



 April 

2026

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ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

De Soto Baptist Church

Prior to the Exodus of the nation of Israel from Egypt, there was no record of what is called their “religious” calendar. It began in Exodus 12:2 when God gave this command, “This month shall be your beginning of months, it shall be the first month of the year to you.” The month He spoke of was the month of Nisan, which according to the civil or agricultural calendar of the Canaanites, was the seventh month. God is beginning a new thing here, and so He institutes a new calendar. A calendar that would not only give the Israelites a distinct identity but would coincide with God’s plan for the restoration of His people.

The first month would be the first month of the Israelites freedom from slavery in Egypt. It would also be the institution of the Passover, which would be the beginning of the finished work of Christ. For it was during the celebration of Passover, that Jesus was sacrificed as the Passover Lamb for the world.

Easter is a holiday in which we celebrate the finished work of Christ and the revelation of a mystery of the love of God. This mystery is revealed with the rising of Jesus from the dead as the first fruits of a harvest of men and women who would be resurrected from the dead and become the eternal church of God. This resurrection takes place spiritually in those who receive Jesus and will take place physically upon His return. As the nation of Israel was freed from slavery to Egypt, believers are freed from slavery to sin and spiritual death to God. Reconciled now, by the sacrifice of Jesus, to be accepted as the people of God.

I hope you have plans to participate in our services this Easter. I hope you have recognized Jesus as the One who has paid for your admission into the nation and people that will dwell eternally with Him. If not, let this be the beginning for you. Let this be “...your beginning of months...”

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, April 8th

Deacons at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees at 6:30 p.m.



CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.

All Members Welcome to Attend!

Women's 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

Due to the Luther Rice meeting that's being held at church April 21st, the women's bible study for that day has been moved to April 28th. .

.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



ABW MEETING

April 6th 6:30 p.m.

DBC ABW will host the Luther Rice Rally, April 21st - 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Chetti's will be program - morning snack and lunch will be provided.

We are expecting 40-45 to attend, you are welcome to attend if you would like.

Contact Linda Lane, Paula Rhodes or Sharon Coatney for additional information.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Cantata Choir

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

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.

Every year since Rhonda and I have lived in De Soto, we have gone down to the Boat Ramp at Riverfest Park and held our own Sunrise Service on Easter morning.

Sunrise Service has always been a part of our tradition where we grew up and although it can be cold and damp and miserable, we are blessed by doing it.

We will be there again this year at 7:45 a.m. to pray and worship and sing praises in celebration of our risen Lord Jesus.

We want to invite you to come and participate with us if you so desire.

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

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.

Broadway, Film, and Television Star

Marilu Henner

starring in

Cactus Flower

Directed by Dennis D. Hennessy

April 23 - June 28

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One of the longest-running comedies in Broadway history!

JOIN US FOR ANOTHER NEW THEATRE AND RESTAURANT MATINEE SHOW!!

CACTUS FLOWER is a classic Broadway comedy that you won't want to miss!!

Wednesday, June 3

Delicious buffet, fantastic play, great company!!

All that for **ONLY \$36!!**

Reserve your seat NOW! - \$5 to Karen Wall 913-669-1991

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.



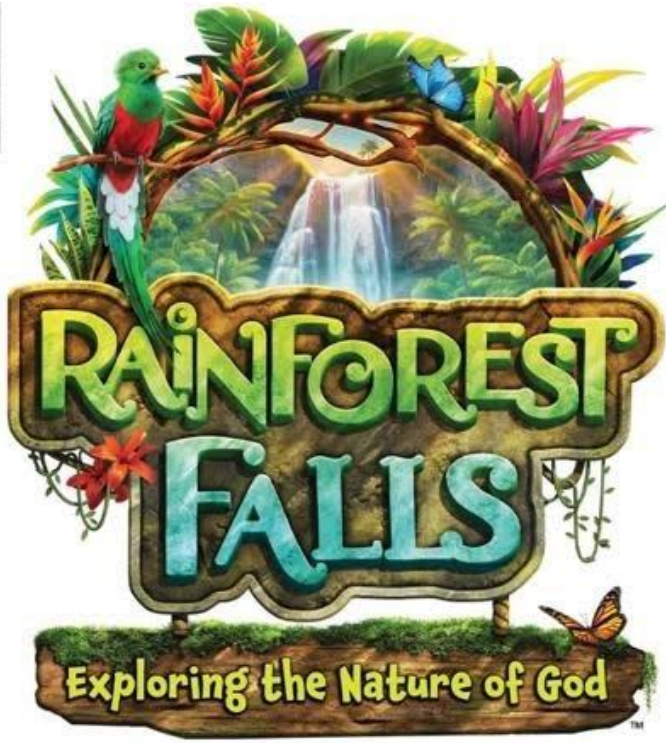
Thank you for prayerfully considering how you might be a part of this special ministry!

Church App for Apple and Google



Connect now and update personal information, view church calendar and sign-up for events!

<https://de-soto-baptist-church-66018.churchcenter.com/setup>



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 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
- Soups
- Spaghetti Sauce
- PASTA (not meal kits)
- 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

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>



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.

Thank you, thank you, for responding to these needs for our community!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 5 Communion Deacon's Fund	6 ABW Meeting 6:30pm	7 Women's Bible Study 1:00pm	1 AA 7:00pm every Wednesday	2  Service 7:00pm	3 	4 
12	13 Girl Scouts 5:45pm	14 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	8 Deacons 6:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Business 7:00pm	9 	10 Bethel Gala 5:30pm	11
19 Hillside Service 9:45am	20 	21 Luther Rice Meet- ing 9am-1pm	15 Board of Christian Ed 7:00pm	16	17	18
26	27	28 Women's Bible Study 1:00pm Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	22 	23	24	25 Every Friday- Prayer Hour 11:00am
		Sunrise Service 7:45 a.m. at Riverfest Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.	29 	30 		

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Mandy Faubion Susan Lewis <i>Rick & Monia McAnnich</i>	2 Joanna Bushnell	3 Harry Schultz	4 Rodger Brackett
5	6	7	8 Walt (Mac) McDaniel	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Jack McDaniel	16 Jim Berola	17	18
19 Ben Woolery	20 Sally Beck Reece Leyh	21	22	23	24 Gretchyn Allen	25 Alyssa White
26 Kristi Hinkle	27	28	29	30 Rachel Coatney		

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