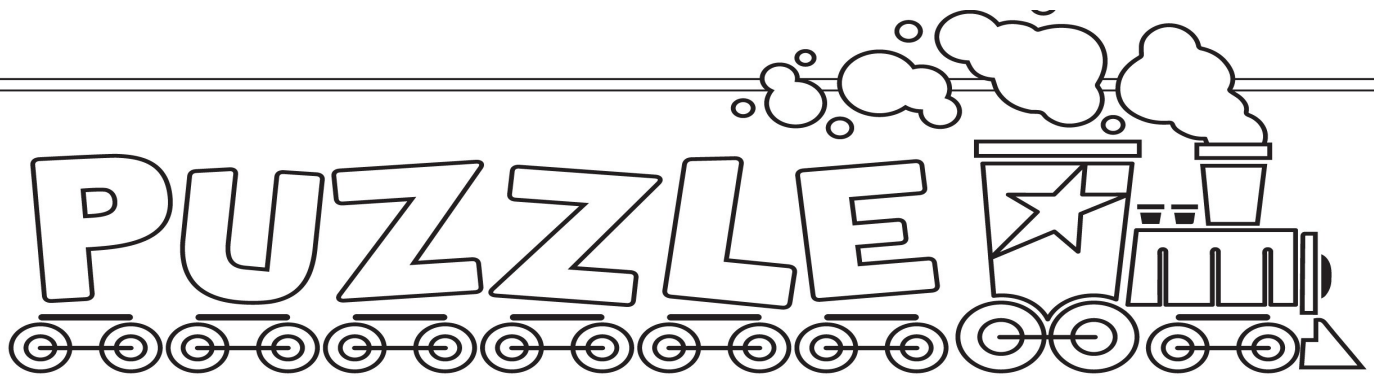
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Donations are available!

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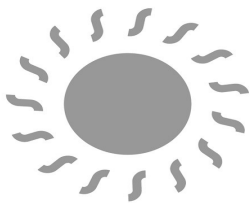




## BY THE SEASHORE

The sea and its creatures are evidence of God's intention and purpose in creation.

*Directions: Unscramble the words. Then copy the circled letters in order below to complete Psalm 104:24-25, NIV.*



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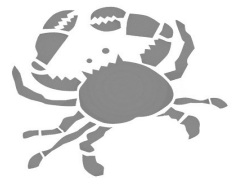
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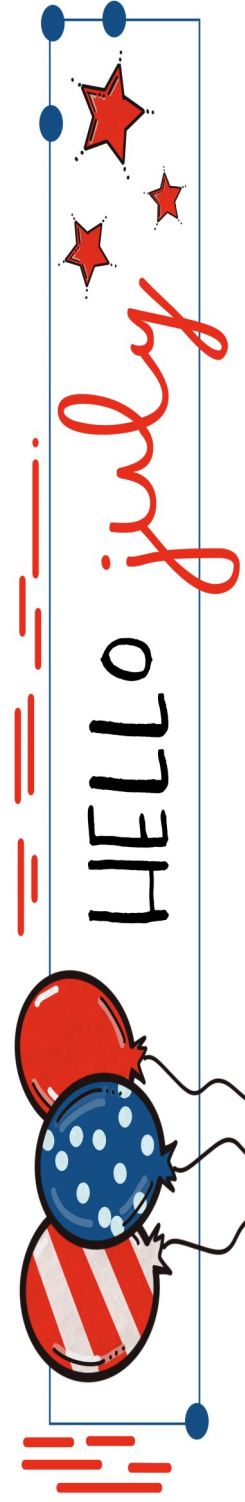
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How many are your works, LORD!  
 In wisdom you made them \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_;  
 the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_, vast and spacious,  
 teeming with \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ beyond number —  
 living things both large and small.

*Psalm 104:24-25, NIV*



## De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

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

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion Deacon's Fund		Men's Bible 6:30 pm	Deacons Meeting 6pm Trustees Meeting 6:30 Business Meeting 7pm			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	ABW Meeting 6:30		Board of Christian Ed 7:00pm			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Hillside Service 9:30am		Men's Bible 6:30 pm				
27	28	29	30	31		





# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

		1	2	3	4	5 Larry Townner <i>Jerry &amp; Linda Nalley</i> <i>Dennis &amp; Crissy Allen</i> <i>Matt &amp; Rhonda Burns</i>
6 Rebekah Cosby	7	8 Fred Jones	9	10 Monica Walker Rylie McDaniel Hank Kramer	11 Rick Miller	12
13	14	15	16 <i>Rick &amp; Susan Lewis</i>	17 Sharon Brashears <i>John &amp; Darlene Hackworth</i>	18	19 Devin Haynes Tom Huang
20 Candy Sipe	21	22	23	24	25 Jon Copeland Tanara Sipe	26
27 Larry Gulley, Sr. Amelia Hufford <i>Jim &amp; Kim Ingalls</i>	28 Graycee Reeves	29	30 Larry West	31		

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