

## This Month at Deer Park

### Sunday, January 1st — NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:45AM Sunday School  
11:00AM Sunday Morning Service  
No evening activities

### Monday, January 2nd

Church office CLOSED

### Tuesday, January 3rd

10:00AM Food Pantry

### Wednesday, January 4th

5:30PM Praise Team rehearsal  
6:30PM Celebration Choir rehearsal  
Bible Study(Prov.13:1-9) /Prayer (CH)  
GA's (missions - girls, 1st-6th gr. (ED)  
Student Ministry Bible Study (YR)

### Thursday, January 5th

10:00AM Food Pantry

### Sunday, January 8th

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 AWANA  
Discipleship Study (CH)

### Tuesday, January 10th

10:00AM Food Pantry

### Wednesday, January 11th

5:30PM Praise Team rehearsal  
6:30PM Celebration Choir rehearsal  
Bible Study(Prov.13:10-17) /Prayer (CH)  
GA's (missions - girls, 1st-6th gr. (ED)  
Student Ministry Bible Study (YR)

### Thursday, January 12th

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

### JANUARY 1

**DEACON OF THE WEEK:** Earl Whiteley / David Horton (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:** Betsy Gaskins / Bonnie Swatt  
**FOOD PANTRY:** Jan 3 — Caroline Cramer / Sylvia Simpson  
Jan 5 — Kelly Cason / Tom Fasnacht

### JANUARY 8

**DEACON OF THE WEEK:** Ross Cummings / Will Walker (ALT)  
**NURSERY WORKERS:** Juanita Stephens / Gail Morse  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH-1/2's:** Nina Weeks / Maryann Braun  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH-3/4's:** Christiana Harper / TBD  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH-4/5's:** Pam Carr / Deborah Collins  
**OFFERING COUNTER:** Travis Hollifield / Billy Carpenter  
**FOOD PANTRY:** Jan 10 — Barbara Stone / Tom Fasnacht  
Jan 12 — Richard & Gale Smith

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

## • ITEM OF THE MONTH •

### Scarves • Hats • Gloves

During January, most stores have their winter items on sale, which is the best time to find these items at a very good price! They can be handmade, too! (If crocheting, please use a lightweight baby yarn.) Some patterns, instructions and guidelines are on the OCC table in missions corner for your convenience. Our goal for 2017 is 500 shoeboxes — ask friends, neighbors and co-workers to help us reach this goal!

Also, please save the following items all year long for use later in the year: pillowcases, Altoids containers, empty medicine bottles with labels removed, scrap fleece, lace and ribbon.

Call the church office with any questions.



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# Deer Park BAPTIST CHURCH

January 1, 2017

Newsletter



## From Your Pastor

It seems like yesterday that I was writing my 2015 year-end newsletter article. It is hard to believe that 2016 has come and gone but we are on the doorstep of 2017. 2016 has been a good year in many respects and a tough year in others. My prayer for my family and yours is that 2017 will be a year of growing closer to the Lord, growing closer to your family and friends, and making new friends.

I also pray that if you have not found your place of service at Deer Park, that 2017 will be your year to serve. There are many opportunities to serve, some that I know about and some that are still ideas in someone else's mind. If you would like to talk about where or how you can serve the Lord through His church, please let me know.

I am looking forward to the coming year and seeing how God uses me and you for His Kingdom. Our New Year's resolution should be a re-commitment to "Love the Lord, serve the Lord, love others and serve others." Will you join me in making this commitment?

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday morning in Sunday School at 9:45 and worship at 11:00.

I love being your pastor!  
Stephen

## Eagle Scout Project

This is a photo of the brand new outdoor fire pit that Deer Park Church was recently blessed to have built as an Eagle Scout Service Project. Cordell Gillenkirk from Boy Scout Troop 459 in Goose Creek chose to design, build and construct the fire pit as his Eagle Scout Community Service Project. Cordell led a team of 17 friends and family members to help deliver and construct the fire pit on our property. He and his team also built and donated two 10' picnic tables for our use and enjoyment. Thank you, Cordell! And congratulations on achieving the Eagle Scout award!



## Go-Getters Senior Ministry

If you are aged 50 or above, you are invited to get the New Year started off right by coming to the next Go-Getter's meeting on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Lee McDonald, with his beautiful gospel music, will be the entertainment for this meeting. This will be "pot luck" so bring a dish to share and plan to have a wonderful evening of fellowship, good food and entertainment. The Go-Getters would also like to continue supporting the "Good Cheer Bags" in 2017, so plan to bring a travel-size First Aid Kit or a pair of adult socks, both of which can be purchased at some of the big box stores for under a dollar.

The group's next travel plans include a spring cruise on the Royal Caribbean's "Allure of the Seas" from April 30-May 7, 2017. There are still 3 cabins left, so if you would like more information, please call Fran Bath (843-572-1862) or Judy Rush (843-553-1844). There will also be cruise information flyers available at the meeting.

## Yearlong Shoebox Collection!

This year, Deer Park is trying something new with Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes — we will be collecting **ALL YEAR LONG!** Doing this, we hope to have greater participation and reach our highest goal ever of 500 shoeboxes in 2017!



Each month, different items to be collected will be highlighted in the bulletins and newsletter. All donations are to be dropped off either at the office during office hours or in Missions Corner. The "Shoebox Team" will regularly collect, sort and label the donations and store them until next November when we have our "Packing Party!"

We hope the church will get excited about this new approach to the shoeboxes. Look forward to sewing and/or craft nights, fundraisers (to collect for the shipping charges) and many other exciting things! Remember as you normally shop, to be on the lookout for clearance sales — especially after holidays! Be sure to read the back of this newsletter for the items we are currently collecting as well as things to save all year long!

For any questions, see the literature in Missions Corner or call Diane in the church office.

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

**Help the gospel resound.  
Give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.**

Our church goal is \$6,000.  
Giving to-date is \$4,495.

## Music Notes

I love what Stephen shared in his message on Christmas Day. Just as the angels and shepherds did on that first Christmas, we should also offer the gift of praise to God and the gift of the Good News, or gospel, to others.

The gift of praise can take on many forms, but there's something special about us coming together on Sunday and collectively giving praise to God through the songs we sing. David understood this when he penned, "...I will offer in his [tabernacle] sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD." (Psalm 27:6) While bringing the gift of an animal sacrifice to God, he was offering the gift of praise to God through song.

For the Old Testament Jew, an animal sacrifice was a physical act of worship. As we begin a new year, I pray that each of us would commit anew to offering true worship through the outward expression of singing His praises.

In His service,  
Dean

## WMU Scholarship for CSU

The Charleston Baptist Association Women's Missionary Union (WMU) is once again offering the Wilbur C. Horltdt Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester) to a worthy student attending Charleston Southern University. If interested, please refer to the letter hanging on the bulletin board in Missions Corner, then see Diane in the church office for an application.

## CDC Corner

We look forward to 2017 with excited anticipation as we watch God at work at the Child Development Center! Before Christmas, we said goodbye to Ms. Aji, a valuable staff member at the CDC for the past six years. While we are sad to see her leave, God's hand in meeting the needs of her family is very evident.

Additionally, we see God's hand at work in providing for the CDC in other areas. Ms. Jen has been with us for over 7 years, and last fall stepped back to work as a substitute. She is now returning, along with Ms. Tammy joining us next week to open a new "Ones" class. We are blessed to have them both on our team!

We continue to welcome new children to the CDC, as well! We accept children all year as long as there is a vacancy. There is also room for you! Just let me know if you would like to share a hobby or read a book or join in on CDC activities. We will make it happen!

Happy New Year!  
Cindy



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