

"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



2025



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION
De Soto Baptist Church

Pastor Matt Burns 913.585.1026 — www.desotobaptistchurch.org — 8655 Copeland Way, De Soto, KS 66018

I installed a new mailbox post across the street from my house.

My daughter Amanda and I leveled it up, staked it out and filled the hole with concrete. I rechecked with my little torpedo level, and we called it good.

Then I got up the next morning, and it didn't look quite as straight as it had in the dark the night before. I got a different level and checked it again in the daylight and sure enough, it is off a little.

That's the problem with doing things in the darkness. Once the daylight shows up, it reveals the error of your ways. Sometimes, no one notices and you think you got away with it. Other times, you must bear your shame, maybe for the rest of your life.

Although it is probable that the scars on your body and your reputation may be constant reminders of bad choices, Jesus has come to heal your soul and your spirit. He can heal your body also, but He does not promise to do so. And the scars to your reputation are an offering you can give to Him as a testimony to others, when you say, "Yes, I used to be that way, but now I know Jesus loves me and I am living for Him!"

I should probably attempt to rectify my error and dig down on one side of my mailbox post and push it over to make it look more plumb but if I can't, when someone says, "Hey Buddy, can't you read a level!" I can respond, "Yeah, she leans a little bit, but Jesus forgives me and He loves me!"

I hope you know that Jesus loves and forgives you this Christmas Season. We sometimes lose the wonder of Christmas as we grow older, but it can be renewed with the realization that Jesus really is real. He came. He lived. He died for you. He lives. He loves. Give Him those mistakes, those errors, those sins. Give Him your brokenness and let Him work His work of restoration in your life.

Psalm 80:3 "Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!"

Have yourself a Merry Christmas!

Pastor Matt



ONLINE WORSHIP—LIVE SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

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

www.desotobaptistchurch.org

or on our Facebook account



FIND US ON
FACEBOOK

De Soto Kansas Baptist Church

JOIN SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School - Copeland Center

Adult Sunday School - Fellowship Hall

Children's Sunday School - Fellowship Hall Classrooms



Deacon's & Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, December 10th

Deacons at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees at 6:30 p.m.



CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, December 10th

7:00 p.m.

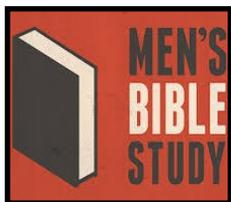
All Members Welcome to Attend!



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

Meeting in the Copeland Center

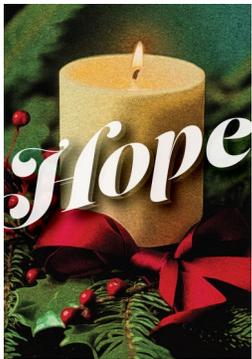


LADIES BIBLE STUDY

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 1:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Susan Reames





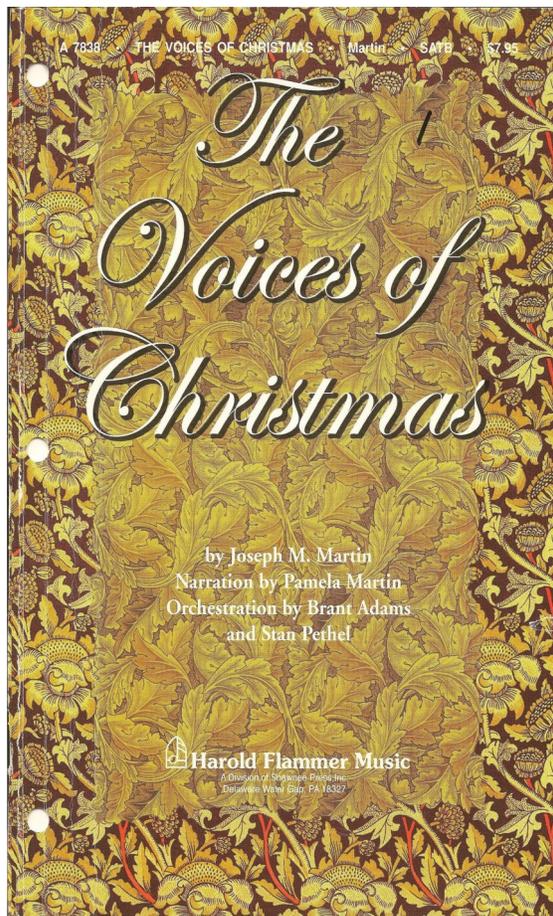
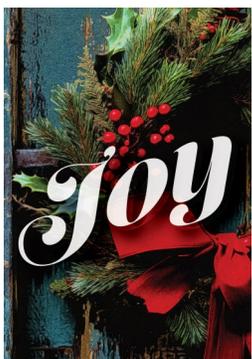
ADVENT WEEKS

Nov. 30th ~ **HOPE SUNDAY** — 10:30 am Service /
5th Sunday Celebration

Dec. 7th ~ **PEACE SUNDAY** – 10:30 am Service /
Communion and
Deacon’s Fund Offering

Dec. 14th ~ **JOY SUNDAY** – 10:30 am Service

Dec. 21st ~ **LOVE SUNDAY** – 10:30 am Service /
Christmas Cantata 7:00 pm



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Come join us in this beautiful musical celebration of the message of Christmas, as well as our Candlelight Service and Reception in conclusion.

The Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21st.

If you would like to be a part of the singing there is still time to join us for rehearsals before the event. We will be practicing each Sunday immediately after our church service.

Please contact Richelle Hodges or Patsy Allenbrand if you would like to help with cookies, setup and/or cleanup for reception.

Contact Jeff Hodges – 913-484-0554 – for more information.

12 Christmas PRAYERS

1. Expectation

Fill us with hope, knowing that God kept his promise to send his Son to earth. (See *Isaiah 9:6-7.*)

2. Wonder

Just as the angel's message left Mary in awe, remind us of the joyful news of Jesus' coming. (See *Luke 1:31-33.*)

5. Provision

Thank you for meeting all our needs, as you provided a stable and manger bed for Baby Jesus. (See *Luke 2:6-7.*)

8. Grateful

Keep us thankful for God's greatest gift, which Mary treasured on the first Christmas. (See *Luke 2:19.*)

11. Worshipful

Like the gift-giving Magi, equip us to give Jesus our very best. (See *Matthew 2:10-11.*)

3. Humility

Like Joseph, make us willing to trust God and humbly care for others. (See *Matthew 1:20-21.*)

6. Peace

Fill us with your perfect peace, which the angels proclaimed when Jesus was born. (See *Luke 2:13-14.*)

9. Saved

May Jesus' precious name remind us of his power to save us from our sins. (See *Matthew 1:21.*)

4. Obedience

On our earthly journey, teach us to follow your commands, just as Joseph and Mary obediently traveled to Bethlehem. (See *Luke 2:4-5.*)

7. Praising

Remind us to follow the shepherds' example of celebrating and sharing the good news of Jesus' birth. (See *Luke 2:16-18.*)

10. Fulfilled

Give us content hearts, just as Simeon and Anna found fulfillment in the promised Savior. (See *Luke 2:28-32.*)

12. Wisdom

Help us seek your guidance as we follow and grow with Jesus. (See *Luke 2:49-52.*)





BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

Dec. 5th

BINGO at Hillside Village at 1:30pm



Dec. 6th

Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting 6pm – 8pm

DBC will be providing free hot cocoa and operate a Craft Table



De Soto Baptist Church took on the challenge in providing Christmas gifts for a family of 4 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. **December 14th** – Deadline for Gifts for Adopt a Family. Gifts should be wrapped with family number F93 and with name tags attached. Please contact Mary Gale Kramer with questions.

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.

Dec. 9th

Salvation Army Bell Ringing 10:00am - 2:00pm (2 shifts)
Hobby Lobby in Lawrence. Contact Sharon Coatney for more information



ELVIS AND ELTON!

“The Concert That Should Have Been”.

Starring Victor Travino, Jr.,

When a mother in London brought home an early recording of Elvis to her son, it was this music that inspired Reginald Dwight to become Elton John!! Now the two legends join in a celebration concert of each other and the music that has inspired millions.

Wednesday Matinee, April 15, 2026

Tickets are \$41 -

Reserve your seat with a \$5 down payment by Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026

Final Payment due on March 15, 2026

CONTACT: Karen Wall, 913-669-1991 (text or call)

or email: karenwall61@yahoo.com



I WILL ONLY ORDER TICKETS THAT ARE RESERVED FOR YOU! I AM REQUIRED TO MAKE A \$5 DOWN PAYMENT FOR EVERY SEAT RESERVED. . .

PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY 1/11/26

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.



SNACKS FOR STARSIDE



SNACKS FOR STARSIDE has become one of our most appreciated projects for our local schools. School officials, counselors, teachers and children have all expressed the great appreciation they have for this simple project. Many children come from families who simply do not have the resources to provide snacks for their children's snack breaks. We know that often teachers provide snacks from their own pockets because they don't want any child to go without.

These snacks provide a great break in the day's work and help the children focus on their learning. The snacks must be small pre-packaged snacks. Animal crackers, Goldfish, fruit snacks, chips, popcorn, cheese & crackers are best. Please do not provide any foods with peanut butter because of allergies. Also, in trying to get the children to bring more nutritious snacks, they discourage cookies as well - so, **no cookies** -

If you would rather donate some dollars and let others to do the shopping, you can make a **check out to De Soto Baptist Church and put "Starside Snacks" on the memo line**. They can be put in the offering basket on Sundays or sent to De Soto Baptist Church, Box 578, De Soto, KS 66018

Thank you so much for your care and concern for our local schools!

TITHES & OFFERINGS



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>



Bible Scavenger Hunt

FOR ADVENT



Prepare for Christmas with this Bible-based Advent activity. Each day in December, look up the answer to one question.

1 What will God's Son be called?
(Isaiah 7:14)

2 Where will Jesus reign?
(Isaiah 9:7)

3 Where will Jesus be born?
(Micah 5:2)

4 How many generations are between Abraham and the Christ?
(Matthew 1:17)

5 Who tells Mary she is having a baby?
(Luke 1:26-31)

10 Who issues the decree about a census?
(Luke 2:1)

9 What does Jesus' name mean?
(Matthew 1:21)

8 Until his son John the Baptist is born, what can Zechariah not do?
(Luke 1:20, 64)

7 What does Mary say that God has done for her?
(Luke 1:49)

6 Which relative of Mary is also having a baby?
(Luke 1:41)



11 From where do Joseph and Mary start their journey to Bethlehem?
(Luke 2:4)

12 What does Mary use to wrap up baby Jesus?
(Luke 2:7)

13 What serves as Jesus' first bed?
(Luke 2:7)

14 Who tells the shepherds the good news about Jesus' birth?
(Luke 2:8-12)

15 When the shepherds tell others about Jesus, how do people react?
(Luke 2:8-12)



19 Where does Joseph flee with his family for safety?
(Matthew 2:14)

18 What three gifts does Jesus receive from the wise men?
(Matthew 2:11)

17 Who is upset to hear about a newborn King?
(Matthew 2:3)

16 From what direction do the wise men (or Magi) come to worship Jesus?
(Matthew 2:1-2)

15 On what day is Jesus presented in the temple?
(Luke 2:21)

20 When does Jesus' family return to Israel?
(Matthew 2:19-21)

22 In what district does Jesus grow up?
(Matthew 2:22)

23 What free gift does God give us through Jesus, his Son?
(1 John 5:11)

24 Where do all our gifts come from?
(James 1:17)



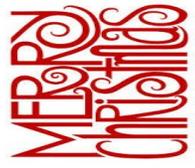
25 How should we respond to our gifts?
(2 Corinthians 9:15)



Answers: 1. Immanuel 2. On David's throne 3. Bethlehem 4. 42 5. The angel Gabriel 6. Elizabeth 7. Great things 8. Speak 9. Herod 10. Gold, frankincense and myrrh 11. Egypt 12. Cloths, or swaddling clothes 13. A manger 14. An angel of the Lord 15. They are amazed, or in wonder 16. The east 17. The eighth 18. Herod 19. Herod 20. Egypt 21. After Herod dies 22. Galilee 23. Nazareth, in Galilee 24. From above, from the Father of lights 25. Give thanks to God!



DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bell Choir Practice 7:00pm	2 Ladies Bible Study 1:00pm	3	4	5 Hillside Bingo 1:30pm	6 Girl Scout sewing project 9:00am-11:30am Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting 6pm
7 Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE Communion Sunday School Fellowship Reception 9:30am	8	9 Salvation Army Bell Ringing 10am-2pm @ Weavers Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	10 Deacons & Trustees Meeting 6:00pm / 6:30pm Business Mtg. 7:00	11	12	13
14 Third Sunday of Advent - JOY	15	16 Ladies Bible Study 1:00pm	17	18	19	20
21 Happy First Day of Winter Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE Christmas Cantata 7pm & Reception	22	23 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31 			

DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
				John Hackworth		Ian McPherson James Balch <i>Andy & Sun Dee Everett</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Jason McDaniel Bruce Yarbrough		Kelly Hayden	Donna Gulley Danny Lane	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Jayma Zook	Chris Berola			<i>Larry & Brenda West</i>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Darlene Hackworth Jenna Toner Kris Zimmerman						
28	29	30	31			
	Sean Nalley Susan Reames		<i>Sean & Janet Nalley</i>			

Engaged in the Ministry of Reconciliation

De Soto Baptist Church

Pastor Matt Burns

P.O. Box 578

De Soto, Kansas 66018



DECEMBER 2025



*Now may
the Lord of peace
himself give you
peace at all times
and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you.*

2 Thessalonians 3:16, NIV