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Garrett Hawkins Completion of Chemotherapy Celebration Saturday, May 9th - 1 P.M. - 3 P.M. ~ Deer Park Baptist Church

Everyone is encouraged to wear orange or purple to honor Garrett. You are welcome to wear your Clemson apparel!

RSVP with the number of family members attending to Karen Hawkins at 843.343.6234 in order to prepare for enough food.

NOTICE: If you would like to make a contribution to help pay for the Fellowship Hall HVAC replacement, please indicate on your contribution envelope by writing "HVAC." Thank you in advance for your gift!

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From Left to Right...

Matthew Carr, Earl Whiteley, Garrett Waits, Matt Dawson, Ed Stephens, Tony Owens, & Jim Aloway



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From Our Pastor Stephen Carr

Palm Sunday begins the accounts of what is referred to as Holy Week. Holy Week begins with Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem with thousands of people shouting His praise. Holy Week also includes Jesus celebrating the final Passover with His disciples, Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, His betrayal, crucifixion, death and burial. But Sunday was coming when Jesus would be raised from the dead and His tomb would be found empty. All of these things happened so that those who choose to follow Jesus will be made right with God through Jesus' sacrifice.

I am looking forward to observing the Lord's Supper with you during our Good Friday service at 6:00 pm. We will return to the practice of our deacons serving the elements of the Lord's Supper to those who are in attendance. When the elements are passed, you will have the choice to take a cup and then a wafer, or you can choose a pre-packaged set of elements like we have been using for several years. The pre-packaged elements will be in the tray with the cups. I wanted to let you know ahead of time that you have the choice of either. I want to encourage you to allow the Lord to search your heart before you observe the Lord's Supper.

I want to thank everyone who helped with our Spring Festival by providing candy and volunteering to show love to our neighbors through this community event. The Lord put Deer Park in this community over seventy years ago to shine the light of the gospel to those who live here. I am thankful to be a part of a church that shows the love of Jesus to our neighbors in many different ways. Please pray that we will all be faithful in sharing the love of Jesus where we live, learn, work, and play.

As we continue to move Forward In Faith, I pray that we will focus our attention on how we can continue to share the love of Jesus with our neighbors.

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

I Love Being Your Pastor!
Stephen

Family Game Night

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF TRIVIA FIT
FOR ALL AGES!

Sunday, April 26th

5:30 – 7pm

Fellowship Hall

BRING A SNACK TO SHARE!



SPRING FESTIVAL

Deer Park celebrated Spring and the Easter season with a Spring Festival sponsored by the Children's Ministry, DP Kids!

This event hosted our church and community families.

The day included food, a bounce house, a craft, games, and an Easter Egg Hunt with 3 Golden Eggs (1 per age group).

In attendance were 23 volunteers, 50 children, and an estimated 100 parents and families.

It was a wonderful celebration. Thank you to all who prayed, donated, and served.

Thanks to Children's Ministry Leader, Jeanne Carr, for the hard work of planning and facilitating.

You are appreciated!

March 28





UPPER ROOM
DEER PARK STUDENTS 1 TIM 4:12

From Our Associate Pastor Andrew Blalock

I can't believe it's April already! 2026 is flying by! In April we get to celebrate Easter and rejoice in the way that God is restoring His creation through the atoning work of Jesus on the cross and His triumphal resurrection. On the evening of Easter (April 5), there will be no youth activities. We want families to have the time to spend together.



We are still going through our series on **Ephesians** called **Level Up** on **Sunday Nights from 5:30-6:30**.

We also have a **Family Game Night** planned for the last **Sunday evening in April**, so bring the whole family to the **church fellowship hall at 5:30 on April 26** for **Family Game Night!**

- 4/5 - EASTER (no evening activities including GA's/RA's)
- 4/12 - Level Up Ephesians 4:1 - 16
- 4/19 - Level Up Ephesians 4: 17 - 32
- 4/26 - Family Game Night



DP Kids Volunteer Training

Saturday, April 25th ~ 10am - 12pm

All Children's Ministry Volunteers are invited and encouraged to attend this training session where we will discuss upcoming events, policies, and receive feedback from the volunteers during this training session.

Contact Children's Ministry Leader, Jeanne Carr to RSVP at jcarr@deerparkchurch.com, or 843.553.1172, ext. 113



Family Sunday was celebrated on Palm Sunday, March 29th. Kid-friendly music, activity pack, and a children's message was enjoyed as families worshipped together! (Pictures right-hand side)



GO-GETTERS



Go-Getter's Senior Adult Ministry

We had a crowd of 54 at our March meeting. It was good to see several new faces in attendance. We appreciate those of you who are inviting your friends and family members to come join us and enjoy Christian fellowship, entertainment and a great potluck meal. We all enjoyed Billy Hollifield's music program he did for us. We will surely invite Billy back next season.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 1:00 pm on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest entertainment will be the VOX a capella youth group directed by Rachel Premo. This home school youth group works very hard during the school year learning new songs under Rachel Premo, and we invite them each year in April to sing their new program for us. Rachel says this is their recital to showcase what they have learned during the year. So be sure and come out and support this youth group and their hard work.

This will be our Easter/Spring meeting and we plan to have ham and fried chicken so bring a side dish and/or dessert to complete our pot luck meal. There will be 13 in the VOX youth group and they are invited to eat with us, so please add extra to your dishes.

Travel – Sherry with Get Up 'N' Go Tours is working on some trips for the summer, and hopefully we will have some new flyers for you to consider at our May meeting before our summer break in June. The only trip flyer we will have on the table this meeting will be the Ark and Amish trip scheduled for May 13-18, 2026. If interested, contact Sherry Gren at her contact number on the flyer.

Ministries – This month our featured items for our ministries are:

SC Christmas Prisoner Packets - 4 to 6 oz toothpaste, adult toothbrushes, 3.2 to 6 oz bars of soap, and/or mints (such as LifeSavers, Breath Savers, or Mentos).

The Operation Christmas Child - new 8-12 inch stuffed animals.

Select one or more of the items above and bring to our April meeting, or you may rather make a monetary donation to your ministry choice and we can shop for you. Just use the white envelopes on the entrance table and mark which ministry you wish it to go to and place the envelope in the box next to the envelopes. **Note: Please use caution as you enter our parking area before our meeting. Children may be present during CDC dismissal.**

Wishing you all a Happy and Blessed Easter!



Operation Christmas Child

Goal: 1200 Shoeboxes

April Emphasis: Balls

- **Soccer Balls w/air pumps (deflated)** or a donation
We can order deflated balls wholesale with pump & two Needles for \$7.50.
- **Tennis Balls** (pressureless work well; Walmart or online in bulk)
- **Donations** accepted – We can shop for you!
(Write OCC on your donation.)

April Workday: Friday, April 3rd at 9:30 am
in the Multipurpose room across from the Chapel

A Note From Bulldog Buddies - A.C. Corcoran Partnership



Your generosity and help for our special ACC kindergarten student and her family has been greatly appreciated. After 2 months in MUSC, she is now home. While recovery is going to take some time, she is progressing steadily. Thank you so much for helping cover this family through their hardship. Continued prayer is appreciated. You are making a difference!!! Thank you for your generosity!!

HAPPY EASTER

Deer Park Child Development Center Prayer Guide

Join us for the week of March 29-April 5 as we pray over our school!

"And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." 1 John 5:14

Sunday, March 29: Deer Park Church Pastors:

Pastor Stephen and Pastor Andrew

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ..." Colossians 2:2-3
We thank God for blessing us with godly men who guide and shepherd the church.

Pray specifically for:

- Encouragement in their ministry
- Strength to carry out their work
- Wisdom in the many decisions they make

Thursday, April 2: Our Parents/Families

"He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom and gently lead those that are with young." Isaiah 40:11

Pray specifically for:

- Marriages where husbands love their wives and wives respect their husbands
- Parents to teach and raise their children in the Lord
- Biblical churches to minister to the families

Monday, March 30: Deer Park CDC Admin Team and Director

"Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety." Proverbs 11:14
We thank God for the leadership and structure in place to guide the school.

Pray specifically for:

- Unity of mind and heart
- Perseverance in the work
- Wisdom in decision making

Friday, April 3: Our Community

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

We are thankful to God for how he has placed us in this beautiful community. We are thankful for safety, for work and for friends. Pray specifically for:

- God to work in the hearts of each person that they would know their need for a Savior
- That those in need, would have their needs met both physically and spiritually

Tuesday, March 31: Our Teachers

"Every time I think of you, I thank God for you. I have joy in my heart every time I ask God to help you." Philippians 1:3
We are thankful to God for how he has blessed us with a full staff and for how they work hard to help the students grow in so many ways.

Pray specifically for:

- Encouragement to finish the year strong
- Continued spiritual growth
- Provision of more staff for next year

Saturday, April 4: Our Future

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" Jeremiah 29:11

We are thankful for the new families joining our school and for the opportunities God is bringing to us next year!

Pray specifically for:

- New families and students to feel welcome
- Graduating students to transition to kindergarten smoothly
- Continued growth in all areas

Wednesday, April 1: Our Students

"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward." Psalm 127:3

We are thankful to God for each child here at our school! Each one of them is a joy and a blessing!

Pray specifically for:

- Continued growth in education and spiritual maturity
- Continued connections with teachers and classmates
- For good health and safety

Sunday, April 5: Easter & Our Annual Fundraiser

Above all, we are thankful for God's Son, Jesus, coming to earth, living a perfect life and then dying on the cross for our sins. He is Risen! *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth... For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." John 1:14,16*

Tomorrow we will be opening our annual fundraiser! Pray specifically for:

- Generous giving and investing in our school
- Continued blessing on this school