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Called Business Meeting Scheduled

There will be a called business meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the worship center. The purpose of the business meeting is to present, discuss, and vote on the proposed amendments to the church's bylaws. If sixty members are not present for the meeting, a motion to suspend the required quorum requirement will be presented. Please make plans to participate in this important business meeting.



Our Church Goal: \$5,000
Given to Date: **\$6,815.00**



Thank you for your contributions!

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From Our Pastor Stephen Carr

Looking back at 2025, the church family made some important decisions concerning the future of Deer Park Baptist. Following a Church Health Assessment, the church agreed to move forward with a Church Renewal/Revitalization process. In May, we had our first meeting with Chris Reinolds to begin praying about the future of Deer Park during our 100 Days of Discernment, and in September we celebrated the conclusion of our 100 Days of Discernment. I want to thank you for investing in the future of Deer Park through your prayers, your time, your service, your participation, and your finances.

Looking Ahead to 2026, I believe that this is going to be a pivotal year for the Deer Park family. On Friday, January 23rd, we will have a church-wide meal and meeting with Chris Reinolds. During this event, you will have the opportunity to give your input on three possible Future Vision Scenarios for the church. The written scenarios will be available for you to pick up on Sunday, January 18th. The Future Vision Scenarios will help us to focus on the collective "why" of our Future Story. Once we have identified "why" we exist as a church, we will begin working on "how" the Lord is leading us to fulfill our purpose.

I believe that the Deer Park family has a bright and meaningful future as we continue to seek the Lord's guidance and as we are obedient to follow wherever He leads us. I do not know what 2026 has in store for any of us, but I do know that as we follow the Lord's guidance, He will position us to be a healthy church that is having a true Kingdom impact on our community. I hope that you are excited to see where the Lord will lead us in 2026.

Please continue to pray for our Church Renewal/Revitalization process and plan to participate in our January 23rd meal and meeting with Chris Reinolds. I look forward to seeing how the Lord uses each one of us for His Kingdom purposes.

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

I Love Being Your Pastor!
Stephen

From Our Associate Pastor Andrew Blalock



January 4 | No Evening Activities

January 11 | Parents Only Night | 5:30–6:30 PM

This night is designed especially for parents! We will be sharing vision, updates, and ways we can partner together in your student’s spiritual growth. Students are welcome to attend, but they’ll be hanging out in a separate space with leaders while I connect with parents.

January 18 | No Upper Room Gathering

There will be no Evening Activities for Youth this week due to MLK Holiday Weekend. We encourage families to enjoy the weekend together and reflect on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

January 25 | Church-Wide Chili Cook Off!

Fellowship Hall - 5:30–7:00 PM

Make the best chili and win a prize!

Contact Jeanne Carr with any questions you may have!



Important Note: This semester we’ll be meeting from 5:30–6:30 PM, a new time that better aligns with our RA and GA schedules.

We’re excited about what God has in store this semester and look forward to walking with students and families in the weeks ahead!

upstream Winter Retreat

Friday 2/20 - Sunday 2/22

Join us for the Upstream Winter Retreat, presented by the First Baptist and Deer Park Baptist student ministries. This is a two-night event that will take place at the First Baptist Church beach house on Folly Beach. Please don't miss out on this event, just because you can't attend the whole time. Students are welcome to join us for one night or even just a day! If students need to be dropped off later or picked up earlier, there is a place to notate that during registration. The cost to attend is \$50 and is open to all middle and high school students. Registration includes a shirt, student booklet, and all meals during the retreat. Contact Andrew for the registration link!

Deer Park Baptist Church:

Chili

COOK OFF



SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH

5 :30 - 7PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Make the best chili to win a prize!

**Contact Jeanne Carr
with any questions!**





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Comfort Colors Heavyweight Tee
\$24.77 - \$30.77



Comfort Colors Youth Heavyweight Ring Spun Tee
\$17.99



Copper Vacuum Insulated Bottle 22oz
\$26.99



Fine Twill Cap
\$19.99



Gildan Heavy Cotton T-Shirt
\$13.99 - \$21.99



Ladies Port Authority Silk Touch Performance Polo
\$28.99 - \$34.99



Nike Dry 1/2-Zip Cover-Up
\$75.99 - \$81.99



Port Authority Silk Touch Polo
\$29.99 - \$35.99



Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Textured 1/4-Zip Pullover
\$42.99 - \$48.99



Toddler Jersey Tee
\$14.99



Go-Getter's Senior Adult Ministry

Are you ready for 2026? Can't believe we are already preparing for our first meeting of 2026 which we will start on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m.

I know you will enjoy our entertainment for January. We have invited Dylan Carter to come sing for us. Dylan is a local young man in his early 20's who has been singing since age 12. If any of you watch The Voice on TV you may have seen Dylan in 2023. In his blind audition he had all four judges turn their seats as he sang Whitney Houston's "I Look to You" and was happy to join Team Reba. Although he did not make the finals, he continues singing at venues all over our area. We want a good crowd for Dylan so plan to come and bring a friend or family member to hear Dylan.

Remember to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share at our potluck meal. Thanks to all our good cooks, we have a feast to enjoy each meeting.

Travel - There were 14 of us, including some of our young people, who traveled with Get Up 'N' Go Tours to see the James Island County Park lights. Some of us who had not been in several years were amazed at how the size of the light show has grown. After touring the lights, we had a good time roasting marshmallows around the fire, taking a ride on the train, and visiting the gift shop. A big "Thank You" to Sherry for taking us even though we did not get the 25 minimum.

There will be several 2026 trip flyers on the table for you to look over. If interested in any of these trips, please give Sherry Gren a call. Her contact information is listed on the flyers.

Ministries - Thank you every one who donated so generously to our Operation Christmas Child (OCC) ministry. Deer Park completed 1,289 shoe boxes and your donations helped fill and ship all these boxes. The most important thing to remember about these boxes is that it is estimated that each box touches approximately 10 people through the recipient's friends and family. So those 1,289 boxes had around 12,890 Gospel opportunities. How wonderful is that!

For January through March, we will start our collection of items to fill the 2026 Christmas Prisoner Kits. For those who are not familiar with this ministry, we have been supporting this ministry for several years. This ministry is sponsored by the South Carolina Baptist Convention and they distribute the kits to South Carolina prisoners at Christmas time each year. For 2026 we will start with bringing toothpaste and/or toothbrushes. If you are out shopping, please pick up an item or two and bring them to our January meeting. Also, on the entrance table, there will be a list of the items included in each kit. Pick up one of the lists if you would like to shop for a complete kit and bring the completed kit to any of our meetings between January and November.

In April we will start our drive for the 2026 OCC ministry. We will start early this year because the bulk of our 2026 boxes will be filled in September. It is such a blessing to know that Go-Getter's has a part in supporting these two ministries.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year!
(Bring a friend and join us at our January 13th meeting).



December Highlights...

- Christmas gifts were provided for 25 children from ACC!
- Food, including holiday fare, were provided for 24 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Working together with another school partner, extra BPB bags were distributed for 60 children to help cover food insecurity during the two-week winter break.
- A meal was catered for ACC staff and teachers, along with staff at Deer Park CDC.

There are various ongoing opportunities for service.
Call Cindy Watts (843.834.0697) for more information.

Thank you for making a difference!



It's All About Jesus! 2025

Deer Park packed 1,289 shoeboxes (12,890 Gospel opportunities) this year, including 1,003 boxes for sensitive countries.

Deer Park's shoeboxes were sent to Colombia, Honduras and additional sensitive countries.

Deer Park Drop Off processed 1,273 shoeboxes.
Charleston OCC collected 41,060 shoeboxes, with final number pending online boxes and processing center stragglers still coming in!
Thank you for joining in this effort of global evangelism.

Join us in prayer for the children and families receiving these opportunities, that they will accept Christ as their Savior.

2026 Goal: 1200