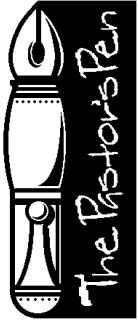




Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, today and always, Lord God. Energize and equip us to live out your love in the world.



ENGAGED IN THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION
De Soto Baptist Church

I came across a question recently that really made me pause:

It basically asked, “If I knew I was loved, would it change my life?” It stuck with me. And the more I thought about it, the more it pushed me toward another question: What would actually change in my life if I really believed that God believes in me?

I’ve said for years that I could charge Hell with a bucket of water if I knew my wife believed in me. And honestly, that’s still true. When Rhonda believes in me, something inside me straightens up. I feel braver. More capable. More willing to step into whatever’s in front of me. Her confidence in me has been one of the biggest motivators in my life.

So, I started wondering:

If one person’s belief can do that... what would it mean if I actually understood that God believes in me too?

Would I take more risks for Him?

Would I step into service with more boldness?

Would I stop second guessing myself so much?

Would I finally trust that He can use me?

And the more I sat with it, the more I realized: God really does believe in me. And He believes in you too.

He knows every weakness, every failure, every moment we wish we could erase — and He still knows exactly what He’s put inside us.

He created us and shaped our personalities and abilities. (Psalm 139)

He gave us spiritual gifts to build up His church. (Eph 4)

He washed us clean and recreated us in Christ for those good works He planned long before we were ever born. (Eph 2)

He knows the raw material we’re made of because He’s the One who chose it. And He knows what He can do with it when we walk closely with Him.

So, here’s my prayer for you:

That you’ll feel, deep in your heart, that God believes in you. And that this truth will give you the courage to step forward and offer yourself to Him with confidence that He can use you in ways you may not even see yet.

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



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National Day of Prayer

May 7th 12:00 p.m.

City Hall / Community Center Gym



May 6th

Deacon's Meeting 6:00pm

Trustees Meeting 6:30 p.m.

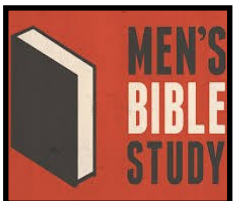
Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Men's Bible Study

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

Men's Bible Study Cancelled for the 12th

Meeting in the Copeland Center



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies Bible Study will meet May 5th and 19th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will be taking a summer break after the 19th and will resume on September 1st.



Hillside Gathering

May 14th 1:30pm

Bring item for Show'n Tell. Everyone invited





Class of 2026

Graduate Sunday

Sunday, May 24 10:30am

Reception to follow

Natalie Paige Pew

Kansas Connections Academy

Working and saving money for a year.
Then going to college to be a special education teacher.

Parents: Shawn & Kim Pew



Avery Blubaugh

Pittsburg State University

Bachelors in Biology Education.
Teaching at Basehor/Linwood HS.

Parents: Dana and Joe Blubaugh
Grandparents: John & Julie Riffel

Parker Riffel

Mill Valley High School

Will be attending KU's School of Business.

Parents: Brooke and Brandon Riffel

Grandparents: John & Julie Riffel





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Reception to follow

Will Smalley

Creighton University

Bachelors Degree Business

He will start a job in June at the Mid-America Council Boy Scouts of America.

Parents: Bryan and Rachel Bailey

Grandparent: Sharon Coatney



Kennedi Jo Malone

De Soto High School

Will be attending University of Kansas. Plans to study Sonography.

Parents: Jody & Meredith Malone

Grandparent: Debbie Maniez

Sawyer Nelson

Lexington Christian Academy

Will be attending Auburn University, Auburn, Georgia.

Parents: Joe Ray & Jayme Nelson

Grandparents: Dean & Karen Wall





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Reception to follow

Kate Roth

Kansas State University

Bachelors Degree in Business

Parents: Bryan & Jennifer Roth

Grandparent: Rodger Brackett



Paige Roth

Mill Valley High School

Will be attending Kansas State University

Parents: Bryan & Jennifer Roth

Grandparent: Rodger Brackett

Sophia Anderson

Olathe North High School

Will be attending University of Arkansas

Parents: Gabe and Jennifer Anderson

Grandparents: Kenny and Patsy Allenbrand

Great Aunt & Uncle: Mary Jo and Mac McDaniel





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Graduate Sunday

Sunday, May 24 10:30 a.m.

Reception to follow



Parker Lane

Baker University

Bachelors Degree in Health/Physical Education

Continuing on at Baker for his Masters

Parents: Kirk & Kerry Lane

Grandparents: Danny & Linda Lane



Basehor-Linwood
High School

Oliver Sipe

Basehor-Linwood High School

Attending Wichita State

Parents: Corey & Tamara Sipe

Grandparents: Jeff & Candy Sipe

Brett Chance

De Soto High School

Parents: Perry & Kirsten Chance





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Reception to follow

Husband & Wife

Troy Froeschle
Southwest Baptist University

Maddie Froeschle
Cox College

Uncle & Aunt: Jim & Reba Berola

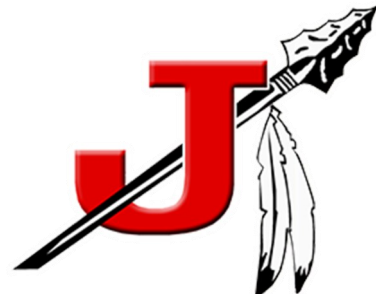


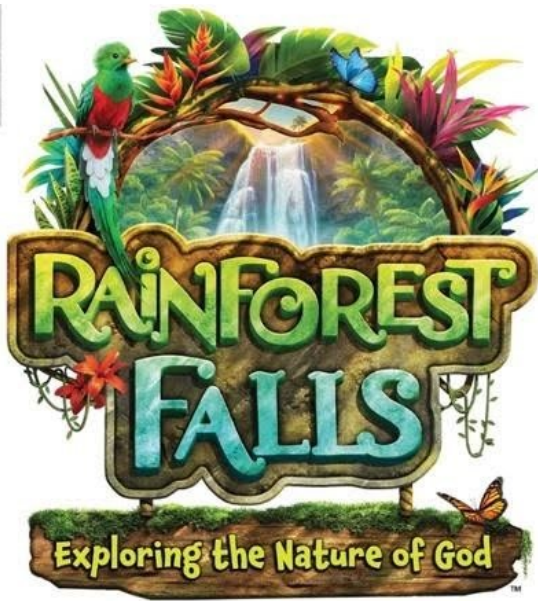
Rylie Ries
Southwest Missouri State

Great Uncle & Aunt: Jim & Reba Berola

JT Ries
Jackson Senior High

Great Uncle & Aunt: Jim & Reba Berola





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 sign-up on the bulletin board in the vestibule to help. If you have any questions see Donna Gulley, Patsy Allenbrand, Rebekah Cosby, or Richelle Hodges for more information.

Registration Due by May 15th

Please let Paula Rhodes know if you are interested

*American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Central Region
Summer Conference*



Summer Conference Date: June 5-6, 2026

*Location: First Baptist Church, Topeka
3033 SW MacVicar Ave.*



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kathy Maxwell

Kathy Maxwell is Professor of Biblical Studies at Central Seminary, where she is the Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the faculty. Her areas of research interest include New Testament studies, especially literary and rhetorical methodologies; biblical interpretation; and performance criticism. She is fascinated by the ways people are formed when learning, telling, and hearing the biblical story, both in ancient times and the modern world. She writes adult Bible study curriculum, enjoys serving the church through pulpit supply, and is certified through the Network of Biblical Storytellers. She lives in Shawnee, Kansas, with her husband and two sons.

Guest Global Servant: Carmella Jones

CARMELLA serves as a regional consultant for health and education in Europe, the Middle East and Liberia. She works with partners and global servant colleagues in the integration of faith, education, and health. Carmella, a registered nurse and ordained clergy, is uniquely equipped to teach and support spiritual and physical well-being. As an integrator of faith and health, Carmella provides pastoral care and a listening presence in the context of peoples' values, beliefs, and faith practices when providing compassionate support in the classroom and health clinics. She will continue to teach English and work with children with special needs.



Mini-Project: Calendars and Greeting Cards for Women in Prison and Baby Items for Hope Street High School

Nine Workshops are offered. Note the Special Discount!

Registration is Open Use paper form provided

or go to www.abwmc.org

Make Hotel plans ASAP as World Cup teams are in KC, Lawrence and Topeka.

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



For submitting Tithes and Offerings to:

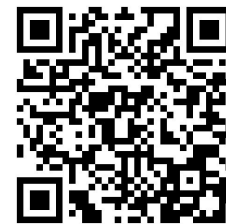
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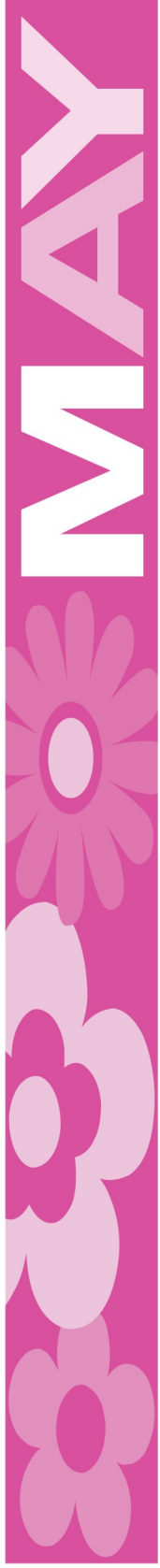
are available!

<https://collectcheckout.com/r/yyw9d>



A BIG shout out to all who helped with this year's Easter Egg Hunt!

Thank you!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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	Chris & Allison Haynes	
3	4 Cheryl Toner	5 Allison Haynes
6	7 Larry Gulley, Jr Jake Miller Gary Crowley Samantha Tush	8 Amy Culver
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Cassandra Miller,
Jo Sweatt,
Ken Warsop,
Gene Cosby
Dean & Karen Wall

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Paul Hughes
Wait & Mary Jo McDaniel

Calvin & Kelly Hayden
Shawn & Kim Pew

Shane & Rachel Muhl

Corey Sipe

Don & Tara Bartholomew

Heidi Copeland



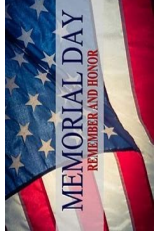
Kathy Hayden

Barb Beesley

Dean & Karen Wall

De Soto Baptist Church Calendar

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Communion Deacon's Fund		Ladies Bible Study 1:00pm	Deacon's Mtg 6:00pm Trustees' Mtg 6:30pm Business Mtg 7:00pm	National Day of Prayer 12:00pm Community Center Gym		Wedding Rehearsal
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
 Hillside Service 9:45am	Girl Scouts 5:45pm Pastor Matt out of office May 11 - 15			Hillside Gathering 1:30		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Ladies Bible Study 1:00pm	Board of Christian Ed 10:00am	Pleasant Hour Club 12:00pm		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Graduation Sunday Graduation Reception		Men's Bible Study 6:30pm				
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5Th Sunday Celebration Graycee Reeves Duran Baby Shower			Weekly: AA Meeting 7:00pm Bridge Group 6:00pm - 8:00pm	Weekly: Cleaning Service	Weekly: Prayer Hour 11:00am	

Puzzle!

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verse given for help.



Joash (2 Kings 11:2)

A _____

Obed (Matthew 1:5)

B _____

Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)

___ C _____

John the disciple (Matthew 4:21)

_____ D ____

John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)

__ E _____

Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6)

G _____

Jezreel (Hosea 1:4)

H _____

Esau (Genesis 25:28)

I _____

David (1 Samuel 16:19)

J _____

Jacob (Genesis 25:28)

_____ K ____

Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)

__ L _____

Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)

M _____

Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)

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Jesse (Matthew 1:5)

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Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)

_____ P _____

Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)

R _____

Isaac (Genesis 21:3)

S _____

John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)

_____ T ____

Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1)

___ U ____

Solomon (1 Kings 2:1)

___ V ____

Jesus (Matthew 1:18)

_____ Y

James (Matthew 4:21)

Z _____



May 2026

