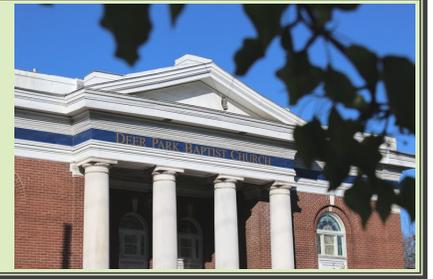


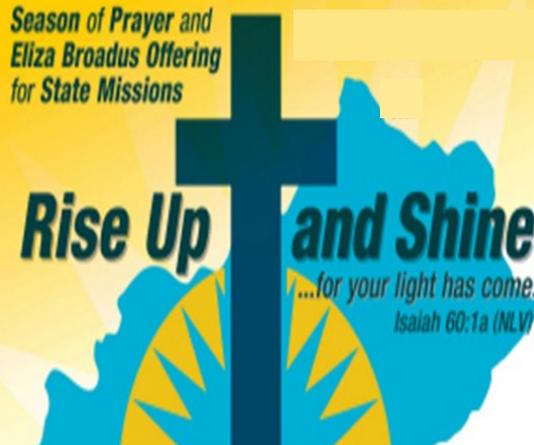
# The Deer Parker

September 14, 2017



## Week of Prayer for State Missions

This week is Deer Park's Week of Prayer for State Missions in Kentucky. Our Missions Committee has set a goal of \$250.00 for the Eliza Broadus Offering. Brochures and offering envelopes were distributed on Sunday, September 10, during worship. Everyone is encouraged to take time this week to pray for our cooperative missions work in Kentucky.



## A Word From the Pastor

**For many years I have kept a daily journal.** It is one of my spiritual practices or disciplines. In it I note certain events of the day, pieces of conversations, thoughts from books I am reading, impressions, hopes, questions, quotes, and prayers. Below is what I wrote on Sept. 9:

**Today I learned of a sacred moment that took place at The Gathering.** Joe Woosley was welcoming passersby around 9:30 a.m. along our sidewalk. An elderly woman in a wheelchair slowly rolled up, so to speak. Joe invited her to come inside for a meal, some clothing and a bag of groceries if she so desired.

**The woman softly replied, "I don't have money to pay for those things right now."** Joe quickly responded that there is no charge or cost of any kind. "We simply do this in Jesus' name," he said. He encouraged her to join with many other of our neighbors who were already inside.

**She said, "Well, I've had a stroke and I can't see well due to glaucoma, but I will come in. Thank you. Blessed be the Lord!"** Then as she made her way inside with Joe alongside, she said one more thing: "Blessed be the Lord. His arms are wrapped around me!" As Joe told me later, "Yes, for sure, that's exactly what God was doing!"

**That must have been a joyous, unforgettable moment** for a Deer Parker and a new friend. I'm sure it was because Joe told it several times that morning to anyone who would listen! I love what Leo Von Rudloff once wrote: "If we open our hearts, we will also find open hearts--it's always mutual."

David Platt

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sundays

- 9:00 am - Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 am - Bible Study
- 10:15 am - Choir Warm-up
- 10:45 am - Worship

### Wednesdays

- 5:30 p.m. Supper
- 6:15 p.m. Midweek Prayer Service
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Thursday, September 14

- 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, September 19

- 2:00 p.m. Prayer and Devotion @ Highland Court Apts.

### Wednesday, September 20

- 11:30 p.m. - Men's Lunch @ Buckhead Grille

## Neighborfest

Thanks to the following volunteer workers for planning, set-up, take-down and help at our recent Neighborfest event: Becky Houston, Tim Bobbie, Sarah Freytag, Linda Leiting, Shelley Aarvig, David Sapp, Missy Schulz, Pat Platt, Karen DeWitt, Thresa Bingman, Jonathan O'Keefe, Lisa O'Keefe, Brenda Childress, David Platt, Jennifer Leano, and Steve Childress.

## Picnic

Thank you to Albin and Katie Whitworth for inviting us into their home for the annual church picnic last Sunday evening.

A special thank you to Bill Earp, Greg Hardin, Tom Coursen and Ron Ragsdale for all their hard work in bringing, returning and setting up tables and chairs.

### Book Club Details

The new book clubs have met and determined when and where they will meet. Here are their plans:

The Christian's Guide to Islam book club will meet every other Monday, starting October 9, at 6:30 p.m.

The Mere Christianity book club will meet every other Sunday at 12:00 noon, starting October 8. Each member will bring their own lunch.

If you are interested in a book club, please call the office.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**September 30**

Clay Bonin & Jennifer Meyers

### Hurricane Harvey and Irma Assistance

**Cooperative Baptist Fellowship:** [cbf.org](http://cbf.org)

**Kentucky Baptist Convention:** Checks may be sent to:

Kentucky Baptist Convention

P.O. Box 950295

Louisville, KY 40295

Write "D.R (Disaster Relief) Hurricanes" on the memo line

**North American Mission Board:** [namb.net](http://namb.net)

**American Red Cross:** [redcross.org/donate](http://redcross.org/donate)

### Pray for Our Students

The following members and attenders of our church are college/university or seminary students this fall semester. Please keep them in prayer.

Jaylon Simms—Simmons College  
Wesley Sparkmon—University of Louisville  
Jonathan O'Keefe—Southern Seminary  
Emily Herrington—University of Pittsburgh  
Paul Herrington—Carnegie Mellon University  
Elise Williams—University of Oxford (England)

### Deacon on Call

Mary Jane Middlebrooks serves as the Deacon on Call through Saturday, Sept. 23. She is available to minister in Christ's name to Deer Park families and individuals.



### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual – Empty Bowls 2017

Empty Bowls is a fundraising event in support of Highlands Community Ministries' food programs. The event features different soups by local chefs, beautiful handcrafted bowls by local artists and gift baskets donated from HCM churches for a silent auction.

The event will be held in Bellarmine's Frazier Hall on **Thursday, October 12, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.** You will have three choices of soup/bowl combinations: a bowl with soup and dessert for \$30; soup and dessert for \$15; a child's soup and dessert for \$5. For more information go to [hcmloouisville.org](http://hcmloouisville.org) "Empty Bowls."

Each year our church provides gift baskets for the silent auction that takes place at the Empty Bowls event. If you would like to contribute toward a basket, please contact Karen DeWitt or Brenda Childress.

### Sunday Sermon Text

September 17 Genesis 32: 22-31  
September 24 1 Timothy 3: 8-13

### Deer Park Stats 9/10/2017

Worship	75
Sunday School	40
Budget Received	\$5,349.00 (120%)
Weekly Budget Needed	\$4,448.00
Budget Needs Y-T-D	\$48,928.00
Budget Gifts Y-T-D	\$41,759.00