

This Month at Deer Park

Thursday, December 15th
10:00AM Food Pantry

Saturday, December 17th
5:00PM Adult 4 SS Class Social (FH)

Sunday, December 18th
9:45AM Sunday School
11:00AM Sunday Morning Service / Cantata
No evening activities

Tuesday, December 20th
10:00AM Food Pantry

Wednesday, December 21st
No evening activities

Thursday, December 22nd
10:00AM Food Pantry

Saturday, December 24th
5:00PM Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25th — Christmas
11:00AM Sunday Morning Service

Monday, December 26th
Church office CLOSED

Tuesday, December 27th
10:00AM Food Pantry

Wednesday, December 28th
No evening activities

Thursday, December 29th
10:00AM Food Pantry

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

Support Ministries

DECEMBER 18

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Scott Gaskins / Matt Dawson (ALT)
NURSERY WORKERS: Juanita Stephens / Gail Morse / Julie Towles
CHILDREN'S CHURCH-1/2's: Kelly Westcott / TBD
CHILDREN'S CHURCH-3/4's: Megan Swatt / TBD
CHILDREN'S CHURCH-4/5's: Shandi Crosby / CaraLee Dodd
OFFERING COUNTER: Susan Marsh / Audrey Carpenter
FOOD PANTRY: Dec 20 — Dorothy Tackett / Juana Newber
Dec 22 — Billy & Audrey Carpenter

DECEMBER 25

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Harry Nettles / Brian Gainey (ALT)
NURSERY WORKERS: Juanita Stephens / Gail Morse / Gene Retherford
CHILDREN'S CHURCH-1/2's: Christine Rogers / TBD
CHILDREN'S CHURCH-3/4's: TBD
CHILDREN'S CHURCH-4/5's: Katie Kite / TBD
OFFERING COUNTER: Matt Dawson / Leslie Milligan
FOOD PANTRY: Dec 27 — Richard & Gale Smith
Dec 29 — Loretta Hill / Clyde McCammon



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Deer Park BAPTIST CHURCH

December 15, 2016

Newsletter



Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:11-12

From Your Pastor

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:11. The angel of the Lord appeared to a group of shepherds tending their flocks and gave them the greatest news that mankind had ever received. I love that God chose to tell the shepherds that the Great Shepherd had been born and that He is our Savior.

My prayer for you and me this Christmas is that we will recognize what the birth of Jesus Christ means for every man, woman, and child. In a world of confusion where hopelessness seems to abound, there is great hope in Christ the Lord. In a world full of darkness and sin, there is a great Light shining the message of forgiveness and redemption.

As you prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, take time to praise God for the wonderful Gift that He has given to you and take time to share the message of that great Gift with every man, woman and child that you know and meet. The Bible tells us that after the shepherds found Mary, Joseph and Jesus "they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child" Luke 2:17. Together, let's make known what the Bible teaches about Jesus Christ.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday morning as our Celebration Choir presents "Light of Bethlehem" at 11:00.

Merry Christmas!
Stephen

Eagle Scout Project

Deer Park Church is excited to announce that Cordell Gillenkirk from Boy Scout Troop 459 in Goose Creek will be here Saturday, December 17th to work on his Eagle Scout Service Project. He will be building us a beautiful outdoor fire pit where the smaller one (built a few years ago by the Royal Ambassadors) is currently located.

He already has a team lined up, but if you would like to come and assist with the construction, he would love your help and support! Please contact Cordell directly at 843-327-6778 and he will let you know what tools you can bring.

Girls In Action

The GA's will not be having their regular Wednesday night meeting again until January 11th. They would like to wish their church family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



AWANA News

2016 has been a great AWANA year! We have had as many as 52 kids in one night, and new kids visit almost every Sunday! Many of our clubbers are getting their patches, jewels, and wings as they go through their books learning God's word and storing it in their hearts. "Goal Nights" are always a ton of fun as clubbers celebrate their accomplishments, and springtime will bring something totally new for our AWANA kids — an AWANA Derby!

Thank you to the AWANA volunteers for investing in the next generation.

Volunteer Opportunity

Midland Park Ministries is looking for volunteers to help with a "Mass Food Distribution" on Wednesday, December 28th.

Volunteers are needed anytime between 9:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. at Midland Park Community Center (2427 Midland Park Road, North Charleston). Call 843-553-2012 for more information.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Charlotte Digges Moon was born on December 12, 1840 in Albemarle County, Virginia. Growing up, Lottie rebelled against Christianity until she went to college. She attended Albemarle Female Institute, female counterpart to the University of Virginia. In December 1858, she dedicated her life to Christ and was baptized at First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia. In 1861, she was one of the first women in the South to receive a master's degree. She stayed close to home during the Civil War but eventually taught school in Kentucky, Georgia and Virginia.

Lottie's sister Edmonia, was appointed to Tengchow, China in 1872. Lottie was appointed there the following year, at age 32. She had turned down a marriage proposal and left her job, home and family to follow God's lead. Her path wasn't typical for an educated woman from a wealthy Southern family. Lottie Moon was passionate about people knowing Christ, and she didn't hesitate to speak her mind.

For 39 years Lottie labored, chiefly in Tengchow and P'ingtu. She taught in a girls' school and often made trips to China's interior to share the good news with women and girls there. People feared and rejected her, but she refused to leave. The aroma of fresh-baked cookies drew people to her house. She adopted traditional Chinese dress, and she learned their language and customs. Lottie didn't just serve the people of China; she identified with them. Many eventually accepted her. And some accepted her Savior.

Help the gospel resound.

Give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Our church goal is \$6,000.

Giving to-date is \$2,276.

Music Notes

Wow... what an exciting year this has been! I can't believe it was only 7 months ago I sat down with our pastor to discuss the possibility of coming on board as interim music leader. I am so blessed to be able to serve alongside the members of this congregation in the work that He has for this church. Thank you so much for your warm spirit and words of encouragement to me and Carolyn each week.

I'd also like to thank everyone involved in the music ministry; from the band members to the praise team voices; from the sound techs to the screen and lighting workers; from the choir members to the children's choir leaders. All of you play an important role in building the church, sharing the gospel and leading worship.

As we finish out this year remembering the gift of Christ to a lost world, I pray that we commit anew to giving our time and talents in 2017 to the work that God has before us.

Have a very, merry Christmas and blessed New Year!
In His Service,
Dean

"Light of Bethlehem"

We hope you plan to join us this Sunday, Dec. 18th for worship as our Celebration Choir will be performing "Light of Bethlehem." This musical cantata intends to proclaim the majesty of the newborn King as we prepare to celebrate the wonderful glorious birth of our Savior!



Food Pantry Summary

The Food Pantry Team would like to thank all of its 32 volunteers who make the Food Pantry a successful ministry to our neighbors in need. Whether you pick up donated food from Bi-Lo, pack the food bags, fill out the necessary paperwork or carry food to people's cars, your time and service is greatly appreciated!

In 2016, the Food Pantry was able to serve 1,820 individuals in 774 families. Bi-Lo donated 17,891 pounds of food and our church family and friends donated 14,883 pounds!

Thank you to everyone who volunteers, prays for and financially supports this vital ministry!

And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."

Luke 3:11