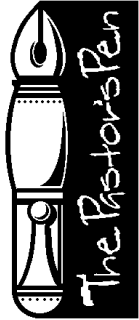


"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6



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De Soto Baptist Church

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

We talk about faith in Jesus Christ for salvation, but what about faith in Jesus Christ in all the other aspects of life?

Looking at *Proverbs 16*...

Vs 1 The plans of the heart belong to a person, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.

Vs 3 Commit your works to the LORD and your plans will be established.

Vs 7 When a person's ways are pleasing to the LORD, He causes even his enemies to make peace with him.

Vs 9 The mind of a person plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.

Vs 20 One who pays attention to the word will find good, and blessed is one who trusts in the LORD.

Vs 33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.

You see, it is one thing to acknowledge Jesus as Savior and yet another to acknowledge Him as Lord (meaning supreme authority, Master) or LORD which means Jehovah, which makes Jesus God amongst us, Immanuel!

(I had to get to Christmas somehow in this newsletter article.)

We are called to accept Jesus on all these levels. We are called to accept by faith John 3.16, but also Proverbs 16 and the rest of scripture.

I don't know what brought you to the place where you find yourself today, but for me, I stopped in De Soto to get a cheeseburger. My faith in Jesus tells me that God had bigger plans than just feeding me when He led us to pull from the highway and into McDonalds.

What about you? Re-read the verses above and ask God to lift the veil from your eyes so you can sense His direction. He is an amazing God.

Blessings to you,
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



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De Soto Kansas Baptist Church



ADVENT WEEKS

Dec. 1st ~ **HOPE SUNDAY**— 10:30 am Service / Communion and Deacon's Fund Offering

Dec. 8th ~ **PEACE SUNDAY** – 10:30 am Service / Pastor Installation

Dec. 15th ~ **JOY SUNDAY** – 10:30 am Service

Dec. 22nd ~ **LOVE SUNDAY** – 10:30 am Service / Christmas Cantata 7:00 pm



Deacon's & Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, December 4th

6:30 p.m.

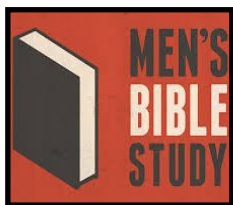


CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, December 4th

7:00 p.m.

All Members Welcome to Attend!



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

No Meeting Dec. 24th

Meeting in the Copeland Center



DOERS OF THE WORD WOMEN'S GROUP

No Meetings in December.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mary Etta Copeland (913-583-1425)



Dear Church Family,

We want to express a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of you for your unwavering support and prayers throughout our pastoral search. It's been over two years of dedication, patience, and discernment, and we are so grateful to everyone who stood by the search committee during this process.

We truly believe the time we've spent between Pastor Richard and now has been both purposeful and valuable. It allowed us to reflect, grow, and prepare for the next chapter in our church's journey.

On November 24, the church members voted to accept Matt Burns as our permanent full-time Pastor. With a heart for serving and a passion for spreading God's love, Pastor Matt brings a wealth of experience and dedication to shepherding our congregation.

Let's continue to come together as a congregation, embracing this new season with open hearts and faith that God will guide us every step of the way.

Thank you again for your faithfulness,

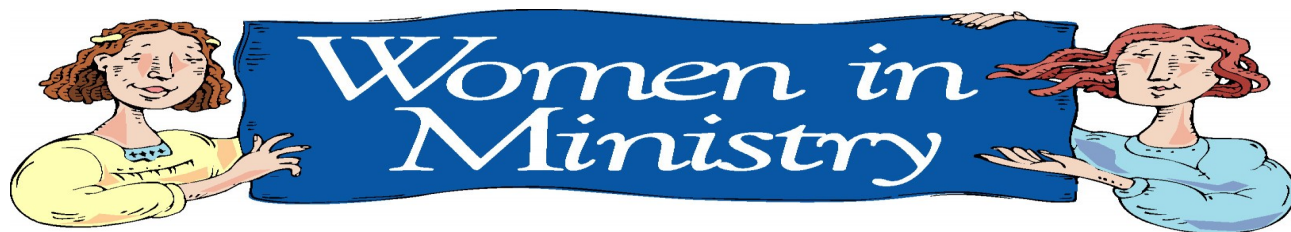
Sharon Coatney, Jeff Hodges, Kim Ingalls, Charles Lawhead, Pat Reeves, Cory Sipe and Karen Wall



December 8th Pastor Installation Service & Reception

ABCCR Executive Minister, Gregg Hemmen, officiating

We invite everyone to join us in giving Pastor Matt and Rhonda a warm welcome and reception as they begin this new chapter with us. Let's come together in prayer and fellowship to support him in leading our church and community closer to Christ.



Dec 6th Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Hobby Lobby in Lawrence - two shifts from 12pm -2pm and 2pm -4pm - If interested contact Sharon Coatney



Dec 7th Ladies Christmas Brunch - 10am - Hosted by Mary Jo McDaniel at her home - All ladies welcome RSVP to Mary Jo by Dec 7.



Dec 7th Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting 5pm – 8pm
DBC will be providing free hot cocoa AND operate a Craft Table



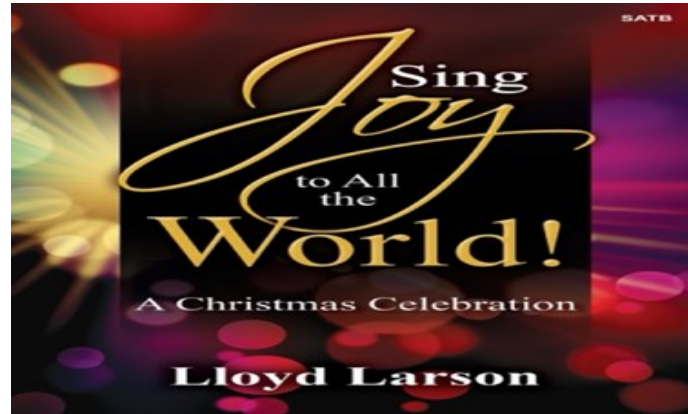
De Soto Baptist Church took on the challenge in providing Christmas gifts for a family of 10 from Bethel. Your generous spirits have made this possible to provide clothing and other necessities as well as a special gift for all members of this family. **December 8th** – Deadline for Gifts for Adopt a Family. Gifts should be wrapped with family number F70 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.

Register for Online Advent Worship Series: Words for the Beginning—a time for reflection and renewal as we prepare to welcome the season of Advent. Starting December 5, 2024, and continuing every Thursday through January 9, 2025, including special services on Christmas Eve, December 24, 26, 2024 and January 2, 2025 (pre-recorded and sent via email). Join us live on Zoom at 7 PM ET / 4 PM PT for a season filled with blessings and reflections.



https://ministrelife.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8rOgEgxGSBG1J5LmNP0CdQ#/registration



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Come join us in this new 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. 22nd.

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 if you would like to help with cookies, setup and/or cleanup for reception.

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



Nunsense at The New Theatre

We have 30 seats reserved and filled for the New Theatre & Restaurant production of Nunsense on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 11.

The dinner theatre excursions that we take are made to give our church family and their friends the opportunity to go to these productions with a group. Many of us would not make the arrangements to go by ourselves, but have found it to be a very enjoyable time for fellowship as well as a great dinner and a great show.

If you know of any promising Christian productions or workshop opportunities in the city, please let Karen Wall know so that we can pursue those events as well.

A MOMENT WITH JO

Hebrews 4:16

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

We are now in Florida and enjoying being here, but it was an arduous journey. There are many reasons why and it began with my falls and fractured rib, John having 2 procedures at the hospital that is very tiring to go and stay, and then home again, packing and preparing to leave for a period of time, making plane reservations, calling transport company to pick up car and take to FL. other doctor appointments and my cousin coming to visit for 5 days-like each one of you have with life obligations.

I thought plans were going fine until Daughter Amy came to see us and say good-bye the day before we were leaving. She asked if I had checked in for the flight tomorrow and I told her I was having trouble with it. She said she would do it for me. "Mom, I cannot find any reservation for you on this flight".

I remember very well of the dates to leave and April to return, picked out seats, but evidently did not finish it or something. She spent over 1 hour, finally found 4 seats available and bought 2, the woman kept misspelling John's name, which must be spelled correctly to match passports, and I paced and prayed. Arriving at the airport and at check-in, they found John's name still misspelled, but the woman knew how to change it and off we went to where we go to the plane. Leah and Ashley pushed our wheelchairs like experts and one (without us saying a word) went to the attendant and asked if we could sit together and closer to the front. They truly took great care of us.

When the plane took off, I closed my eyes for the entire trip and rested and praised and thanks Father for His great mercy and help in our time of need. Praise His Holy Name.

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>



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!

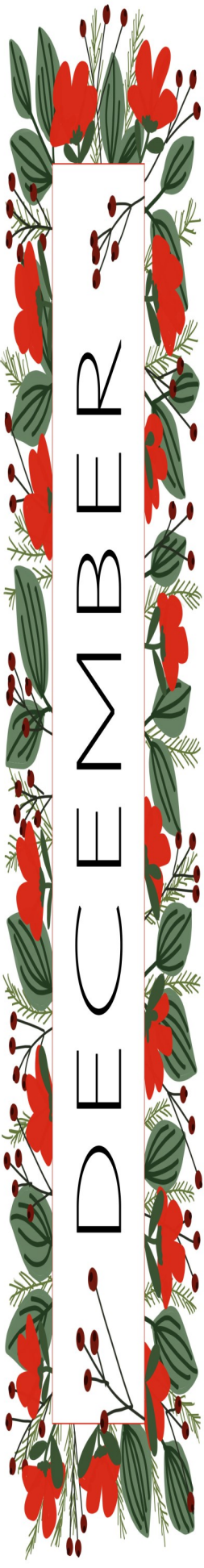
Take a Book / Share a Book



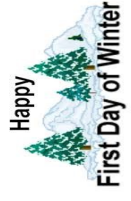


At present our library is filled with Christmas selections, as well as inspirational titles and bibles.

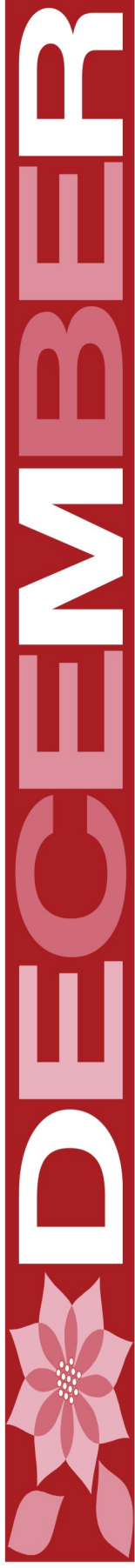
Please look, take a book and enjoy!

If you have books you would like to donate, contact Sharon Coatney, at present the curator of the collection.



DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Sunday of Advent - HOPE Communion & Deacons Fund	2	3	4 Deacons & Trustees Meeting 6:30p Business Mtg. 7:00	5	6 Salvation Army Bell Ringing	7 ABW Brunch 10am Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting 5-8pm
8 Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE Pastor Burns Installation & Reception	9	10 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	11 The New Theatre	12	13	14
15 Third Sunday of Advent - JOY	16	17	18	19	20	21 Happy  First Day of Winter
22 Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE Christmas Cnatat 7pm & Reception	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29	30	31 				



DECEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

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

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