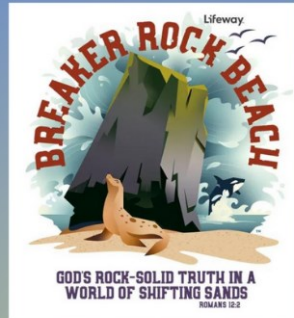




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VBS Volunteer Meeting

April 21st in the chapel
 following service

VBS 2024 DATES:
JUNE 23RD - 27TH
5:30 - 7:30 PM



Thank you to all volunteers who came out Saturday, March 30th to help with our Spring Festival! Thanks to all who donated candy and those that prayed for the day!

Thank you!



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From Our Pastor, Stephen Carr

As followers of Jesus, we should celebrate the resurrection of Jesus every day of our lives. The day after the Sabbath, what we call Easter, the angel delivered the greatest news that had ever been given. "But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come see the place where He lay." Matthew 28:5-6. The resurrection of Jesus is God's confirmation that Jesus' substitutionary death on the cross satisfied His wrath against the sin of those who choose to follow Jesus. Had Jesus remained in the grave, we would still be hopelessly lost in our sin. May we all spread the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus.

I want to thank everyone who invested the time to fill out the Church Health Assessment surveys in March. The Church Health Assessment Team is processing the information that you all have provided to determine areas in the church that are strong and those that need to be strengthened. During the month of April, the Church Health Assessment Team will bring a series of reports based on the input that you have given, the demographics of the area around the church, and the six weeks of prayer. This team will not be bringing any recommendations to the church at this time, we will just share what we have learned to help us know how to better pray and prepare for what the Lord has planned for His church at Deer Park.

Many of you know that a few years ago we discovered that the parsonage had suffered extensive damage from termites and moisture. The Property Team has invested a significant amount of time in researching the best solution to have the damage repaired. The church does not have a termite bond on the parsonage; therefore, the church will have to pay for the repairs. A motion will be brought to the church, on April 10th, to contract with South Trust Construction, LLC to repair the damage to the parsonage for the amount of \$65,140. The Management Team will also make a motion for a special offering to give people the opportunity to contribute to the Parsonage Repair Fund.

There will be a Special Called business meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the worship center to consider the motions that are coming from the Property Team and the Management Team. The church bylaws require sixty members, who are eighteen years old or older, to be present to consider unbudgeted items in excess of \$25,000. The proposed repairs to the parsonage will be around \$65,000, so we will have to meet the requirements of the bylaws to vote on the motions. Please make plans to be present at this important meeting.

I appreciate the countless numbers of members of Deer Park that serve on our Teams and in our ministries every week. I am excited about the future of the Lord's church at Deer Park, and I look forward to seeing how He uses each one of us as we follow His plans. 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



From Our Associate Pastor, Andrew Blalock

April is here, and with it comes a fresh start and exciting new opportunities for growth and fun. We have some fantastic events lined up for our students this month, so mark your calendars and join us for the following:

New Series "Habits" starts on Sunday April 7:

We're kicking off a new series called "Habits" on Sunday, April 7. This series will explore the power of habits—specifically, spiritual disciplines—in shaping our lives and how we can experience God powerfully through them. Join us for fun games, food, worship, teaching, and insightful discussions on Sunday nights in April and May from 5:30 - 7:00.



Neon Night - April 21:

Get ready to light up the night at our Neon Night on April 21! Join us for an evening of fun, games, and glowing activities as we celebrate together. Wear your brightest neon colors and come ready for an unforgettable night.

As always, if you have any questions or need more information about these events, please feel free to reach out. Let's make April a month to remember as we grow closer to God and each other.

In Christ,
Andrew



Go-Getter's Senior Adult Ministry

We had a good crowd at our March meeting with 53 in attendance. The Gloryland Trio was enjoyed by all and, of course, there was good fellowship and food.

Our next meeting will be at 1:00 pm on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024** in the **Fellowship Hall**. For our entertainment, we have invited the VOX Acappella youth group. They sang a couple of songs for us in February of last year, and we had many say they wanted them to come back for a longer program. You won't want to miss this, so we hope you will come out to enjoy their performance and lend your support for their hard work during this school year learning all the songs for this performance.

This will be our Easter/Spring meeting. We plan to have baked ham so bring your special dish to complete our potluck meal. With the VOX group, we will have 13 extra guests eating, so please add extra to your dish.

Travel –

Some of our seniors have just returned from a FUN packed five day trip to Nashville with Get Up 'N' Go Tours. What a blast!! Wish you all could have gone. Good music and lots of food.

Moranz Jukebox 3 Show at the Charleston Music Hall on Saturday, June 29, 2024. We have 20 seats reserved and a package deal with Get Up 'N' Go Tours to provide us bus transportation to the show. This will be a package deal which includes the ticket and bus transportation for \$94.00 per person. The bus will let us off in front of the theater and pick us up after the performance. Several of you have expressed an interest in going to these shows but cannot manage the walking distance from where we park to the Music Hall. We are hoping this will make this outing available to more of you. There will be a sign up sheet and we need to get the 20 signed up and payment made by the end of April in order to be able to do this day trip. Please make your payment to Fran Bath.

Prisoner Kit Ministry – Our featured item for April will be the rolls of hard candy such as LifeSavers, Mentos, or Breath Savers. Each kit gets two rolls. Remember if you don't want to shop for the items, we'll be glad to do that for you with any donations you may want to give for this ministry. If you donate money, be sure and place it in one of the white envelopes on the table and write the ministry on the outside. This will prevent ministry donations being mixed with the "kitty" money which is taken up each meeting and used to help with our monthly meeting expenses.



A.C. Corcoran Partnership

Spring Break, April 1 - 5, 2024

An extra 78 bags of child friendly foods have been provided for children in the LCFB Backpack Buddies Program for Spring Break. These children depend on breakfast and lunch at the elementary school, which they do not receive over Spring Break. Pray for these families as they struggle in meeting their daily needs.

There is also an immediate need for *hygiene products* and *liquid laundry detergent*. Regular sizes of *shampoo*, *conditioner*, *lotion*, *toothpaste*, *toothbrushes*, and *soap bars* are needed. Watch for the BOGO sales on laundry detergent.

Additionally,

- Monthly deliveries of Backpack Buddy bags for 39 children continue.

- Monthly deliveries of staff Snacks continue along with delivery of Teacher's PET cards and items.

- 17 families were served groceries through FoodShare in March.

- Requested assistance for clothing was met due to the Clothing Ministry and your donations!

Continue to pray for the administration and teachers as they complete many requirements in the days leading up to summer break.

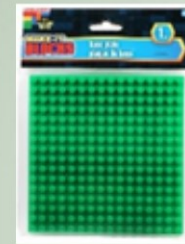
Thank you for your continued support!



April Emphasis Small Toys and Games

Two small age-appropriate toys are added to each box. Suggestions include **mini building sets** or **building blocks**, **mini doodle boards**, **Hot Wheels/Matchbox cars**, **Chunky vehicles**, **dinosaurs**, etc. **Games** may include **brain teasers**, **dominos**, **card games**, **marbles**, etc.

Remember – Items must be smaller than 9 inches to fit the box.



Other ways to participate:

- Volunteer to make needed items; instructions/supplies will be provided.
- Contribute financially for purchasing items online in bulk and processing costs (\$9 per box, including evangelism materials).
- Pray for the children and families who received the 2023 shoeboxes.

Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated!

DEER PARK BAPTIST

PICKLEBALL & PLAY

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 20TH**

9:30-11:30 | DROP IN

**FUN FOR
ALL AGES!**



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