

The Deer Parker

September 21, 2017



Pastor's Anniversary

October is traditionally Pastor/Minister Appreciation month, but we at Deer Park Baptist Church have a reason to acknowledge this a little bit sooner. September 15, 2017 marked the 16th anniversary of the pastorate of David Platt with our congregation. Please take time to express your appreciation for David's dedicated ministry among us.

Deacon Nominations

It has been the practice of the church body to participate in the process of nominating and electing persons each year to serve as deacons. Because this is a vital part of our church life, as deacons we recognize it is our responsibility to help each member understand the role and function of deacons. Over the next few weeks newsletter articles will guide us in this endeavor. Our prayer is that everyone will be better able to make informed and prayer-filled choices in nominating persons for deacon service.

We will start by saying that a deacon is not a position of power or the winner of a popularity contest nor a member of the "board of directors" of the church. Instead, deacons serve as exemplary leaders to guide the church's call to follow the Lord.

We invite you to begin praying now about this important matter in the life of our church. Plan to participate in the nominating process during the month of October. Ballots will be available starting October 8.

The Deacon Committee

Neighborhood Outreach Opportunity

During October, there will be opportunities to do some evangelistic efforts in the neighborhood close to our church.

If you are interested in being involved, please sign up on one of the posters placed in the Atrium and Centennial Hall areas.

A planning meeting will be held on Sunday, October 8, from 12:00 -12:15 in Centennial Hall. Jonathan O'Keefe will head up these plans. Please contact him if you have questions. The actual dates for the outreach work will be announced at the planning meeting.



Eliza Broadus Offering

Our church's goal for the annual offering to support missions work in Kentucky is \$250.00. To date, the total given is \$118.00. If you wish to give there are special offering envelopes available on the tables going into the sanctuary or in the church office.

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 21

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

Christian Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Thresa and Dave Bingman in the death of her mother, Pat Havner, who passed away on September 15. Her funeral will be in Jackson, TN on Thursday, September 21.



Pulpit Guest

Sunday, October 1

Dr. Joel Drinkard will be our guest preacher on October 1. Besides bringing the message that morning, Dr. Drinkard will lead us



in Communion. He is a long-time friend and former member and leader in Deer Park. He now teaches Old Testament studies at Campbellsville University in Campbellsville, Kentucky. It is with much gratitude that we welcome Dr. Drinkard on October 1 to our worship service.

Prayer Service Next Week

Bryan Fister will be with us on Wednesday, September 27 for the 6:15-7:00 p.m. service. Bryan is the son-in-law of David and Pat Platt. He and Jennifer are former Deer Parkers.

Medical Emergency Need

Dr. Rick Wilson, former Deer Park staff member, concluded not long ago his work as the President of the Liberian Baptist Theological Seminary in Monrovia. He has issued an appeal to fellow Christians to consider assisting the wife of the seminary's Director of Finance, Elizabeth Jah, in her need to travel to India for breast cancer treatment and chemotherapy over a two month period. Medical care of this nature is not available in Monrovia, Liberia. Financial contributions to cover her expenses may be made to: First Baptist Church of Christ, 511 High Place, Macon, GA 31202 (Memo Line: Elizabeth Jah Fund) This is the same church that was the clearinghouse for the Ebola crisis contributions. If you have questions, see Pat Pfeiffer or David Platt.

Deacon on Call

Judy Earp serves as the Deacon on Call through Saturday, October 7. She is available to minister in Christ's name to Deer Park families and individuals.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
October 1 - Alice Barns, Rachel Eberman, John Bonin, & Caroline Spaulding
October 4 - Kylene Bell, David Bobbie & Steven Bobbie
October 5 - Lynn Roberts

Baskets for Empty Bowls

This year our church is providing two gift baskets for the silent auction that takes place at the Empty Bowls event which is a fundraiser to support Highland Community Ministries' food programs.

One with the theme of **gift cards** and the other with **Christmas items**. If you would like to contribute toward a basket, you can bring the item or make a donation and Karen DeWitt or Brenda Childress will get items to include.

If you would like to attend, 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 hcmlouisville.org "Empty Bowls."

Book Club Details

If you are interested in a book club, please call the office. Also, there are a few books still available at a cost of \$10.00 if you would like to read one on your own.

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

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

Deer Park Stats 9/17/2017

Worship	61
Sunday School	33
Budget Received	\$2,280.00 (51%)
Weekly Budget Needed	\$4,448.00
Budget Needs Y-T-D	\$53,376.00
Budget Gifts Y-T-D	\$44,039.00