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From Our Pastor Stephen Carr

During the month of August, I have been preaching on four characteristics of an ideal disciple. This sermon series has been built on the sermon series that Andrew preached on transformation. I am thankful that he preached about transformation and that I could then build on the strong foundation that he laid. Transformation in the life of a follower of Jesus only happens when we are actively walking with Jesus every day.

Romans 12:1-2 teaches us to be a living sacrifice for the Lord, to worship the Lord in truth, and to allow God to transform us into a new person. The Greek word metamorphoó is translated "transformed" in this passage. This same Greek word is where we get our word metamorphosis, which means to change completely from one form or shape into another. The best example we have for this is a caterpillar changing into a butterfly.

A caterpillar is the larval stage of a butterfly, but it is still a butterfly. The caterpillar grows and strengthens itself before going into the pupa stage where its metamorphosis takes place. It will eventually enter the adult stage as a beautiful butterfly. All of this takes work for the caterpillar, but when mature it is very beautiful. The caterpillar and the butterfly are exactly the same on the inside, but they are changed to something beautiful on the outside.

This same process is happening spiritually in the lives of followers of Jesus. When we place our faith in Jesus, God makes us a new person and begins transforming us into the person that He has saved us to be. We are a new creation that is continually transforming into the likeness of Jesus. All of us are at different stages of our new life in Jesus, but when we mature, the beauty of Christ will show through us. Our goal as a church is to help you in your transformation process, which will only be completed when you pass from this life on earth to your life in heaven.

Our desire is that every man, woman, and child at Deer Park will be transformed into the likeness of Jesus. The characteristics that we want to help you develop are humility, obedience, lovingness, and dependence. These are characteristics that Jesus modeled for us and that He expects us to model to the world.

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



Operation Christmas Child

It's All About Jesus!

Evangelism, Discipleship, Multiplication

Distribution Cost to send shoebox to Burundi, Africa:

Samaritan's Purse - \$10

Includes evangelism materials and international training.

U.S. Postal Service - \$ 72.60

Shipping only. No evangelism or training.

Previous Deer Park Shoeboxes were distributed to Colombia, Honduras, Peru, Chile, Guinea, Burundi, Nigeria, Mexico, Middle East/Asia.

Help reach to the ends of the earth with the Good News of Christ!

- Give through the offering or online through the website.

NOTE OCC Postage on your donation.

- Remember to share this opportunity with family and friends.
- Donate in memory or honor of a loved one.



Save the Dates!

- 27th – 28th: Packing Parties
- National Collection Week: November 16th – 23rd
(Volunteers needed.)
- November 29th: OCC Prayer Service

MANY THANKS for your generosity!!

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



From the Child Development Center Director Katie Guffey

Hello Deer Park Church,



Thank you to all who donated to our "Fill the Fridge" drive for our teachers and staff. They have been working hard and have been thankful for the extra pick me up! Please be praying over our staff, our families and our students as we start school on Tuesday, September 1. Here is a quick introduction of each staff member at the school this year!

Sincerely,
Katie Guffey,
Director

2026-2027 Deer Park CDC Staff Introductions

Ms. Katie Guffey: Director

Katie has a degree in Early Childhood Education from Kennesaw State University. Formerly she was a four's preschool teacher, directed the children's ministry at her church, and owned a small business for moms and their little ones. Katie's three children all attended Deer Park and loved it! Katie is an active member at Church Creek PCA. This will be her third year as the director at Deer Park.

Ms. Emma, Ministry Assistant

Emma will be starting her third year with us. She has a degree in bookkeeping from Trident Technical College. She is an active member of Church Creek PCA. She is very organized and helps our school stay running smoothly! She loves kids too and her patience and fun with them is exemplary!

Ms. Starla: One's Academic Teacher

Starla will be starting her third year with us. She really enjoyed being back in the ones' class last year and is excited to be co-teaching again with Ms. Brooke. (They co-taught our twos class in the past) Her joy and gentleness with the little ones shines through each day!

Ms. Brooke: One's Creative Teacher

Brooke will be starting her third year with us and previously worked for three years at another church preschool. She has enjoyed time in the two's class the last two school years and is excited to start in the ones. Brooke is a member of Northwoods Baptist Church.

Ms. Meghan: Two's Academic Teacher

Meghan will be starting her fourth year with us. Meghan works hard to make sure her academic centers are varied and interesting for the twos to explore. She is always ready to let the students get a little messy as they learn! Meghan attends River Bluff Church. She also runs her own cake business called Meghan's Cakes.

Ms. Courtney: Two's Creative Teacher

Courtney has a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and a master's degree in Social Work from the University of South Carolina. She taught Kindergarten and Child Development for ten years in the Charleston County School District, and taught preschool in Mt. Pleasant for three years. Courtney has boy/girl twins who are entering first grade this year. She and her family attend Seacoast Church. We are so excited to have her join our team!

Ms. Jilly: Three's Creative Teacher

Jilly has five years of experience working as a preschool teacher. She will be starting her third year with us here at Deer Park. Jilly is amazing at connecting with the students and getting down on their level. Her creativity shines in her classroom!

Ms. Hailee: Three's Academic Teacher

Hailee will be starting her second year teaching here with us. Her daughter attends school here as well. Hailee has a degree in Early Childhood Education from Liberty University and has experience in the preschool classroom as well as assistant director at a preschool. Ms. Hailee is a member at Church 242. Her calmness and steadiness bring much peace to her class and students!

Ms. Ali: Four's Creative Teacher

Ali will be starting her fifth year teaching with us. Ali has a culinary degree and formerly worked as a kindergarten assistant. She is currently working on earning a degree in Early Childhood Education. Ali is experienced at implementing the creative curriculum and centers. She really enjoys having a classroom pet each year for her class!

Ms. Alyssa: Four's Academic Teacher

Alyssa will be starting her third year of teaching here at Deer Park. Alyssa has a degree in Early Childhood Interdisciplinary Studies from Liberty University. She is also completing a master's degree in the Art of Teaching with a specialty in curriculum from Liberty University. Alyssa is well versed in our Writing Without Tears curriculum and does an excellent job preparing students for kindergarten.

Ms. Jess: Enrichment Teacher

Jess has a degree in Elementary education from North Central University. Formerly, she was a stay at home mom to her two toddlers who will attend Deer Park this year! She previously taught second and third grade in Arizona for eight years before moving to SC. She absolutely loves children, Jesus, and her family. She is a member of Church 242. She looks forward to teaching your children this year and we are excited to have her join the team!



Go-Getter's Senior Adult Ministry

Hello, Seniors! Well summer is almost over and it's time to start thinking about Go-Getters again. Hope you all had a good summer and didn't suffer too much from the heat.

We are getting ready to kick off our new season at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 in the Fellowship Hall.

We would like to extend an invitation to those of you who are 50 and older and not familiar with Go-Getters to come and join us for an afternoon of good Christian fellowship, a wonderful potluck meal, entertainment, and door prizes.

As always we will provide the fried chicken for our potluck meal, and we ask that you bring a side dish and/or dessert to complete the meal.

Entertainment - We think you will all enjoy our guest entertainment for September. We have invited Delia, one of the talents from Lowcountry Pianist & Company. She has performed at Piccolo Festival World Blues Cafe, Circular Church's Jazz Vespers series, Mount Pleasant and Charleston Farmers Markets, and several of the local retirement communities, weddings, and other special events. She has also received the Brownie Award for Favorite Acoustic Act. Delia is of Native American heritage and plays the Native American flute and she also plays the guitar and sings. We are excited to hear what she will bring for us to enjoy.

Go-Getter's Senior Adult Ministry Booklet Update - It's time for Kris to begin updating our Go-Getter's booklet, so if you have any changes to your home address or cell/home phone numbers that are currently in our 2026 booklet, please get your changes to Kris soon. Also, if your name is not in the booklet and you would like to be added, please give Kris your contact information so she can add it to the new booklets scheduled to be distributed in January 2027.

Travel – We will have information on a Get Up 'N' Go Mystery Trip October 23-25, 2026 for you to consider. The price is \$676 per person which includes two nights lodging, two breakfasts, and two dinners. The first question everyone always asked is where is the trip going? Well, we can't tell you that because that's the mystery. Only Sherry knows and she's not talking. These trips are always a lot of fun trying to guess where we will end up. There are several of us who travel with Sherry, and we would love to have some new friends join us.

Missions - We are wrapping up our 2026 collections for the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoe boxes sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. Our church goal for this year is 1200 filled boxes which will be shipped out October 4th. We are asking for help with the shipping costs for these boxes. The costs is \$10 per box. So if you can help with the shipping costs, please place your donation in one of the white envelopes on the table by the door and place it in the box marked "OCC Donations". Any amount will be greatly appreciated and will help with this important cause.

Notice: Please be extra cautious when entering the parking lot to park for our meetings as CDC will be dismissing the CDC children about the same time. Please keep your eyes open for the little ones.

FoodShare Ministry – August Update



In August, our FoodShare Ministry was blessed to serve 21 families, reaching 96 individuals — including 67 children and 29 adults. It was a joy to see so many families encouraged and supported.

In addition to our regular distribution, we assisted 3 families with emergency food and hygiene supplies between August 9–12, supporting 12 individuals — 8 children and 4 adults. This brings our updated August totals to 24 families, 108 individuals, 76 children, and 33 adults.

Several families shared how much they enjoyed the Back to School Bash, and we're grateful for everyone who helped make that event special. Thanks to your generous clothing donations, families were also able to pick out much-needed clothes for the new school year. Your kindness continues to make a real difference in our community.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ through your giving, serving, and prayers.



REVIVE College Ministry

Revive Sunday School

Revive Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9:45 AM upstairs in the Education Building. Led by Matt Carr and Denise Dawson, this class provides a welcoming environment for young adults to study God’s Word, grow in their faith, and build meaningful relationships through engaging, discussion-oriented Bible study. Come join us this Sunday!

House Church

Join us Tuesday nights at 7:00 PM for House Church, in partnership with Mountain Movers, the college ministry of Summit Church. House Church is a place for college students and young adults to gather, build friendships, study Scripture, worship and pray together, and grow in their faith.

HOUSE CHURCH IS BACK AT A HOUSE!

This fall, **the Harvells will be hosting House Church at their home in Moncks Corner!** We’re excited to have House Church back in a home—it’s a sweet, relaxed setup that gives us a great opportunity to connect, grow, and do life together. Come join us Tuesday night! Contact the church office at 843.553.1172, ext. 110 for directions, or more information.

Revive Goes to the Game!

Kick off the college football season with Revive! Join us on Saturday, September 19 at 6:00 PM as we head to Charleston Southern University to cheer on the Buccaneers as they take on Point University.

Come hang out with friends, enjoy some college football, and have a great night together! Whether you’re a huge football fan or just looking for a fun night with Revive, we’d love to have you there!

 **July 17** **Saturday, September 19**
 **6:00 PM**
 **Charleston Southern University**
 **CSU vs. Point University**



UpperRoom Student Ministry

Upper Room Gatherings

Join us every Sunday morning at 9:45 AM in the Upper Room for our weekly student ministry gathering! Each week, we’ll have games, food, Bible study, and small-group discussion as we seek to read and apply God’s Word to our lives and follow Jesus as His disciples. Come ready to have fun, build friendships, and grow in your faith!

Second Sunday: Stars and Strikes!

We’re kicking off our brand-new **Second Sunday** events with a night of fun at **Stars and Strikes!** Join us on **Sunday, September 13, from 5:30–7:30 PM** for an evening packed with pizza, games, and fun with friends.

Each student’s admission includes:

- Two slices of pizza and a soda
- A 2-hour arcade card
- One laser tag session
- One VR session

Students must RSVP in advance to reserve their spot!

We can’t wait to kick off our new **Second Sunday** events together!

Girls Discipleship Huddle

Starting Sunday, September 20, girls who want to grow in their faith together and learn to follow Jesus more intentionally are invited to commit to an **8-week discipleship huddle** led by **Kelly Blalock** and **Aubriell Whiteley**.

 **When:** Sunday nights, 5:30–6:30 PM

 **Where:** The Upper Room

This 8-week huddle is designed to help students build meaningful relationships, grow spiritually, and develop intentional habits of following Jesus.

Because consistency is an important part of the huddle, this is an 8-week commitment. Students who miss more than two weeks will be asked to wait until the next huddle begins before rejoining. We’re excited to see what God does through this time of intentional discipleship and community!



Join a Discipleship Huddle Today!

As Deer Park moves forward in a season of renewal and revitalization, one of our primary emphases is becoming a church that makes disciples who make disciples.

In other words, discipleship is—and will continue to be—a priority as we move into the future.

One important avenue for discipleship at Deer Park is joining a Discipleship Huddle.

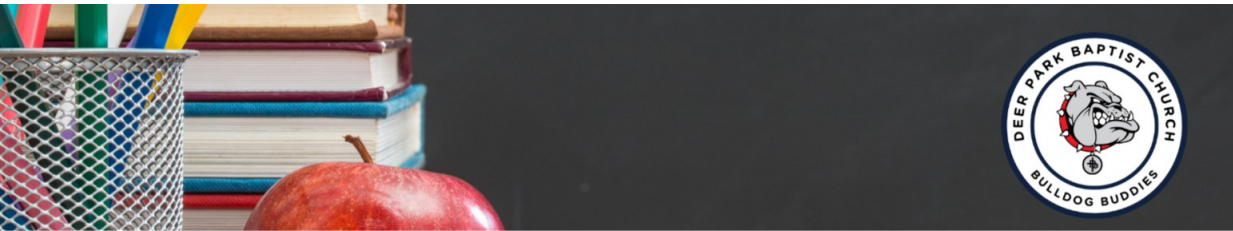
Discipleship Huddles are small groups of 3–4 adults of the same gender who commit to meeting regularly for a specified period of time. Together, participants study God’s Word, encourage and pray for one another, and develop habits and practices that help us grow to become more like Jesus.

If you are interested in joining a Discipleship Huddle, we would love to hear from you! We have several huddles already beginning to meet in homes and on campus, and we would love to see more groups begin soon!



To sign up, scan the QR code or contact Pastor Andrew.

Andrew Blalock
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Bulldog Buddies - ACC Partnership

Opportunities to Serve!

Bulldog Buddy Bags (formerly LCFB Backpack Buddies)/ACC Hunger Ministry

- Sponsor a BBB Child for the school year (\$200 per year, \$5.00 per week).
Write “Acts 1:8 -BBBs” on your donation.
- Donate to Hunger Ministry to help with additional snacks and emergency food.
Write “Acts 1:8 – Hunger” on your donation.

Deer Park FoodShare

- Be a shopper for needed items.
- Help host FoodShare on a rotational basis.

Basic Needs

- Donate laundry detergent and hygiene supplies lists available on Missions table.
- Donate gently used children’s clothing (Infant through Size 18).

Teacher and Staff Support

- Volunteer to help serve meals or snacks for staff.
- Volunteer to write monthly birthday cards for teachers and staff. Contact Sondra Kucklick (843.834.1228) for more information.

Trunk, Treat and Read – Oct. 24, 11am – 1 pm, 8585 Vistavia Road, N. Charleston

- Provide a trunk! Décor need not be elaborate, just kid friendly without masks, scary scenes or weapons. Think superheroes and book characters.
- Help with registration, games or concessions!
- Donate candy! Large bags of individually wrapped candy will be appreciated. Just place in bin at the Mission Center (outside double doors of Worship Center).

Prayer

- Pray for administration/staff individually. Staff directories are available through the church.
- Pray for the health and safety of all staff and children.
- Pray for the challenges faced by the students and their families.
- Pray for the seeds being planted in our partnership.

For information on Bulldog Buddies, contact Andrew Blalock in the church office (843.553.1172) or Cindy Watts (843.834.0697).