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Business Meeting
Wednesday, August 5th ~ 6:00 P.M.
Worship Center

All church members are encouraged to attend.

Your Deacon Ministry Team (from left to right)

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From Our Pastor Stephen Carr

I hope you have all had a good summer. Although school begins soon, the weather suggests summer will be with us for a while longer. Please pray for our students as they return to school and for our partnership with AC Corcoran Elementary School. If you would like to learn how to get involved with ACC, please contact Cindy Watts, Andrew Blalock, or me.

In August, my sermons will build on the foundation Andrew laid in July as he preached from Romans 12:1-2. The idea of transformation will be central to our church's renewal and revitalization process. Jesus has called us to share the gospel and help people grow into disciples who then make other disciples. If we want to see renewal and revitalization at Deer Park, each of us must actively commit to the process of transformation.

Over the coming weeks, I will preach on what an ideal disciple looks like at Deer Park. This picture of discipleship is grounded in Scripture, and much of what I will share reflects the feedback you have offered over the past twelve months. I am excited to continue our journey toward becoming the church the Lord created us to be. My prayer is that each of us will resist the temptation to remain casual observers and instead engage in our own transformation and the transformation of others.

Finally, I want to share that summer can be a financially challenging season for the church. In June and July, our budget offerings were lower than usual. While this pattern is not uncommon, it leaves us behind as we enter the fall. Please prayerfully consider your giving and how you might help us catch up in the months ahead.

I am excited to see how our renewal and revitalization process develops in the months ahead as we follow the Lord's leading both individually and as a church family. 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



Stay Connected with Church Center

Over the next few months, you'll begin hearing more about Church Center, a simple and secure app that will help us stay connected as a church family.

If technology isn't your favorite thing, don't worry! Church Center was designed to be easy to use, and we'll be here to help anyone who needs assistance getting started.

Through Church Center, you will be able to:

- Find information about your Sunday School class or small group.
- View the church calendar and upcoming events.
- RSVP for events when needed.
- Access our church directory (for those who choose to participate).
- Receive important updates and announcements.
- And much more as we continue to use it.

Our goal isn't to replace personal relationships or face-to-face communication. Instead, Church Center gives us another way to keep everyone informed and connected throughout the week.

Getting Started

Creating an account only takes a few minutes. Simply download the Church Center app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or visit our Church Center website from any computer. Once you sign in with your phone number or email address, you'll be connected to Deer Park Baptist Church.

If you don't own a smartphone, you can still access Church Center from a computer using an internet browser.

We're Here to Help

If you have questions about Church Center or need assistance, please contact the church office or Associate Pastor, Andrew Blalock for help.

We believe Church Center will make it easier to stay connected with your church family, know what's happening at Deer Park, and participate in the life of our church. We hope you'll give it a try!

YOU'RE INVITED!

DO YOU LIKE HANGING OUT WITH ADORABLE BABIES?
DO YOU THINK TEACHING THE GOSPEL TO KIDS IS IMPORTANT?
DO YOU LIKE CRAFTS AND FUN?

**Then the Children's Ministry
is the place for you!**

WE HAVE AWESOME OPPORTUNITES
TO SERVE WITH OUR YOUNGEST
MEMBERS IN NURSERY AND OUR
OLDER KIDS DURING
SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Contact Jeanne Carr if you are interested!

FILL THE FRIDGE!

Let's bless our teachers with a fun surprise! Energize their first week back with drinks and snacks!

DROP OFF

August 20 : 9:30 AM

August 21: 12:00 PM

ADDRESS

8875 University Blvd
Drop at CDC office



From the Child Development Center Director Katie Guffey

Hello Deer Park Church,

The 2026-2027 school year will be here before we know it!

Our first day of teacher training is Monday, August 24 and our first day with students back is Tuesday, Sept 1. We have so much to praise God for at the start of the new school year!

We are blessed to have over 60 students enrolled with waitlists for almost all classes. We are increasing and updating the class spaces we use for the school. We also have added two new staff positions which have been filled with wonderful and experienced teachers. It is really exciting to see the growth God has brought over the last few years!

Here are a few ways you can pray for us this month:

- Pray for joy, peace and unity over the staff as we return for training
- Pray for families and students to be excited and to feel welcome as school begins
- Pray for a year of spiritual growth for all at the school

If you would like to bless the CDC staff and give them a warm welcome, we are organizing another "Fill the Fridge" event. **If you would like to donate, please drop off at the CDC office on the dates listed. If you would like to drop off any day that is not listed, please bring to the church office during office hours of Monday-Thursday, 8:30 A.M. - 4:30P.M.**

Sincerely,

Katie Guffey,
Director



REVIVE College Ministry

Revive is wrapping up the summer with a night at the ballpark! Join us on Tuesday, August 4 as we head to the Charleston RiverDogs game. The game starts at 7:05 PM, and we'd love for you to come hang out with us! Please let us know ASAP if you're planning to attend so we can purchase your ticket. If you're interested in carpooling, let us know that, too. Parking is \$8.50 when purchased online.

As we look toward the fall, we're still working out the details of our Bible study rhythm. We will continue to have our Sunday School class at 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings. We are also planning to bring back our Tuesday Night Revive meeting. More details will be coming soon!

We're excited about what God has in store for Revive this fall and look forward to growing together in faith and community!



UpperRoom Student Ministry From Our Associate Pastor Andrew Blalock

Student Ministry: Introducing Second Sundays!

We're excited to introduce a new rhythm for our Student Ministry this fall: Second Sundays! On the second Sunday of each month, we'll have a special event designed to bring our students together for fun, fellowship, service, and spiritual growth.

We're also changing the way we gather on Sunday mornings! Beginning in August, our Upper Room Student Gatherings will meet at 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings and will look a lot more like the Sunday night youth group gatherings we've had in the past. Each week will include food, games, teaching, and small group discussion as we grow together in our relationship with Christ.

Our first Second Sunday is August 9, and it's going to be a big one! We'll celebrate Promotion Sunday, welcoming all rising 6th graders into Deer Park Students. Then, from 2:00–4:00 PM, our students will help host the Back to School Bash for students and families from A.C. Corcoran Elementary. Our students will serve by running games and helping make the afternoon a fun and memorable experience for the children we have the privilege of serving.

Students are welcome to stay after church that morning for pizza and time to hang out together before the Back to School Bash begins. We can't wait to kick off this new season of Deer Park Students together!



Operation Christmas Child

2026 Goal: 1200 Shoeboxes

Christmas in August!

At 12 years old, Ravi* received a simple shoebox filled with fun toys and school supplies. This representation of God's love sparked a desire to learn more about Jesus. Ravi attended The Greatest Journey discipleship program and shared what he learned in his own home, becoming a witness for Christ.

He uses his graduation Bible and prays daily. Ravi also attends a church with his younger brother that is guiding them into a deeper relationship with the Lord.

Ravi's story is a beautiful testimony of how one gift, given in the name of Jesus, can transform a life!

****Name and photo changed for security. **Samaritan's Purse OCC Update***

Beyond the Box - It's All About Jesus!

Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication

- The \$10 donation covers evangelism materials, processing, shipping, training and more!
- One box reaches an average of 10 people, including the child's family members and friends - people who haven't heard about Jesus! That's \$1 for each gospel opportunity!!

Donate Today!

- Give through the offering, online through the website.
- NOTE OCC on your donation.
- All donations received through October 31st will be applied to 2026 shoeboxes.
- Remember to share QR code with family and friends. Donate in memory or honor of a loved one.

For more information/to volunteer, contact Cindy Watts at 843.834.0697.



Bulldog Buddies - ACC Partnership

Back to School Bash

August 9th from 2 – 4 pm

at Deer Park Fellowship Hall

Thank you all for the generous donations of uniforms and school supplies, along with financial support. Opportunities are great as we share with ACC families here at Deer Park.

We still need volunteers. Sign up at the mission table in the Worship Center or contact Cindy Watts (843.834.0697) or Andrew Blalock (ablalock@deerparkchurch.com) to volunteer.

Please continue to pray for this event, and for the school staff, students and families as they prepare for the coming year.

Pray also for where God may be calling you to serve.

FoodShare Monthly Update for July

This month, our FoodShare team served 19 families, reaching 84 individuals — 56 children and 28 adults. Along with food support, families received meaningful spiritual resources, including 1 English Bible, 3 Gospel Stories, 2 Our Daily Bread devotionals, 1 Sunday School book, and 1 Journey magazine.

We're also grateful for your generous clothing donations. Families consistently share how much they appreciate having quality clothing available each month. Your kindness continues to make a real difference in our community.

Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 9th

As we prepare for a new
school year, we must also
prepare for our new Sunday
School Classes for our
children and students!

Fawns Class (Infant)

Spots Class (18mo - 3 yrs old)

Antlers Class (3yrs - 1st Grade)

Bucks Class (2nd - 5th Grade)

Youth (6th - 12th Grade)

Children's Church (Pre-K - 2nd Grade)