



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

march 2010 newsletter

The past several Sundays have been so exciting at Deer Park. Two weeks ago we baptized six people and since then we have had three more join for baptism. Each week I leave on Sunday afternoon thinking how could things get better and then the next week they do. I ask that you continue to pray for me, the staff, and the leadership as we continue to seek God's direction for Deer Park. It is my desire to see the excitement here continue to grow and expand into our community.

Our Sunday School attendance has also been very encouraging. During the month of February we have averaged over 200 people in Sunday School each week! This is the highest attendance we have had for quite some time. I hope that you will continue to be faithful in your Sunday School attendance and that you will invite others to be here with you. Sunday School is the foundational ministry of our church and it needs to keep growing stronger and stronger. If you have not connected with a Sunday School class, please contact me and I will help you find the one that best fits your stage of life.

I want to ask you to make plans now to be here next Wednesday, March 3rd at 6:30 p.m. We are blessed to have Raul and Anna Costea, friends of mine from Romania, coming to share with us how God is moving in the southern part of Romania. Raul and Anna are from Romania and serve as church planters. I have visited where they live and God is truly using them in a great way for His Kingdom purposes. Please be here to show your support to them and our mission efforts.

Finally, by the time you get this newsletter our new website should be up and running. Shaun has been working tirelessly for the past several weeks to revamp our website to make it more attractive and more user friendly. I appreciate all that he has done and I believe that you will be proud of the way our website looks. You can visit our website at www.deerparkchurch.com and make sure to let your friends and family know where the site is so they can learn more about Deer Park.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday. I love being your pastor, *Stephen*



Connect



Grow



Share

Music Notes

As Pastor Stephen mentioned in his article, things have been really exciting at Deer Park lately. The Lord is working in our church and I believe that the best is yet to come. When I say "the best", I mean that the best days of ministry for Deer Park are not in the past but in our near future. Get plugged in today!

To be more pro-family, I recently decided to let the Celebration Choir start coming out of the choir loft each Sunday to sit with their families. Please be kind to let them slip into the pews when they come down. We have plenty of room for anyone that may be interested in joining the choir. Three new members joined in the month of February.

Last month I shared with you about Thomas Langlois moving. Graciously, Earl Whiteley and Greg Bluthmann have volunteered to work in the media ministry. This is such a blessing! Please take time to thank them for there service in this ministry.

See you Sunday!
Shaun

Baby Shower!
For Kristen and Shaun Burn

IT'S A BOY! March 13, 2010 *IT'S A BOY!*
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
(finger food provided)

DPBC Fellowship Hall

Registered at: Target
RSVP to Gerri Johnson at 572-4641

Youth Ministry

February has been a great month for our youth ministry. The youth are continuing to grow spiritually as we have been learning about the biblical response to conflict. The Super Bowl party was super, with lots of fun and games. A huge thank you goes to the Alloway's for letting us come over to their house for the big game. The boys won our backyard football game, so the girls are soon to get covered in shaving cream! The youth did an excellent job helping the homeless on our mystery ministry, which could not have been done without your prayers and support.

We are going to be getting into high gear this spring! We have a lot of things planned for our youth. This month in our Bible studies, we are going to discuss what it means to be a witness for the gospel and how to share a testimony. We will also look at ways to be able to be a light for Christ not just through our words, but through our thoughts and actions as well.

I want to thank each and every one of you who helped support our ministry by donating money and supplies for the mystery ministry and the doughnut sale. Your help is very much appreciated! It is because of your support that we are able to have such ministry opportunities.

May God receive all the glory for the great things going on at Deer Park Baptist Church, and we pray that God will continue to bless us as we seek after His will.

Serving an Awesome God,
Andy

- **MARCH YOUTH EVENTS**
- **Mystery Dinner – March 13**
- We will leave the church at 5pm. Deadline to sign up is March 7.
- **Bowling Party - March 26**
- We are going to watch a movie and go midnight bowling.
- Deadline to sign up is March 21st.

Child's Day Out

Child's Day Out will be selling discounted Water Park Passes February 23rd- March 11th. These passes allow one person admission into all three of the Charleston County water parks from May to September 6th. Passes are \$73 each. This is a \$17 savings from the regular price, and this discounted rate can only be given to large groups. Please contact me at the church if you would like to purchase a pass.

Our Second Annual Trike-A-Thon will be March 4th. Children will learn bicycle safety the week prior to the Trike-A-Thon, then will bring their bicycles and tricycles to school to ride laps in the parking lot and practice their safety skills. Children will raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital by collecting donations per lap that they ride. The children had such a great time last year and raised over \$700 dollars for this worthy cause. Please let me know if you would like to sponsor a child.

Open Registration for next school year will begin April 13th. Look for more information about registration in the April newsletter.

Serving Him,
Crystal Absher

Senior Adult Ministry

March 9th Meeting. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a Blue Grass festival with the "Singletons." Pull out your western duds and come prepared for a fun evening. Hamburgers and hotdogs, along with condiments, will be provided. You bring the side dishes and desserts.

February meeting was a surprise for everyone! Elaine and friends were suppose to be our entertainment but had to cancel at the last minute. Mr. Steven Hilton, a Jerry Clower impersonator, entertained us and was he good! The food was wonderful and all had a good time.

Fran Bath has been working hard on our trips and our next one is on Saturday, March 27, to Narrowway Dinner Theater in Rock Hill SC to see the musical "The Fourth Cross." Cost is \$35.00 each and if you are interested in going, Fran (572-1862) can probably get additional seats. ...just let her know as soon a possible.

Another trip is planned October 18-21 to Pigeon Forge. The \$410.00 package includes 3 nights lodging, 3 deluxe breakfasts, 3 full course dinners, five fabulous shows, and a guided Majestic Smoky Mountain Tour to see the fall leaves, and deluxe motorcoach transportation. See Fran for a brochure with more details. Cancellation insurance can be purchased for \$28.00. We need 36 people to receive this price with pickup at Deer Park.

Prayer Ministry

Ministry to Women - *Directing women to a spiritually intimate relationship With God and others*
April 9-10, 2010 at Summerville Baptist Church

Mission Trip July 2-10, 2010

Thank you church family for your support in our first fundraiser for the 2010 mission trip. Through your generosity, over \$800.00 was raised.

Upcoming Mission Trip Fundraisers

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.....

We the Harper family thank you all for the many cards, flowers and kind words of sympathy in the loss of my brother, Clay. Your love and concern meant a great deal to me and my family.

*In Christian Love,
Henry Harper*

Deer Park Family,
Thank you for your prayers, calls and cards during my sickness.

*In Christian Love,
Margie Armstrong*

Dear Deer Park Family,

We want to take this time to say thank you with our deepest gratitude for all the prayer, thoughts, concern and visits from our Deer Park Family during this most difficult time. There are no words to describe this. I know that with all the faith and the prayers that went up this is what healed him. This is what got us through it. God was with us all the way. God is so good. My son, Chris said "He has a second chance." Chris is healing nicely and is on the road to a full recovery. It will take a while but I know he will make it. Please continue to pray for him as he heals. We truly thank you all.

*In Christian Love,
Bobby, Mary, & Chris Cribb*

Upcoming Events

Church Picnic at Wannamaker Park - April 24

Watch the bulletin and April newsletter for more information.

Vacation Bible School - June 14-18, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Preparations have begun!! Pray for the planning and for your role in our travels to Saddle Ridge Ranch. We will be recruiting teachers and workers throughout the month of February. Contact Cindy Watts (572-2343 or cindywatts@bellsouth.net) if you can help!

Music Camp - July 26-31, 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Mission Opportunities

2010 Season of North American Missions – March 7th – 14th (Deer Park Goal: \$1,500.00)

Live with Urgency: Share God's Transforming Power -

Three out of four people living in the US, Canada, and their territories need a transformed life. They desperately need to know Jesus. Your Southern Baptist missionaries, working in partnership with state conventions, associations, and local churches, are creatively and boldly proclaiming His message of salvation among those who have never heard or responded to the gospel before. They are making a difference in the world as they see the Holy Spirit transform lives one by one.

What will your investment in the kingdom of God be? Will you commit to faithfully pray for our North American missionaries and give sacrificially to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering?

Will you work alongside our Southern Baptist missionaries and boldly share Christ in your community?

Season of Prayer Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, March 14th – 8am

Come join us as we fellowship and pray for our North American missionaries.

WMU Annual Meeting – Friday, March 19; Saturday, March 20. Ashley River Baptist Church.

Speakers include Kaye Miller, president, WMU, SBC; Rosalie Hunt, recording secretary, WMU, SBC, as well as North American and international missionaries, and representatives of the International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, and state and associational representatives.

We will also celebrate our partnership with the Jamaica Baptist Women's Federation. A group of women from Jamaica will be with us, and we will take a look back at what God has done through this partnership, and look forward to what He is going to do. If interested, call Cindy at 572-2343.

Women's Ministry

Women of Joy in Charleston, South Carolina, May 14-16, 2010 at the North Charleston Coliseum

Rising comedic star, Anita Renfroe, will make you laugh Friday night. Hard-hitting Bible teacher Priscilla Shirer will speak Saturday morning and popular speaker Liz Curtis Higgs will speak later that morning. Saturday evening, Steven Curtis Chapman and Michael W. Smith will join forces for one of the best concerts you will ever hear. Becky Tirabassi caps off the joyful weekend with her talk Sunday morning, and music all three days lead by Travis Cottrell. Cost is \$79.00 and is due by March 21. Contact Gerri Johnson (572-4641).

Counting Our Blessings

	Worship Attendance	Sunday School	Budgeted Receipts	Designated Receipts
February 7	251	222	\$ 12,374.26	\$ 463.00
February 14	239	201	\$ 5,970.00	\$ 2,234.57
February 21	225	212	\$ 4,711.00	\$ 439.53
February 28	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Support Ministries

March 7

DEACON OF THE WEEK:	Bob Ketchem / Jerry Anderson
NURSERY WORKERS:	Juanita Stephens / Gail Morse / Linda Harper
1's and 2's:	Becky Arigo
3's and 4's:	Chip & Sandy Driggers
PM NURSERY WORKERS:	Barbara & Carl Scott
OFFERING COUNTER:	Gail Morse
AUDIO / VIDEO TECHS:	Tony Owens / Earl Whiteley
FOOD PANTRY:	Carl & Barbara Scott - March 9 Sylvia Simpson / Delores Nettles - March 11

March 14

DEACON OF THE WEEK:	Jimmy Moore / Tony Owens
NURSERY WORKERS:	Juanita Stephens / Gail Morse / Delores Robertson
1's and 2's:	Annette Fetterolf
3's and 4's:	Kara & Trey Cox
PM NURSERY WORKERS:	Bill & Kay Van Bibber
OFFERING COUNTER:	Christine Rogers
AUDIO / VIDEO TECHS:	Lance Pyle / Earl Whiteley
FOOD PANTRY:	Claude & Bonnell Meese - March 16 Dorothy Tackett / Juana Newber - March 18

March 21

DEACON OF THE WEEK:	Stan Overbaugh / David Rush
NURSERY WORKERS:	Juanita Stephens / Gail Morse / Elvania Muckenfuss
1's and 2's:	Kristi Naples
3's and 4's:	Stacey Lewis
PM NURSERY WORKERS:	David & Judy Rush
OFFERING COUNTER:	Billy Carpenter
AUDIO / VIDEO TECHS:	Henry Harper / Earl Whiteley
FOOD PANTRY:	Linda Watkins / Margie Armstrong - March 23 Delores Robertson / Becky Arigo - March 25

March 28

DEACON OF THE WEEK:	Clarence Robertson / Henry Harper
NURSERY WORKERS:	Juanita Stephens / Gail Morse / Lily Blanton
1's and 2's:	Tyra Lee
3's and 4's:	Leslie Milligan
PM NURSERY WORKERS:	Jerry & Jessica Anderson
OFFERING COUNTER:	Shari Aloway
AUDIO / VIDEO TECHS:	Tony Owens / Earl Whiteley
FOOD PANTRY:	Evelyn Helton / Audrey Carpenter - March 30 Ed & Elvania Muckenfuss - April 1

March 2010

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28		1	2 4:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	3	4	5	6
7	7:00 AM Season's Prayer NA Mission/Pancake Breakfast 4:30 PM Church Council	8 Season of Prayer NA Missions	9 6:30 PM GO GETTERS Season of Prayer NA Missions 4:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	10 Season of Prayer NA Missions 6:00 PM Finance committee Meeting	11 Reserved for Outreach Training Season of Prayer NA Missions 7:00 PM Deacon Meeting	12 Season of Prayer NA Missions	13 Season of Prayer NA Missions 2:00 PM Baby Shower for Kristen Burn 4:00 PM Youth Mystery Dinner(reserve Van)
14	Season of Prayer NA Missions	15 6:30 DEER PARK CIVIC CLUB MTG	16 11:00 AM Dorcus Sunday School Class Meeting 4:00 PM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Building and Equipment Meeting	17	18	19 WMMU Annual Meeting	20 WMMU Annual Meeting 9:00 AM Out Reach Ministry Training 4:00 PM Young Marrieds Sunday School Social
21		22	23 4:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	24	25	26 1:00 PM Youth Frankie's Fun Park (Reserve Van) 9:00 PM Youth Bowling Night	27 Bus Reserved for Go-Getters SPRING FESTIVAL BLOCK PARTY
28		29	30 4:00 PM Ladies Bible Study	31	1	2 7 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	3 Church Wide Chili Cookoff and Bikeride For WA Mission Trip



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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
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