



April

2025

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In my reading this morning there was a consistent theme.

- + Deuteronomy chapter nine finds Moses reminding the Israelites of the incident at Mt. Sinai when they turned from worshipping the one true God and created a golden calf idol to worship in their own way.
- + Jeremiah chapter twenty finds Jeremiah being put in the stocks in Jerusalem because he is chastising the people in Jerusalem and Judah for worshipping other Gods than the One true God.
- + Acts chapter four finds the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem trying to stamp out the message of Jesus that they may continue to worship in the way of their choosing.

It seems we have a proclivity to worship something, but we want to worship within the parameters of our own choices. Possibly due to our desire to only give a limited amount of authority to the god of our choice. We will only allow so much interference in our lives!

Acts 4: 12 tells us “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

You can worship whatever you choose. But there is only one way to be acquitted for your sin before a Holy God. Jesus paid that price for you. Don't you think you should be looking to Him?

Inside this newsletter you will find a number of activities planned for this month. I hope you will find some that will help you draw closer and worship Jesus in a manner that strengthens you in Him.

He is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!!

Pastor Matt

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De Soto Baptist Church

## 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](http://www.desotobaptistchurch.org)**

or on our Facebook account



**De Soto Kansas Baptist Church**

Deacons & Trustees Meeting

## DEACONS & TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, April 9th

Deacons at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees at 6:30 p.m.



## CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, April 9th at 7:00 p.m.

All Members Welcome to Attend!

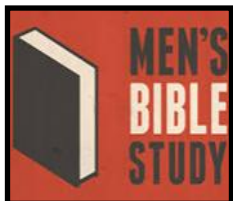


## DOERS OF THE WORD IN FEBRUARY

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

All of our women are encouraged to be a part of our Doers of the Word group. We have a three-fold program of Bible Study, Prayer, and Doing Good in order to grow in our Christian walk, provide a strong prayer partnership, and reach out and act on our challenge to encourage and help others.

Join our group as we learn and grow together.



## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

Meeting in the Copeland Center

## 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>

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



### 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 April 13th

Children will join in during the Palm Sunday Service on Sunday morning, April 13th 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 17th

The Maundy Thursday Communion Service will take place on Thursday, April 17th, 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 20th @ 7:00 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 and we are not aware of another Sunrise Service locally.

We will be there again this year at 7 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.

Yes...we will still have our normal Easter Sunday morning activities.

He is Risen! He is risen indeed!

### Easter Morning Breakfast April 20th @ 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.

# *Resurrection* SUNDAY



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SUNRISE SERVICE

7:00am RiverFest Park  
Boat Ramp

EASTER BREAKFAST

8:30am Fellowship Hall

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30am Sanctuary

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# Easter

## EGG-STRAVAGANZA

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19th

10:00 a.m.

All children of the community up through the 5th grade are invited to attend this annual event.

Bring a basket and a friend! Arrive a little early to find your hunt area before we start the hunt.

Children hunt by age groups.

All kids receive a prize after the hunt.

Crafts and treats in the basement after the hunt.

#### Donations Needed:

Filled Plastic Eggs (2 dozen), Bags of Wrapped Candy, \$\$ for Prizes (to Richelle), & Prizes (springtime items, stuffed bunnies, puzzles, kites, Frisbees, bubbles, etc...Please keep \$\$ amount from \$1-\$4 if possible.)

#### Volunteers needed:

Friday, April 18th to sort eggs and candy @ 10:00 am

Saturday, April 19th -

9:00 am Setting up areas; Hiding eggs and candy.

If Youth are looking for community service, this is a great opportunity!

10:00 am Help with Games, Activities, Refreshments

Sign up sheet will be on the board in the vestibule.





**PARENTS: SAVE THE DATE!!**

**DE SOTO BAPTIST VBS STARTS SOON!**

*Monday, June 16 through Thursday, June 19, 2025*

- Monday: 12:30-4:00
- Tuesday & Wednesday: 1:00-4:00
- Thursday: 1:00-4:00 PLUS EXTENDED TIME for our PROGRAM & a COOKOUT!

Each day at TRUE NORTH VBS your child will be

***Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!***

Kids Ages 4-12, PLUS Junior Leaders in Middle and High School, can join the adventure!

We'll be EXPLORING through Rotations at Sing & Play Peak, Imagination Station, Sticky Scripture, Wild Bible Adventures, Glacier Games, Tundra Treats, & Compass Closing!

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Watch for registration to begin at [desotobaptistchurch.org](http://desotobaptistchurch.org)

Contact: Richelle Hodges 913-481-7610 or Donna Gulley 913-620-3280

*How can God use YOU to help share your trust in Jesus with kids in our community?*

*Help with a crew, crafts, games, treats, or wherever you feel God leading you.*

## 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!

# APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2 <b>Pastor Matt Burns</b> <i>Out of the office April 1st - 4th</i>	3	4	5
6 Communion Deacon's Fund	7 Bells Practice 7:00pm	8 Women's Bible Study 1:00pm	9 Deacons 6:00pm Trustees 6:30pm Business 7:00pm	10	11	12
13 	14 Bells Practice 7:00pm	15 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	16	17  Service 7:00pm	18 	19 
20 	21	22 Women's Bible Study 1:00pm	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Men's Bible Study 6:30pm	30			
		Sunrise Service 7:00 a.m. at Riverfest Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.		 Easter Sunday Breakfast		



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*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Rick & Patricia McAninch	2 Joanna Bushnell	3 Harry Shultz	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	21	22	23	24 Gretchyn Reeves	25	26
27	28	29 Karen Hufford	30 Rachel Coatney			



# EASTER

How many different words can you make using these letters?

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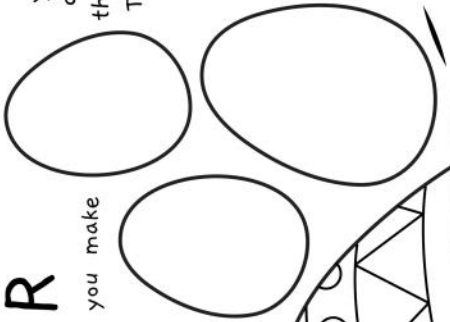
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Make your own design on these eggs. Then color them!



## DID YOU KNOW?

Eggs are a sign of new life, just like our new life in Christ!

# IS LORD!

# JESUS

# HAPPY EASTER!

You can have new life too! Use the alphabet code and your Bible to solve the puzzle and find out how.

"IF YOU C \_ \_ \_ \_ WITH YOUR  
3 15 14 6 5 19 19

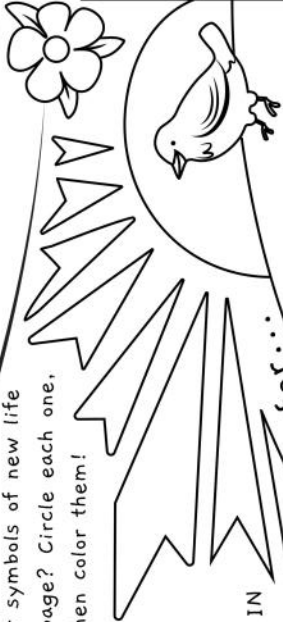
MOUTH THAT \_ \_ \_ \_ IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN  
10 5 19 21 19

YOUR \_ \_ \_ \_ THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE  
8 5 1 18 20

DEAD, YOU WILL BE \_ \_ \_ \_."  
19 1 22 5 4

ROMANS 10:9, ESV

Can you find 9 other symbols of new life on this page? Circle each one, then color them!

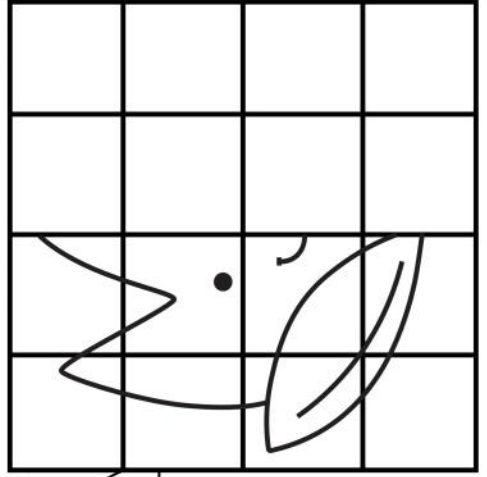


He is not here, for... for...

## HE IS RISEN!

Matthew 28:6

Use the grid to draw the other side!



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