



March

2026

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ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION
De Soto Baptist Church

I recall an incident at Peachtree Mall in Columbus, Georgia.

Private Mowrey and Private Burns were just out of basic training and waiting on our next military school to start at Ft Benning, Georgia, and we had time on our hands.

So, we took a cab and went to Peachtree Mall. We had been given back our civilian clothes to wear off post, and we decided we needed to buy cowboy hats to compliment our outfits.

Mowrey decided he wanted to look affluent, so he stuck a fifty-dollar bill in the band that went around the outside of his cowboy hat, and we began our mall excursion.

It wasn't long before a Sergeant in civilian clothing pulled us aside and began schooling us on keeping a lower profile. He told Mowrey to take the fifty-dollar bill out of his hat because there were people down there that would harm him for that much money.

We were used to following orders by that time, so even though the Sergeant was in civilian clothes too, we listened, said, "Yes Sergeant," and moved out smartly. I thought later "I wonder how he knew we were just out of basic training?" "Did I look like a tourist?"

LOL.

Bald head. Clothes that don't fit. Looking like I was 17 years old. He knew alright! I read a verse this week from Acts 4:13 that says this:

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus."

To me that is an exciting verse. That someone could recognize by looking at you or me that we have been with Jesus. That is the image I want to portray as I walk the streets of De Soto. When I go to a community function. When I interact with someone in the park. I want them to recognize that I have been with Jesus. I hope that is what you want also. As we draw closer to Jesus, and unclutter our souls, there is more room for His Spirit to fill us and we will begin to reflect the glory of our heavenly Father and Jesus His Son.

There have been many times in my life when I have acted the fool.

Reflecting Jesus has never been one of them.

Blessings to you,
Pastor Matt

ONLINE WORSHIP—LIVE SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

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

or on our Facebook account



De Soto Kansas Baptist Church

Deacons & Trustees Meeting

DEACONS & TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, March 4th

Deacons at 6:00 p.m.

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CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, March 4th 7:00 p.m.

All Members Welcome to Attend!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Brave and Beloved

An in-depth study of the women of the Bible by Meredith Storrs

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 1 pm Fellowship Hall

All women are welcome of any age.

We also offer Zoom for those who are interested in joining in from home.

.Please contact Susan Reames for more information

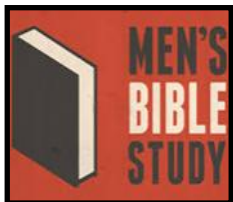
540-219-8373 or Sreames7@gmail.com



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

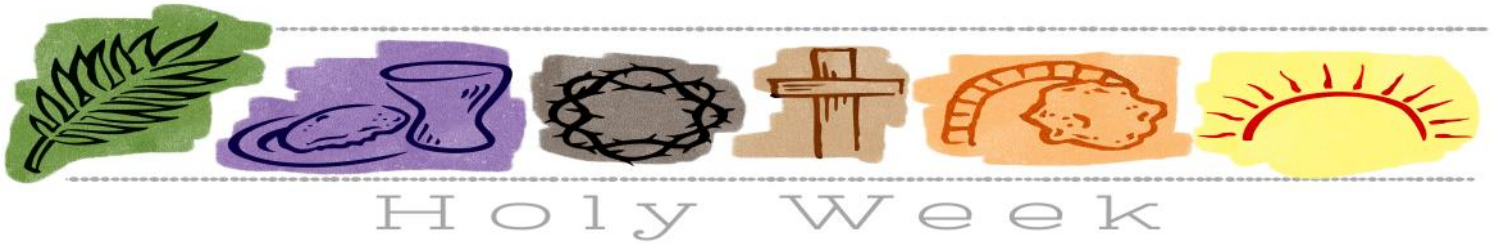
Meeting in the Copeland Center



Board of Christian Ed. Meeting

March 11th 10:00am

Christian Education Department



Cantata Choir

The Adult Choir will be leading in worship on Palm Sunday, possibly Maundy Thursday, and Easter Morning. They will be rehearsing each Sunday following the Morning Worship Service from now until Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday Service March 29th

Children will join in during the Palm Sunday Service on Sunday morning, March 29th, to wave the palm leaves and join in singing The Palm Song, a yearly tradition at De Soto Baptist. Come at 10:00 a.m. to practice with the adult choir. All children are welcome to participate.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service April 2nd

The Maundy Thursday Communion Service will take place on Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm, as we gather to remember the sacrifice of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Sunrise Service at Riverfest Park Boat Ramp April 5th @ 7:45 a.m

We want to invite you to come and participate with us.

This is a meaningful way to worship and celebrate the Risen Lord.

Although there is plenty of parking, there are no seats, bring a lawn chair.

Followed by our Easter Sunday morning activities.

He is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Easter Morning Breakfast April 5th @ 8:30 a.m.

Thank you again to the Walkers for fixing our annual Easter Breakfast.

If you'd like to help with donations, MONETARY DONATIONS are now being accepted to purchase food.

Please give \$\$ to Rick & Monica Walker or Jeff & Richelle Hodges.

HELPERS ARE NEEDED Saturday following the Easter Egg Hunt, to help set up the tables at 11:00 am.

A CLEAN UP CREW following the breakfast would also be a great help!

Please sign up for these on the bulletin board.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30 A.M.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th - 10:00 am

All children of the community are invited to attend this annual event.

Bring a basket and a friend!

Following the 10:00 Egg Hunt there will be refreshments, crafts, and games.

Helpers are needed for these activities.

Donations Needed:

Filled Plastic Eggs (2 dozen each) - Filled with Wrapped Candy OR Toys

Bags of Wrapped Candy

Cookies (3 dozen each)

\$\$ for Prizes (to Richelle or Monica)

Prizes (Springtime items, Stuffed Bunnies, Puzzles, Kites, Frisbees, Bubbles, etc.

Please keep \$ amount from \$1-\$4 each, if possible.)

Helpers Needed: Friday - 10:00 AM Sorting Eggs & Candy into 4 groups

Saturday - 9:00 am Setting up areas & Hiding eggs & candy. *If Youth are looking for Community Service, this is a great opportunity!*

Saturday - 10:00 am Help with Games, Activities, Refreshments

Please let Richelle Hodges, Monica Walker, Patsy Allenbrand, or Donna Gulley know if you can help.

We're excited to share a new addition to our Sunday morning ministry!



A nursery volunteer will be available at the start of the worship service to receive babies and toddlers for those families who would like to drop their little ones off right away. Our hope is that this will be a blessing to parents and help everyone enter into the service with greater ease and focus.

This ministry depends on the loving support of our church family. A sign-up sheet is now posted on the bulletin board for anyone who would be willing to serve in the nursery. Volunteering is a wonderful way to care for our youngest members and to encourage their families.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you might be a part of this special ministry!



Vacation Bible School Dates are Set!! This year VBS is set for June 8th to 11th.

Mark your calendar now so you'll be available to help at Vacation Bible School this summer.

We're excited to take the kids to Rainforest Falls where we'll be Exploring the True Nature of God!

We will be in session each afternoon from 1:00-4:00 with an early start on Monday for registration at 12:30. On Thursday we will end the week with an evening program and cook out, so we'll keep the kids a bit longer that day.

This vital ministry is only successful when our church family joins together to make it happen. That means we need YOU to help in some way!

You can help lead a station or be a helper to a leader. We also need guides for each group of kids, helping them rotate from station to station. Helpers will also be needed as we conclude the week with our cookout for the families who attend VBS.

Please be in prayer asking God how He would use you this summer. We have found that those who join us as helpers end up having as much fun and learning as much as the children who attend!

Don't miss the fun!

Please let Donna Gulley, Patsy Allenbrand, Rebekah Cosby, or Richelle Hodges know how you can help.

DE SOTO FOOD PANTRY

Thank you so much for supporting this vital resource in our community!

TOP 10 MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

1. Fruit – canned, applesauce
2. Dried beans
3. Cereal
4. Peanut butter
5. Jelly
6. Spaghetti sauce
7. Box meals like Hamburger helper type
8. Tuna (canned meat)
9. Personal items (shampoo, razors)
10. Toilet paper

When a special need arises, it will be announced in church.

*Food items, laundry soap, dish soap, tooth paste and tooth brushes were delivered on Thursday, February 19th.

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



If you would like to be a part of the Snacks for Starside program, you can bring prepackaged snacks to the church at any time and put them in the Starside blue bucket.

Please bring crackers, food bars, veggie straws, or fruit snacks. Goldfish and Crackers/Cheese sandwiches are very popular. Cookies and Chips are not considered to be nutritious and are not given out.

If you would like to donate money for us to purchase snacks, put your money in an envelope labeled for Starside Snacks or make out your check to De Soto Baptist Church with Starside Snacks on the Memo Line. We have some elves who will go to Harps or Sam's or Costco to get the best buys and deliver them to the school.

***A rolling cart full of snacks were delivered to Starside February 17th.**



Baked Potato Dinner

March 15th

11:30 a.m.

Join us for a warm and wonderful time of food and fellowship at our Baked Potato Dinner!

This will be an open invitation for everyone, so bring your family, invite a friend, and come hungry!






We'll have delicious baked potatoes and all the toppings, along with plenty of time to connect and enjoy being together as a church family.

Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board -- be sure to add your name so we can plan accordingly.

We can't wait to share this special time with you!

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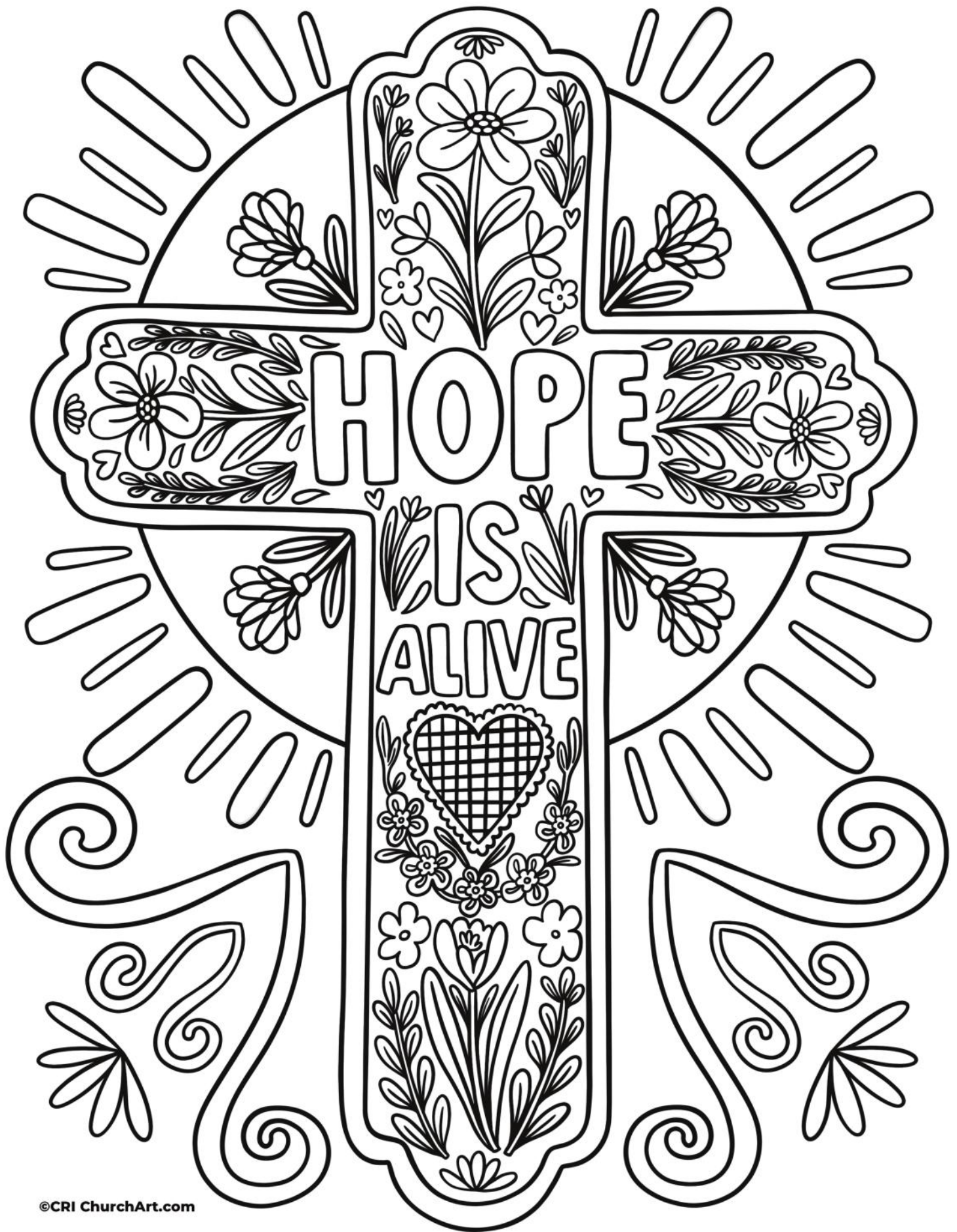


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday Sunday School 9:30 Sunday Service 10:30am			Every Wednesday AA Meeting 7:00 pm	Every Thursday Cleaning Day	Every Friday Prayer Hour 11:00am	
1 Communion Deacon's Fund	2	3 Women's Bible Study 1:00pm	4 Deacons 6:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Business 7:00pm	5	6	7 
8	9 Girl Scout Meeting 6:00-8:00pm	10 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	11 Board of Christian Ed Meeting 10:00am	12	13 Hillside Gathering 1:30pm	14
15 Hillside Service 9:45am Baked Potato Dinner 11:30am	16	17 Ladies Bible Study 1:00pm 	18	19	20 	21 Girl Scout Tea Party 9:00am - 12:30pm
22	23	24 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	25 Friends Group 4:00pm - 7:30pm	26	27	28
29 	30	31	 H O L Y W E E K			



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Lyrion Landy</i>	2	3 Lucas Walker	4	5	6	7
8 Justin McDaniel Pat Reeves	9	10 <i>Larry & Donna Gulley</i>	11	12 Ron & Joy Mann Dakota Allen	13 <i>Danny & Linda Lane</i>	14
15	16 Kim Ingalls	17	18 Doug Opdycke Mark Coatney	19 Mike Montgall	20	21
22 <i>Earl & Rebekah Cosby</i>	23	24	25 Brandon Riffel	26 Linda Nalley	27 Bailey Rendzia	28 Gary Logan
29	30	31				



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For submitting Tithes and Offerings
to:

DeSoto Baptist Church
PO Box 578 - DeSoto, KS 66018

Online Tithing and Donations are
available!



SCAN ME



These cheerful “palm trees” make a bright reminder of the celebration that greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem.

What you need:

- Bananas (for the tree trunks)
- Kiwis or green grapes (for the palm leaves)
- Mandarin oranges (for the ground)



What you do:

1. Slice bananas in half lengthwise and place vertically on a plate.
2. Arrange kiwi slices or grapes at the top to form palm fronds.
3. Add oranges at the base.
4. Serve immediately or chill until ready to serve.

Scripture Tie-In:

“Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!”

—Matthew 21:9 (NIV)