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From Our Pastor Stephen Carr

I want to thank my church family for your prayers and support during the sudden passing of my sister Leslie. I do not know how people make it through times like this without knowing the Lord and without a family of faith that prays for them and encourages them.

I am excited to have begun our new sermons series, "Why Does This Matter." I believe that many people read the Bible or hear a lesson or sermon and secretly think to themselves, why does this matter. We live in a culture that mostly believes that the Bible is not helpful or is not relevant and I want to help people to understand that what the Bible says matters a lot.

We are approaching an adjustment to our weekly Sunday evening schedule for the summer and I want you to know that all of our ministries are important and that they matter. I spoke with the mother of one of our RA boys on Sunday night who does not normally attend church. She was so thankful for our Sunday night ministry and for the love that has been shown to her son.

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

DP Kids Invites You to:

Muffins with Mom

Sunday, May 10th

Before Sunday School and
before service!

**Moms and Grandmas are invited to enjoy muffins and
coffee with your kids & grandkids before church!**



Go-Getter's Senior Adult Ministry

Our April meeting was a good one with 58 in attendance. We continue to see new faces at our meetings and we want to encourage you to continue spreading the word and inviting friends and family members to come check us out.

Our May meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall. This will be our last meeting before our summer break. Remember no meetings in June, July or August. We will begin our new season in September.

We have invited Jackie Whiteley to bring us some of her favorite songs for our entertainment. Jackie is definitely one of our entertainment favorites. She is our church Ministry Assistant and is always willing to help us all in any way she can. So be sure and plan to come hear what Jackie has planned for us.

For our meal, fried chicken will be provided, so bring a side dish and/or dessert to share at our potluck meal.

Ministries:

SC Christmas Prisoner Packets – At our May meeting, we will have copies of the list of items for the Prisoner Packets on the table by the door. Please pick one up and keep it with you over the summer. When you are out shopping use your list to pick up a few of the items and bring them to our September meeting. Please pay attention to the description of the items on the list as the SC Department of Corrections is very strict as to what may go in each packet. We cannot deviate from their list.

Operation Christmas Child Ministry – For May we will be collecting small balls that will fit in the shoe boxes. Tennis balls are great and may be purchased at Walmart (pressure-less tennis balls 18-Pack packaged in a net bag).

Plan to pick up several items for either or both of our ministries for our May meeting; or if you prefer, make a donation and we will shop for you.

Happy Mother's Day!!

Note: Please use caution as you enter our parking area before our meeting. Children may be present during CDC dismissal.



From Our Associate Pastor Andrew Blalock

- Sunday 5/3: Church Wide Beach Trip/Baptism
- Sunday 5/10: Mother's Day (No Evening Activities)
- Sunday 5/17: Semester Finale Party
- Sunday 5/24: Mandalorian and Grogu after Worship
- 5/31: Graduate Recognition Breakfast

In the month of May, we are wrapping up our Sunday evening gatherings by finishing out the book of Ephesians in our Level Up series. Sunday May 17 will be our last evening gathering until September, but we have lots of great activities planned for the Summer that will be announced soon!

Also in the month of May we will throw it back to the 1990's and hangout at the mall after church on Sunday May 24. Bring money to eat lunch at the food court and to hang out at the mall. At 3:00 pm we will all head over to the movie theater for the Mandalorian and Grogu. Parents, please plan to pick up your students around 5:30 pm from the movie theater. Reserve your free movie ticket by May 10.



Finally, Sunday May 31 will be Graduate Recognition Sunday. Families are invited to breakfast in the Youth Room at 9:45 where we will honor our graduating seniors and celebrate them. Please let Andrew know if you are planning to attend breakfast. Graduates will also be recognized during worship, so make plans to be in the service at 11:00 am.



The 4's ~ Graduating Class of 2026

From the Child Development Center Director Katie Guffey

Hello Deer Park Church,

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus." Phillipians 4:19



The 1's

It is hard to believe our school year is coming to end already! Our last day of school and our 4s graduation will be on Wednesday, May 13. We have seen God supply our needs in so many ways this year and we are grateful.



The 2's

Thank you for your prayers and support of the school. We are very excited to have our spots filled for the fall. God is continuing to bless us and grow us!



The 3's

Sincerely,
Katie Guffey,
Director



Operation Christmas Child

Goal: 1200 Shoeboxes

PSST!

**We need new underwear!!
(Boys/Girls: Sizes 4, 12, 14).**

T-Shirts (Solid Colors) also needed.

Boys and Girls: Sizes Small or 4, Youth Large (12 and 14).

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 (\$10 per box, including evangelism materials).**
- **Pray for the children and families who received the 2025 shoeboxes.**

Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated!

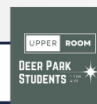


Bulldog Buddies ~ A.C. Corcoran Partnership ~ Foodshare Update

This month, FoodShare was able to provide assistance to 17 families, including 78 individuals- 53 children and 25 adults. Every household we serve reminds us why this work matters, and we're grateful to everyone who makes it possible.

Our shelves stay full and our families stay supported because of the generosity of our donors and the dedication of our volunteers. Your kindness fuels everything we do. We appreciate every contribution-large or small-that helps us continue serving our community.

To better understand how we can grow and improve, we conducted a survey asking families what they enjoy about FoodShare and what could make their experience even better. Their feedback helps guide our efforts and ensures we're meeting real needs with dignity and care. When asked what they liked best about FoodShare, the majority answered the way the volunteers take care of them. To every volunteer-thank you for showing up with kindness, patience, and a willingness to help.



Sunday Evening Activities End of Year Schedule



Mark Your Calendars! Sunday, May 17th will be the last meeting of all evening activities until September and the return of school/fall season! This includes UpperRoom Student Ministry, Girls in Action, and Royal Ambassadors. Stay informed on all summer activities and events through the Weekly Announcement Bulletin and the Church Newsletter! Have a great summer!



VBS Volunteer Meeting ~ Sunday, May 24th ~ Following Worship

Please plan to attend this brief meeting if you are interested in volunteer opportunities for VBS this summer. Children's Ministry Leader, Jeanne Carr will facilitate this meeting, in the Chapel, immediately following Worship.

Deer Park Baptist Church Food Pantry Food Drive

The Deer Park Baptist Church Food Pantry is conducting a food drive for non-perishable foods such as peanut butter, can vegetables and fruit, and canned or packaged meats (tuna/chicken). All donations of these non-perishable foods may be dropped off at the food pantry door, adjacent to the church office (inside of the church). You may also give monetarily through your contributions.

Mark contribution #1061 on your envelope for any food pantry gift.