



And we, who with unveiled faces
all reflect the Lord's glory,
are being *transformed*
into His likeness with ever-
increasing glory
—2 Cor. 3:18

february 2010 newsletter

Wow! What a whirlwind the past six weeks have been for my family. I am happy to say that we are all here now and we are getting settled into our life in North Charleston and at Deer Park Baptist. You have been so wonderful to us already and I look forward to us serving together for a long time. Thank you for the love that you have shown my family.

There is something I want to let you know about me, if you have not heard it yet, I love Sunday School. I believe that the Sunday School ministry is the foundational ministry of our church. Sunday School is our reaching, teaching, and ministering arm of the church. It is the place where we build friendships, learn from the Bible, and meet the needs of people. If you have not connected with a Sunday School class I want to encourage you to do so this Sunday. If you need help finding a class please see me and I will find the right spot for you and your family.

I am excited about the future of this church. I know that God has planted this church where it is for a reason and that reason is to point people to Him. I want to ask you to continue praying for me and all the leaders of Deer Park as we seek God's direction for the ministries that we need to be involved in. It is the desire of my heart to see lives "transformed" and it is my prayer that God will use us as a part of the transformation process in people's lives.

Remember, we are a church that is about "transformation" and we do that by: Connecting with God and others, Growing in our faith, and Sharing ourselves with others. I love being your pastor and I am looking forward to being a part of what God does in and through Deer Park.

Looking Ahead!
Stephen



Connect



Grow



Share

Music Notes

After a busy Christmas season, the Celebration Choir has resumed our normal weekly schedule. We are currently working on some exciting new music that we will be sharing with you in the worship services soon. We also are beginning to look at the music for the Easter season. We would love to have you join us in the choir! For more information, please see a choir member or myself. We always have a great time of fellowship while worshipping the Lord through song!

The Children's Choir will start back on February 21. Come join the fun of singing, playing instruments, and learning how to read music. Children's Choir is for kids first through sixth grade and meets every Sunday from 4:45 - 5:45 in the choir room.

This summer we will be having our sixth annual music camp for kids. Mark your calendars for July 26-31 to make sure that your kids and grandchildren include this camp as a part of their summer plans!

This coming month, Thomas Langlois will be moving to Michigan. Thomas has faithfully served in the media ministry over the last year. Please take the time to thank Thomas for his service at Deer Park and keep him in your prayers as he makes this transition.

In Christ,
Shaun

Youth Ministry

The Ski Retreat was a great success! We had a lot of fun and saw a lot of spiritual growth come from our youth. The youth group is really molding together with Christ and each other. We give God all the glory, honor, and praise! I want to give a huge thank you to all of our chaperones who were such a big help. I also want to thank our church family for the financial support as well the prayers. It is always so awesome to feel God's presence when others are praying for you. This retreat was just the springboard to many other events that we are going to have this year.

In our Bible study this month, we are going to continue our study on "The Road Map to the Cross". We will continue to learn how everything in the Bible points to Christ and the Cross. We will also continue to collect items for our mystery ministry (see Andy or your Sunday School class for more information) until February 7th. If you would like to help in any way, please let me know!

Upcoming Youth Events

To sign up, sign the sheet in the Youth Pad, join the activity on our Facebook page, or see Andy.

- * February 7th - Deadline for Mystery Ministry Items. See Andy or your Sunday School for information.
- * February 7th – Super Bowl Party. Sign up by Feb. 3rd. Everyone must bring a two-liter drink.
- * February 27th – Mystery Ministry. Be at the church at 5pm. Deadline to sign up is Feb. 21st.
- * March 13th – Mystery Dinner. You'll never guess where we are going!
- * March 26th – Trip to Frankie's Fun Park. Come enjoy a fun night of games and pizza!
- ***Stay tuned for an exciting fundraiser "flying" to you in March!***

Serving an Awesome God,
Andy

Note from the Church Office

Hopefully you have noticed the new format of our Sunday bulletin and the monthly newsletter. In an attempt to be good stewards of the resources God has given us, we have reformatted these publications to not only use less paper but also to have a more consistent appearance.

If you submit items to be published in the newsletter, please send the information in a text format and we will format it to fit the newsletter. Thank you for your help with this.

All newsletter articles for the March newsletter are due February 8 by 4:30 PM.

All items for the bulletin and screen announcements are due by Wednesday at 5:00 PM each week.

Item submitted for the newsletter and bulletin are subject to available space and approval of the pastor.

Senior Adult Ministry

January's soup supper was great. It was cold and just perfect for soup. We had many different soups and lots of salads and desserts. We have such good cooks! A big thank you to our decorating committee as well as the hostess committee. They always do such a great job. And of course, Peggy Sineath was wonderful. We are so fortunate to have her sing for us and even give out lots of her albums free. The small gratuity we give her is given to CSU for a scholarship in memory of her daughter who died several years ago. (Note: Missing is a glass lid for Fran Bath's crock pot. If you accidentally picked it up the wrong one, please let Fran know. A plastic lid was left behind.)

FEBRUARY GO-GETTERS Potluck dinner will be held on February 9th at 6:30. "Elaine and Friends" (Regine Barker's daughter) will entertain us. I haven't seen them, but I've been told that they are really good and funny. They have done this at several nursing homes and it went over really well. Bring your favorite dish and join us for a fun evening.

CRUISE TO THE BAHAMAS.....We leave on May 24th and return on the 29th. We'd really like to have one more cabin filled to get one free ticket which will be distributed to all those going and bring the cost down a little. Regine Barker wants to go but needs a roommate...you'd have lots of fun and never a dull moment. If interested call Fran Bath at 572-1862 or Lenora Sherrill at 553-3098.

Upcoming Senior Adult Trips:

Thursday, February 18, Miller's Bread Basket Restaurant, Blackville SC (\$8.00)

Thursday, April 1, Narrowway dinner theater (Last Supper) , Rock Hill (\$10 deposit due)

Sunday, May 30 at 3:00 pm, Charleston Music Hall, "Thanks for the Memories" (\$33.00)

Call Fran at 572-1862

IN MEMORIAM - Susan Wheat & Malcolm MacDonald

Miss Emma Baker received a call from the son of Rev Kenneth Brown (our first pastor) and he told her that his father had passed away in May 09.

Mission Trip July 2-10, 2010

First, thanks to each of you for your participation in our past trips to West Virginia. Your commitment to pray, your generous giving, as well as your willingness to work together as the body of Christ is a testimony of your love for our Savior. Many lives have been touched because of your desire to be God's hands and feet.

Now for the present. Once again, you are being given the opportunity to go and serve in West Virginia. In addition to construction projects, there will be groups reaching out to Senior Adults, young ladies at the Birthing Center, Men's Prison as well as events in the community.

For those who want to participate but cannot go, we would like to ask that you support this mission trip with prayer. Prayer is the most important thing that we need as we prepare to be used for God's glory.

We would also like to ask you to consider the opportunity to support the mission trip financially as well. There will be four fundraisers. Please put the following dates on your calendars.

Sunday, February 21 - Spaghetti Dinner following Morning Worship Service
 Saturday, April 3 - Church Wide Chili Cook-off / Motorcycle Bike Ride (TBA)
 Saturday, May 15 - Barbecue Dinner (TBA)
 Saturday, June 19 - Fish Fry (TBA)

If you are interested in going on the mission trip or have any questions, please contact us at 797-3687.

In His Name,
 Ed & Faye Stephens

Words of Gratitude.....

Dear Church Family,
 We cannot express our gratitude for all that you have done to help us get a home. May God continue to work through you all to bring people closer to Him.

*Much Love,
 Karen Gallagher & Kids*

Your prayers, calls, and visits were very much appreciated during and after my surgery.
*In Christian Love,
 Clyde Shook*

Mission Opportunities

Teddy Bear Collection - Sunday, February 21

Bring in your new teddy bears for the Lowcountry Law Enforcement officers. Officers give the bears to children in crisis situations. All bears need to be turned in on Sunday, Feb. 21.

Children's Ministry Day - Saturday, February 27

Children in grades 1 – 6 are invited to meet at the church at 5pm. The children will be involved in preparing & serving a meal for the *Women & Children's Homeless Shelter*. Children's Ministry Day is a one-day effort designed to help kids experience hands-on ministry as they move into the community to minister and witness together. Contact Sondra Kucklick, 824-9747 for more information or to sign up.

GA's Camp LaVida Summer Camp - July 12-16, 2010

3rd – 6th Graders / \$190 per person - \$65 deposit due March 15

Information packets will be sent home soon. Contact Sondra Kucklick if you do not receive one.

Do you crochet or knit?

There is a hospital need for baby blankets, clothes and hats for stillborn babies.

Would you like to learn how?

There has been some interest expressed in learning to crochet. If you would be interested in a crocheting class, or in making the above items, please contact: Cindy Watts (572-2343; cindylwatts@bellsouth.net) or Helen Dodd (875-9951; hdodd@sc.rr.com)

Mark your Calendars!

Week of Prayer for North American Missions - March 7 – 14

Counting Our Blessings

	Worship Attendance	Sunday School	Budgeted Receipts	Designated Receipts
January 3	217	161	\$ 9,708.22	\$ 536.00
January 10	207	168	\$ 5,623.00	\$ 754.88
January 17	200	167	\$ 6,100.28	\$ 8,075.33
January 24	218	180	\$ 5,123.97	\$1,111.27

Support Ministries

February 7

DEACON OF THE WEEK:	Jerry Anderson / Jimmy Moore
NURSERY WORKERS:	Juanita Stephens / Gail Morse / Leslie Milligan
1's and 2's:	Becky Arigo
3's and 4's:	Chip & Sandy Driggers
PM NURSERY WORKERS:	TBA
OFFERING COUNTER:	Shari Alloway
AUDIO / VIDEO TECHS:	Henry Harper / Thomas Langlois
FOOD PANTRY:	Sylvia Simpson / Delores Nettles - February 9 Dorothy Tackett & Juana Newber - February 11

February 14

DEACON OF THE WEEK:	Harry Nettles / Joel Rogers
NURSERY WORKERS:	Juanita Stephens / Gail Morse / Betty Davis
1's and 2's:	Annette Fetterolf
3's and 4's:	Kara & Trey Cox
PM NURSERY WORKERS:	Tabby Weese / Heather Chisolm
OFFERING COUNTER:	Eric Kemmerer
AUDIO / VIDEO TECHS:	Tony Owens / Thomas Langlois
FOOD PANTRY:	Linda Watkins / Margie Armstrong - February 16 Delores Robertson / Becky Arigo - February 18

February 21

DEACON OF THE WEEK:	Jim Alloway / Ed Stephens
NURSERY WORKERS:	Juanita Stephens / Gail Morse / Elvania Muckenfuss
1's and 2's:	Kristi Naples
3's and 4's:	Leslie Milligan
PM NURSERY WORKERS:	Betty Cook
OFFERING COUNTER:	Fran Bath
AUDIO / VIDEO TECHS:	Lance Pyle / Thomas Langlois
FOOD PANTRY:	Evelyn Helton / Audrey Carpenter - February 23 Edward & Elvania Muckenfuss - February 25

February 28

DEACON OF THE WEEK:	Henry Harper / Clarence Robertson
NURSERY WORKERS:	Juanita Stephens / Gail Morse / Julie Towles
1's and 2's:	Tyra Lee
3's and 4's:	Stacey Lewis
PM NURSERY WORKERS:	Bill & Audrey Carpenter
OFFERING COUNTER:	Clarence Robertson
AUDIO / VIDEO TECHS:	Henry Harper / Thomas Langlois
FOOD PANTRY:	Donald & Magdalene Sumner - March 2 Lucy Drawdy / Kay Harper - March 4

February 2010

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31		1	2	3	4	5	6 6:30 PM Kingsman Sunday School Class Party
7	4:30 PM Church Council 4:30 PM Super Bowl Party for Youth (van reserved)	8 Newsletter Deadline	9 6:30 PM GO GETTERS	10 6:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting	11 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting	12	13
14		15 6:30 DEER PARK CIVIC CLUB	16 11:00 AM Dorcus Sunday School Class Meeting 6:30 PM Building and Equipment Meeting	17	18 Bus Reserved for Go Getters	19	20 Childrens Mission Action Day
21	Teddy Bear Day 12:00 PM Churchwide Spaghetti Lunch for West Virginia Mission	22	23 12:30 PM Lydia Sunday School Class Meeting	24	25	26	27 Reserved for Outreach Training 5:00 PM Youth Mystery Ministry (Van Reserved)
28		1	2	3	4	5	6



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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

9:45 AM Sunday School (for all ages)
11:00 AM Morning Worship Service
4:30 PM Children's Choir (begins Feb. 21 in choir room)
5:30 PM Prayer Patriots (prayer room)
6:00 PM Evening Worship
Youth Group
R.A.'s & G.A.'s
Mission Friends

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM Prayer Patriots (prayer room)
6:30 PM Prayer Meeting / Bible Study
Celebration Choir Rehearsal
Youth Group
Children's Ministry

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Food Pantry