

ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

De Soto Baptist Church

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This month I want to introduce you to Cadence International.

In 1982, Rhonda and I moved to Vicenza, Italy to serve with the United States Army. We discovered, or perhaps I should say, we were discovered, by other military personnel who were attending an off-base mission organization called Overseas Christian Servicemen's Center or OCSC for short. They invited us to come, and we went.

For a couple of young kids, (I was 20 and Rhonda was 19) the people at the mission were a breath of fresh air. They became our "home away from home". They cared about us and welcomed us into their home. They fed us dinners, and we went on trips together. When I say "us", I mean Rhonda and I and our newborn and usually ten to twelve other soldiers and their families. They re-grounded us to family and Christian fundamentals and gave us an alternative to the military night life.

But the most important thing they shared with us was their Jesus. These people were real. They lived their faith. They didn't just go to chapel on Sunday and forget God the rest of the week. They lived a relational lifestyle with Jesus. Everything they did. Everywhere they went. Jesus was present in the activity. I saw this and I knew my relationship with Jesus was shallow and really non-existent. It was a new concept for me. The reality of Jesus. And so, one night at the Hospitality House in Vicenza, after an evening worship service, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior and my Friend.

This is what Cadence does. And they do it well. They have missionaries scattered across the United States and the world, doing for servicemen and women, what they did for Rhonda and I and our family during that crucial period in our lives. They are a faith-based organization and the missionaries serving with Cadence raise their own support before they go. Others like you and I who are here on the Homefront but have a heart for missions and the military sign up to support them as they go out. Rhonda and I have been supporting Cadence missions for many years with our giving.

This month I have invited Wes and Elaine Auldridge to come and share with us about Cadence and their new mission outreach to the airmen and women and their families at Whiteman AFB not far from us outside of Knob Noster, Missouri. I hope that there may come a time in the future when we can partner with them and put some "boots on the ground" to assist them in sharing Jesus with those who have chosen to serve our country at the sacrifice of themselves.

If you wish to know more about Wes, Elaine, their family and Cadence, you can follow this link.

<https://cadence.org/missionary/wes-and-elaine-auldridge/>

Please pray for the Auldridge family and greet them as family when they come.

Blessings to you,

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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**August 6th**

Deacons Meeting 6:00pm

Trustees Meeting 6:30pm

Church Business Meeting 7:00pm

**August 13th**

Board of Christian Ed Meeting

**August 10**

Guest Speakers: Wes and Elaine Auldridge

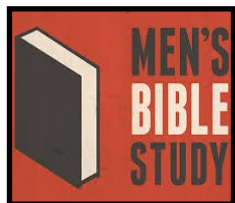
**DOERS OF THE WORD - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

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

**Men's Bible Study**

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

Meeting in the Copeland Center



We invite anyone who feels led to come to church prepared to sing a special song, play an instrumental piece, or share whatever God has placed on your heart. In addition to these special offerings, we will fill in the gaps with requests for your favorite hymns from the congregation. It's sure to be a joyous and uplifting experience! Please come and join us, and don't forget to invite a friend.

If you plan to share a song, instrument, or story, please let Pastor Matt or Jeff Hodges know in advance.





Sunday, August 10

Wes and Elaine Auldridge will be our guest speakers and share with us about Cadence and their new mission outreach to the airmen and women and their families at Whiteman AFB not far from us outside of Knob Noster, Missouri.

Sunday, August 24



All Church Birthday Party/Potluck Immediately after church.

Bring your favorite dish to share!

We will have one large birthday cake in celebration of all birthdays!

No assigned seating (in years past you sat at the table of your birthday month).

There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board for set up/clean up.



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 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!

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?

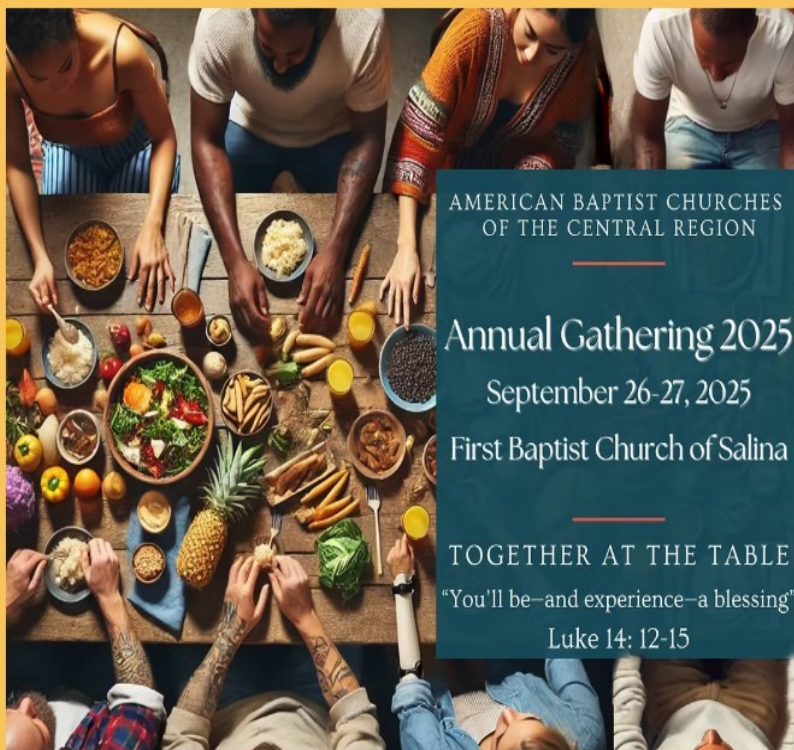
We ask that no cookies, candy, or chips be donated. We also need to stay away from nuts and peanut butter so those with nut allergies can stay safe. Good snacks to donate include fruit snacks, Teddy Grahams, Cheez-Its, Pirate Booty, granola bars, fruit bars, Belvita breakfast bars, and pretzels. Because lunch is spread out from 10:30 to 1:00 some students get hungry during the long morning or long afternoon.

American Baptist Churches of the Central Region

2025 Annual Gathering

First Baptist Church of Salina
September 26-27, 2025

<https://www.abccr.org/annual-gathering-2024>



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OF THE CENTRAL REGION

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TOGETHER AT THE TABLE

"You'll be—and experience—a blessing"

Luke 14: 12-15

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>



We're placing an order for new church T-shirts!



If you'd like to purchase one,

please sign up in the Narthex or watch your email for more details.

Shirts are \$11 each. Orders are due by August 10

For more information

Contact Richelle Hodges or Kim Ingalls



Our Float in
the Parade!

De Soto Days Church Float and Booth

De Soto Days Opportunities for Our Church Family on Friday & Saturday, August 29th & 30th

"Wild About De Soto"

It's time to think about how YOU can participate with our church family in De Soto Days! We have a few ways you can participate, before and during the festivities! The theme this year is Wild About De Soto! We'd like to share how De Soto Baptist is Wild About Jesus by serving in our community.

We will have a float in the parade again and you are invited to ride and wave or walk along and pass out candy! We will meet Friday evening to get the float decorated and ready for the parade. Think jungle and wild animals!! If you have any wild animals stuffies, you can bring them to carry on the float! We're also getting some fun wild animal masks to wear. If you aren't available to be in the parade but would like to donate candy that would be great! Non-melting candy, like smarties and little lollipops would be great!

Another great opportunity for everyone is to participate in our booth! This year we will be handing out FREE cookies and taking the time to visit with our neighbors in De Soto! Matt is encouraging us to be helpful and answer any questions for people who may be newer to the community. We can also be helpful to those who've been here awhile and may be looking for a particular service or help in a certain area. We will not be endorsing any businesses as a church, but rather sharing information from our own personal experiences, such as who we've used as plumbers, house cleaners, heating and air repairmen, etc. The main idea is to be a friendly face and get to know our neighbors! How can you help? We will need people to man the booth in shifts of 2 hours Friday evening and all day Saturday.

We will also need COOKIES, LOTS OF COOKIES! We are asking that you put 2 cookies (about 3" each) in a zip lock baggy. This will make them easy to hand out. You can also make brownies if you prefer, and just cut them bigger, putting 1 per baggy.

Thank you to everyone for taking the time to help continue making De Soto Baptist Church a fellowship of servants to the community for Jesus.

American Baptist **Women's** MINISTRIES



Project Restore the Pews!

We are blessed to have Maggie Champlain volunteer to begin cleaning and waxing the backs of the pews this month with honey-bee wood wax for one of her community hours projects - that's a lot of elbow grease! If you see her around town, be sure to tell her how great they look and how much we appreciate her and her efforts!



Oct 11 - De Soto Arts Council Art show



Oct 18 - Harvest Festival at Kill Creek Barn

DBC has traditionally provided and sold baked goods at these events as a fundraiser for Special Projects (Mission and Services). Look for ways to help soon.



AUGUST

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Communion Deacon's Fund	4	5	6 Deacon's 6:00pm Trustee's 6:30pm Business 7:00pm	7	8	9
10 Guest Speakers T-shirt order deadline	11	12 Men's Bible 6:30pm	13 Board of Christian Education Meeting 7:00pm	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Birthday Potluck <hr/>	25	26 Men's Bible 6:30pm	27 De Soto Days Float Meeting 7:00pm	28	29 De Soto Days Booth	30 De Soto Days Parade and Booth
31 5th Sunday						



AUGUST

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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

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