

Deer Park BAPTIST CHURCH

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

January 2012 Newsletter

From The Pastor:

Over the past several weeks I have been spending a lot of time reflecting on this past year at Deer Park. I have sat in awe as I account for the many great works that God is doing in and through the people that make up this church. I am so thankful for the faithful servants who give their time, energy, and resources to bring God glory and to reach people with the gospel of Jesus and then teach them to serve Him.

I first of all want to thank everyone who was involved in The Singing Christmas Tree. I had two goals for the SCT this year and both of them were met. My first goal was that God would be glorified and that we would give Him the glory. The second goal that I had was that our community would see the people of Deer Park working together as a family. With well over 100 people of all ages involved in the SCT, people saw firsthand that we are truly a church family serving together. Thank you for your support of the Singing Christmas Tree.

I have been overwhelmed, in a great way, at the number of people who have been attending and joining the church this year. During the first half of 2011 we averaged 184 people in Sunday School and 221 people in worship. From July through December we have averaged 209 people in Sunday School and 260 people in worship. This is exciting to me because there are that many more people studying God's Word, building

relationships, worshipping, and ministering together. Let me encourage you to commit to being the "Church Scattered" during the week and inviting people to Sunday School and worship each Sunday.

Another area that has amazed me is in the financial support of the church and missions. During the first six months of 2011 we had a weekly average for budget giving of \$8,820.72. The period from July through December 18 we averaged \$10,482.67 per week in budget giving. This has allowed us to begin ministries like AWANA and Discipleship Training as well as giving more to missions through our Cooperative Program giving and our giving to the Charleston Baptist Association. Deer Park's mission giving is based on a percentage of what we receive in offerings. The fact that giving is over what we budgeted for 2011 means that we are giving more to missions. Thank you for your obedience in giving and I pray that you will continue to trust God with your finances in 2012.

I am thankful as well for the fact that our mission offering goals for Janie Chapman, which supports mission work in South Carolina, and for Lottie Moon, which supports international missions, were exceeded. Our goal for supporting state missions was \$2,000.00 and we gave \$2,641.00. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal was set at \$4,000.00 and to date we have given \$4,895.00. That is \$7,536.00 that we have given

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MUSIC NOTES

Happy New Year!

What a busy but wonderful Christmas it was at Deer Park. Over the four nights of The Singing Christmas Tree, approximately 1,600 people entered through our church doors. I want to thank each and every person who had any involvement in the SCT in any way. Each evening over 100 people participated in the various areas to make the SCT take place. Thank you all for your willingness to serve the Lord through this ministry. I hope in return you received a blessing as well.

My favorite thing about The Singing Christmas Tree is that it brings the entire church together for one purpose, which is reaching people for Christ. My prayer is that we would continue to have the same enthusiasm and unity all throughout the year.

On Saturday, January 7, The Singing Christmas Tree will be coming down. Any help you could give would be greatly appreciated. We will begin at 8:00 am and will end when the sanctuary is back to normal.

Kristen and I want to thank you for the generous Christmas present we received. Your love and support is appreciated very much. I am looking forward to serving our Lord with you in 2012 at Deer Park. Thank you for being such a loving church family!

Love in Christ,
Shaun

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

January 11 – Singing Christmas Tree Celebration ~ Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM

January 15 – Half Notes and Kidz Praiz resume rehearsals on Sundays from 4:30 to 5:30 PM

January 18 – Celebration Choir Rehearsal Resumes on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 PM

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We have had a great AWANA year so far! We have had an average of 52 children, and only 2 Sunday nights where we actually fell below 50! That's an average of 52 kids a week who are being impacted with the Gospel! Thank you to all of our AWANA leaders, teachers, and helpers. We could not have done it without you.

We are still looking for AWANA volunteers. If you would like to participate as a helper in one of our AWANA classes, please see Sondra Kucklick, Kim Pyle, or Andy Bradley, or you may call the church office. We



would love to help you find a place of ministry in AWANA. You will be so glad that you did! There will be an AWANA meeting for all those who are currently involved as well as new volunteers this month. Watch the bulletins for date/time.

Planning for our 2012 VBS will begin soon, so start looking at your calendars to see if you will be available to help us as we continually strive to reach more and more children with the Good News of Jesus.

Serving an Awesome God,
Andy

YOUTH MINISTRY

It has been a great year at Deer Park! Amber and I want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the generous gifts, thoughts, and prayers as we serve you. Without your love, prayers, and support, the ministries of this church would not be possible. We love each and every one of you and hope you have had a blessed holiday!

We have seen so many new families come and join our family. We have had a large number of youth coming to church and my prayer is that we will continue to grow and impact lives for Christ. It has been such an honor and blessing to be a part of what God is doing at FLAME. We love each and every one of our youth and we can think of no better way to spend our lives than to minister to them and the upcoming generations.

A big congratulations goes out to all of those who worked on the Singing Christmas Tree. Every night was packed, and it was packed full of people who were hearing the Gospel! Our IGNITE Worship Team has done a FANTASTIC job at the Singing Christmas Tree. From the black-light skit to the nativity scene, from the singing and the interpretive movement to the Frosty, Rudolph, and Santa dances, our youth were a very important part of the tree this year. They worked so hard on their material and

I am very proud of them for their diligence and work ethic to help put all of the show together. When you see one of our IGNITE team, please give them a high-five and a congratulations: they more than deserve it.

This year we are going to begin the process of renovating the youth rooms. They are in need of a make-over and a sprucing up. Thank you so much for

your support of the Go Nuts for Doughnuts Fundraiser. We are still accepting donations. If you would like to donate, please let me know. We are seeking to create an environment where youth can come in and feel at home while providing an area for strong biblical teaching in a contemporary fashion. We are excited about the finished product. Feel free to come by when we are finished and check it out!

On January 4 we will restart our regular Wednesday night worship services at 6:30 PM and our Sunday night small groups at 5:30 PM on January 8. This month we are going to be going through a series of Tough Issues. There are a lot of issues in the world today that want us to look at them in a scale of grey, but in His Word God has things set out for us in black and white. This will be an interesting study and anyone is welcome to join!

Please keep us in prayer as we get ready for our 3rd Annual Ski Retreat, which is set for January 13-16. Currently all of our spots are filled, with 17 youth and 6 chaperones attending. This is going to be a great weekend of skiing, fellowship, games, and intense Bible Study as we look into ways of changing our lives and getting rid of sinful burdens that take us from God. If you would like to help with scholarships, please let me know. For all those going on the retreat, there will be an

informational meeting on January 4 at 5:45 PM.

Serving an Awesome God,
Andy

UPCOMING EVENTS



JANUARY 13 - 16

Ski Retreat to Sugar Mountain, N.C.

FEBRUARY 5 - 26

2nd Annual "Souper" Bowl of Caring
This year we are going to do another can drive to benefit Crisis Ministries in downtown Charleston. During these dates please bring your canned food items to the pots in the designated areas around the church. Thank you for your support as we help those in need.

FEBRUARY 5

Super Bowl Party
5:30 PM

We are going to have a great time watching the Super Bowl this year!

FEBRUARY 17

2nd Annual Bonfire Rally

Get ready to roast some s'mores! We are going to have some great games and yummy s'mores! No cost, just plain fun!

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to support missions over the past three months. Thank you for giving to support our missionaries, giving them the resources to get the tools they need to reach their mission field with the love of Jesus.

I want to ask you to make plans now to be here on Sunday evening, January 8 at 6:00 PM, for a special time of sharing the vision that I feel that God has laid on my heart for 2012. I have a strong feeling that God has something special for us to do in 2012 that will continue to build on the foundation that we have at Deer Park. This is not one specific thing but an expansion of our ministries that will involve everyone in ministry. Please be here as we dream together and pray together for God's continued guidance and our continued obedience to Him and doing our part in Kingdom work.

Finally, I want to thank you for the love and support that you have shown to me and my family. I cannot believe that we have served with you for two years now. I mean it with all of my heart when I say that I could not have a better church family. I am excited about the future of Deer Park and I am thankful that God is allowing me to be a part of what He is doing here. Let's continue to keep our eyes focused on Him and obediently follow His plan for each of our lives and the life of His church.

I Love Being Your Pastor,
Stephen

GOGETTERS SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Happy New Year!!

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 PM**. This is our "Soup"er Birthday dinner meeting where everyone brings their favorite soup, salad or dessert; and we celebrate all of our birthdays. Johnny Cash and his group will be there to provide the entertainment. Most of you probably remember this group from last year. It was a lot of fun and good music too. So we hope you will plan to join us on January 10th and start the New Year off right with good fellowship, devotion, and a "soup"er meal.

The Carolina Opry Christmas Show:

On Friday, December 2, some of the Go-Getters had a lot of fun and laughs traveling to Myrtle Beach for The Carolina Opry Christmas Show and dinner at Benjamin's Seafood Buffet. As always it was a great production and got everyone in the Christmas spirit. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship, the show, and the food. A big "Thank You" to Ed Muckenfuss for driving the bus.

Trip Information:

October 15-20 – Branson/Nashville trip. We have had a



good response with 41 signed up so far. The trip cost is \$795 per person double occupancy. It includes most meals and six outstanding shows including the Grand Ole Opry. Be sure and sign up at our January meeting if you are interested. Your deposit for this trip will be due at our Go-Getters' meeting on February 14, 2012. The payment schedule for this trip is ...



\$100 deposit on February 14, 2012
\$230 Payment due by April 10, 2012
\$230 Payment due by June 11, 2012
\$235 Final payment due by Aug. 13, 2012

Travel insurance brochures will be available and discussed at the January meeting. For more information contact Fran Bath (572-1862).

Wishing you all a Blessed New Year!

CHILD'S DAY OUT

"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord." Psalm 78:4

December has also been quite a busy month. I have concluded that when dealing with preschoolers, every month is a busy month!

The children did an awesome job on their Christmas program, and were excited about Christmas.

The last week before break, the 3 year olds made small gingerbread houses. They were all similar in that very few had any decorations. After visiting the class during the project, I understood why. Every time the teachers gave a child a small container of icing and a spoon to use as glue for the decorations, the child chose to use the icing instead. What fun!

The children also enjoyed a chalk talk about the nativity by Mrs. Nancy Clemmons. We appreciate her willingness to prepare and share about Christ's birth.

Last, but not least, was pajama day. Yes, kids and staff alike wore pajamas! And watched movies, and had a great day.



After Christmas break, we will learn about winter, snow, and work on our next mission project, Mitten Mountain. The children will be collecting mittens to stuff with goodies for a local charity. We will also explore night and day, and space before the end of the month.

We still have some Chick-Fil-A calendars (\$7), Sonic Cards (\$5) and Deer Park Cookbooks (\$5) for sale. We always have the Sonic Cards and Cookbooks. The proceeds help purchase equipment for the learning centers and library.

Remember, there is always a place for you to come share your gifts and talents with us. Thanks for all of your support and help.

Cindy Watts

Child's Day Out Director



Baby Dedication

**Sunday, January 15
Morning Worship Service**

**If you would like to
participate with your child,
please contact the church office
at 553-1170, ext. 10
as soon as possible.**

A Note from Your Church Staff

We are humbled by the numerous gifts we received from our church family this Christmas season. We would like to say Thank You, not only for the generous love offering, but also for the many cards, gifts, and wonderful edible treats we were given. It is our honor to serve you and we love you all!

In Christ, Stephen, Shaun, Andy, Cindy, Linda & Lora

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED FOR 2012

“But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, ‘Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for such is the kingdom of God.’” Mark 10:14

Deer Park is seeking nursery workers for the upcoming year. Our littlest members need your time and talents. Please consider this once-per-quarter commitment in serving. Contact Polly Padgett at 843-469-1816.



COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	Worship Attendance	Sunday School	Budgeted Receipts	Designated Receipts
December 4	253	226	\$ 16,532.12	\$ 3,125.00
December 11	268	214	\$ 10,632.73	\$ 2,706.00
December 18	273	231	\$ 13,735.92	\$ 6,671.73
December 25	148	n/a	\$ 3,471.00	\$ 10.00

JANUARY EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Happy New Year!
No Evening Activities

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

Church Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

5:30 PM Youth Ski Trip Meeting
6:30 PM FLAME Youth Ministry resumes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

6:30 PM Constitution Committee

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

6:00 PM Deer Park Church Vision Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

6:30 PM GoGetters

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:30 PM Choir's SCT Celebration

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 PM Deacon Council

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13 -

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Youth Ski Trip

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

4:30 PM Kidz Praiz & Half Notes resume
5:00 PM DT Classes resume
5:30 PM AWANA resumes

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

6:30 PM Finance Committee
6:30 PM Deer Park Civic Club

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

11:00 AM Dorcas SS Class

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

6:30 PM Business Meeting
Celebration Choir Rehearsal
resumes

SUPPORT MINISTRIES

JANUARY 1

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Clarence Robertson / Donald Sumner
NURSERY WORKERS: Juanita Stephens/Gail Morse/Judie Doggette
CHILD.'S CHURCH-1/2's Polly Padgett & Olivia Morse
CHILD. 'S CHURCH-3/4/5's: Cindy Watts/Karen Hawkins
PM NURSERY WORKERS: No PM Service/Activities
OFFERING COUNTER: Joel Rogers
FOOD PANTRY: 3rd—Donald & Magdalene Sumner
5th—Claude & Bonnell Meese

JANUARY 8

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Bob Ketchem / Chris Patrick
NURSERY WORKERS: Juanita Stephens/Gail Morse/Julia Towles
CHILD.'S CHURCH-1/2's Amber Bradley/Haley Rogers
CHILD. 'S CHURCH-3/4/5's: Betsy Gaskins/Laurie Dobbs
PM NURSERY WORKERS: Christine Rogers & Barbara Behrens
OFFERING COUNTER: Manny Oliver
FOOD PANTRY: 10th—Dorothy Tackett & Juana Newber
12th—Juanita Miller & John Caddell

JANUARY 15

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Tony Owens / Harry Nettle
NURSERY WORKERS: Juanita Stephens/Gail Morse/Lori Moore
CHILD.'S CHURCH-1/2's Pam & Catherine Carr
CHILD. 'S CHURCH-3/4/5's: Bonnie & Megan Swatt
PM NURSERY WORKERS: Ashleigh Oliver & Carolyn Hicks
OFFERING COUNTER: Clarence Robertson
FOOD PANTRY: 17th—Billy & Audrey Carpenter
19th—Gary & Debbie Inman

JANUARY 22

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Mark Hawkins / David Rush
NURSERY WORKERS: Juanita Stephens/Gail Morse/Lyndsey Follis
CHILD.'S CHURCH-1/2's Kathy Wanstall/Shari Aloway
CHILD. 'S CHURCH-3/4/5's: Kaitlin Watts/Kylee Hall
PM NURSERY WORKERS: Juana Newber & Kathy Wanstall
OFFERING COUNTER: Dee Nettles
FOOD PANTRY: 24th—Richard & Gale Smith
26th—Sylvia Simpson & Dee Nettles

JANUARY 29

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Paul Tennes / Earl Whiteley
NURSERY WORKERS: Juanita Stephens/Gail Morse/Leslie Milligan
CHILD.'S CHURCH-1/2's Juana Newber/Dorothy Tackett
CHILD. 'S CHURCH-3/4/5's: Dee Nettles/Emma Pyle
PM NURSERY WORKERS: Audrey & Billy Carpenter
OFFERING COUNTER: Gail Morse
FOOD PANTRY: 31st—Edward & Elvania Muckenfuss
2nd—Donald & Magdalene Sumner



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

- 9:45 AM Sunday School (for all ages)
- 11:00 AM Morning Worship Service
- 4:30 PM Preschool Choir, Children's Choir,
Youth Drama Team
- 5:00 PM Discipleship Training
- 5:30 PM AWANA
FLAME Youth Ministry

TUESDAY

- 10:00 AM Food Pantry

WEDNESDAY

- 5:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting
Celebration Choir Rehearsal
FLAME Youth Ministry
RA's & GA's

THURSDAY

- 10:00 AM Food Pantry

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY:
8:30 AM—12:00 NOON
1:00 PM—4:30 PM
FRIDAY: *CLOSED*