

This Month at Deer Park

Friday, Apr. 1st
Disciple One Weekend begins for DP Youth

Sunday, Apr. 3rd
9:45AM Sunday School
11:00AM Sunday Morning Service
4:00PM Half-Notes — choir for ages 3-5 (ED)
PraiseKidz! — choir for 1st-6th gr. (CO)
5:00PM 20/20 Study (SW)
AWANA - ages 2 thru 6th grade
5:30PM Impact Youth Worship (YR)

Tuesday, Apr. 5th
10:00AM Food Pantry

Wednesday, Apr. 6th
5:30PM Praise Team rehearsal
6:00PM Solomon's Porch — 7th-12th gr. (OS)
6:15PM Adult Small Group (OS)
(at home of Joel & Christine Rogers)
6:30PM Celebration Choir rehearsal
Bible Study (Prov. 2) / Prayer (CH)
Girls in Action — girls, 1st-6th gr. (ED)

Thursday, Apr. 7th
10:00AM Food Pantry

Sunday, Apr. 10th
9:45AM Sunday School
11:00AM Sunday Morning Service
4:00PM Half-Notes — choir for ages 3-5 (ED)
PraiseKidz! — choir for 1st-6th gr. (CO)
5:00PM 20/20 Study (SW)
AWANA - ages 2 thru 6th grade
5:30PM Impact Youth Worship (YR)

Tuesday, Apr. 12th
10:00AM Food Pantry
6:30PM Go-Getter's Meeting / Dinner (FH)

Wednesday, Apr. 13th
5:30PM Praise Team rehearsal
6:00PM Solomon's Porch — 7th-12th gr. (OS)
6:15PM Adult Small Group (OS)
(at home of Joel & Christine Rogers)
6:30PM Celebration Choir rehearsal
Bible Study (Prov. 2) / Prayer (CH)
Girls in Action — girls, 1st-6th gr. (ED)

Thursday, Apr. 14th
10:00AM Food Pantry

Saturday, Apr. 16th
10:30AM Baby Shower to benefit LPC (FH)

(FH) Fellowship Hall • (CH) Chapel • (ED) Education Building • (CG) Church Grounds
(YR) Youth Room • (CR) Conference Room • (OS) Off Site • (CO) Choir Room
(SS) Sunday School Class • (SW) Senior Wing

Support Ministries

APRIL 3

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Jim Aloway / Ross Cummings (ALT)
NURSERY WORKERS: Juanita Stephens / Gail Morse / Loretta Hill
CHILDREN'S CHURCH-1/2's: Denise Dawson / TBD
CHILDREN'S CHURCH-3/4's: Debra Horton / David Weeks
CHILDREN'S CHURCH-4/5's: Sandy Driggers / Laurie Dobbs
OFFERING COUNTER: Travis Hollifield / Billy Carpenter
FOOD PANTRY: Apr. 5 — Billy & Audrey Carpenter
Apr. 7 — Richard & Gale Smith

APRIL 10

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Scott Gaskins / Matt Dawson (ALT)
NURSERY WORKERS: Juanita Stephens / Gene Retherford / Betty Cook
CHILDREN'S CHURCH-1/2's: Nina Weeks / Maryann Braun
CHILDREN'S CHURCH-3/4's: Christiana Harper / Laura Sroka
CHILDREN'S CHURCH-4/5's: Pam Carr / Deborah Collins
OFFERING COUNTER: Dee Nettles / Gail Morse
FOOD PANTRY: Apr. 12 — Clyde McCammon / Loretta Hill
Apr. 14 — Caroline Cramer / Sylvia Simpson

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

One of the many ministries that Deer Park Church supports is the LOWCOUNTRY PREGNANCY CENTER* (LPC). One of the ways they do that is by holding a church-wide Baby Shower with all shower gifts being donated directly to the LPC. This is a traditional baby shower hosted by the Women's Ministry - with food, games, prizes and laughter. But instead of one expectant mother being the lucky recipient, many, many expectant mothers are being helped! Please see the "rubber duckie" fliers in the Missions Corner or details in future bulletins about the LPC Baby Shower planned for Saturday, April 16th. *The LPC is a local pregnancy and sexual health resource center that offers free medical and other pregnancy-related services. For more information on the LPC, visit their website at lowcountrypregnancycenter.com.

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Deer Park BAPTIST CHURCH

April 1, 2016

Newsletter



*for behold, the
winter is past; the
rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on
the earth, the time of
singing has come, and the
voice of the turtle dove is
heard in our land. The
fig tree ripens its figs,
and the vines are in
blossom; they give
forth fragrance.*

Song of Solomon 2:11-13

From Your Pastor

Easter is the greatest celebration for Christians because we are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When the women went to the tomb and found it empty, this was God's confirmation to mankind that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was an acceptable sacrifice for the forgiveness of your sin and my sin. If they had found Jesus' body in the tomb, you and I would have no reason to celebrate today and we would have no hope of forgiveness and eternal life. Followers of Jesus should celebrate Easter every day.

Before Jesus ascended back to His Father, He gave His followers, including me and you, a command and a promise. *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:19-20

The question that each one of us should be asking today is, "Am I a disciple"? If the answer is yes, then you should ask, "Am I making disciples"? Are you telling other people about Jesus' great love and what He did in order for them to have forgiveness of sin, abundant life, and eternal life?

Also, you and I should be asking the question, "Am I obeying everything that Jesus commanded"? If the answer is no, then why aren't you? If your answer is yes, then ask, "Am I teaching others everything that Jesus commanded"? I hope you know that these are questions that individuals must ask and answer, these are not group questions, each individual has the responsibility to submit to Jesus and to obey Jesus.

Finally, do you believe that Jesus is with you, right now, right this very minute? He promised His followers that He would be, so the question is, "Do you believe what Jesus promised"?

Friends, we have a lot of work to do for God's Kingdom while we are here on earth. Jesus has given us a command to reach and teach. It will take each one of us "observing all that He commanded" and teaching these truths to others if we want to change the world. Let's repent of our disobedience, commit to telling others about Jesus, and commit to teach them everything that Jesus commanded.

I look forward to seeing how the Lord uses each one of us for His Kingdom and how He uses us together as the Deer Park family for His Kingdom.

I love being your Pastor!

Stephen

Go-Getters Senior Ministry News

The next Go-Getter's Senior Ministry meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The "Glowettes" will be there entertaining with their music from the 50's and 60's. The meal will be potluck, so plan to bring your favorite dish to share.

One of the items on this meeting's agenda will be the travel plans for this year. There are three trips for consideration: a trip to Mount Airy, NC (Mayberry) on July 11-12, a trip to visit Georgia's St. Simons Island, Jekyll Island, and Savannah from September 19-23, and a trip to North Carolina to see a Celtic Christmas show at the Flat Rock Playhouse on December 3rd. There will be sign-up sheets available for each trip so that planning details for these trips can begin. For costs or more information on the trips, call Fran Bath (843)572-1862 or Judy Rush (843)553-1844.

Thank you to all who have been cheerfully donating items to the "Good Cheer Bags" ministry. For the April and May meetings, travel-sized mouthwash, hand sanitizer or deodorant will be collected. They can be purchased for \$1.00 or less at some of the big box stores such as Target.

Romania Trip Report

The Romania Mission Team would like to thank everyone for their prayers, encouragement, and financial support before, during, and after their trip. These efforts made this mission trip a success.

During their 16-day trip to Romania, Bob Ketchem and Bill VanBibber attended and helped with Sunday Morning Services, Children's Church, Wednesday night Prayer Meeting, Friday night Youth Meeting, and Saturday morning Kid's Club in Pastor Mircea Dumitru's church in Corabia. Each morning, they started their day with a Bible study with the Dumitru family from 9-10:00. Then they went out to share the Gospel with people in their homes and on the streets. They had one profession of faith while they were there and another the week after they left. Hallelujah!

During their visit, they were able to purchase some children's chairs for the church, items the Dumitru's needed for their apartment and some clothes for their children. They were also able to buy a new suit for Pastor Mircea, as he hadn't had a new one in 15 years, as well as some basic tools and two new Bibles. During their time there, Bob and Bill also visited Pastor Raul Costas' church in Draganest, Romania three times and did ministry with his daughter Veronica.

West Virginia Mission Needs

Thank you to everyone who donated yarn for the fall West Virginia mission trip — there was a great response! There is now a need for people to knit or crochet baby items or blankets for the birthing center, lap blankets for the senior center and nursing home, and caps for the men at the prison.

There is also a need for size H, I or J crochet hooks as well as larger-sized accent beads for jewelry-making (available at craft stores). Or if you have beaded jewelry that is no longer being worn, please donate them — they can be unstrung and the beads re-used. Please put any donated crochet hooks or beads in the basket marked "West Virginia Mission Trip" in the Missions Corner located at the end of the hall on the first floor of the Education Building.

Contact Shari Alloway at 843-224-2884 with any questions about these needs.

Water Park Passes

The Child Development Center is currently taking orders for passes into Whirlin' Waters in Wannamaker County Park, Splash Island in Mt. Pleasant Palmetto Islands County Park, and Splash Zone in James Island County Park. Cost is \$77 per pass. Children under 3 are free.

Please make checks payable to Deer Park CDC. Orders are due by April 8th to either Cindy Watts in the CDC or Diane in the church office. Delivery will be the week of April 18th.

Men's Ministry Memo

If you were unable to attend the Men's Ministry meeting last month, you missed out on some of the best brisket and smoked pork this side of the Mississippi! Twenty-two service-minded men met to fellowship and to learn the importance of serving our awesome God. The next Men's event is being planned for the end of April. Look for more information in upcoming bulletins and newsletters.

Annie Armstrong Update

Thank you to all who gave to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering! Deer Park's church goal for this year was \$4,000. To date, a total of \$2,087 has been received. If you have not yet given to this North America-based mission collection, it is not too late! You can either drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or mail or hand-deliver it to the church office.