

# The Deer Parker

September 28, 2017



## 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.

## A Deacon's Spiritual Growth

Most deacons want to be involved in a meaningful ministry that is fulfilling and challenging to who they are as believers in Christ. Henry Blackaby in his book Spiritual Leadership declares: "The fact that God can bring character development and personal growth out of any situation is conditional on people's willingness to submit to God's will. When God directs a life for His purposes, all of life is a school. No experience, good or bad, is ever wasted" (Romans:28). Indeed, our deacons aim to function in these very ways, I believe.

So what are some keys to aid in spiritual formation for those who do or will serve as deacons? Consider the following:

\*Build relationships. Let it take time and priority it needs. Model for the congregation that building relationships in the church is vital

and necessary for congregational health.

\*Be intentional about focused praying. Praying is the power for effective ministry. Seek time alone with the Lord but also discover times and situations to initiate praying with others.

And learn to commune with God by discovering how other people pray consistently and faithfully.

\*Be a student of the Bible. Have a Bible reading and study plan for daily devotion. Participate in an on-going Bible study group. Read the Bible with a view to make it a "lamp unto your feet."

\*Participate weekly in public worship. Set an example by regularly keeping covenant of "life together" with fellow believers. Prayerfully give sacrificially of time, talent, and treasure.

\*Be willing to participate in deacon training--in caregiving skills, prayer life skills, crisis counseling, and team build-up. Consider helping to lead training at times out of your calling, passion, and professional expertise.

\*Let the examples of servants in the Bible, the person of Jesus Christ, and the qualifications of deacons in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 be your best guides.

## 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 28

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

### Monday, October 2

- 6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

### Saturday, October 14

- 10:00 a.m. The Gathering

## The Lord's Supper

On Sunday, October 1, we will observe the Lord's Supper. It is customary on this day to receive gifts for the Massie Memorial Fund. The money collected will be used to purchase items to fill baskets at Christmastime. Ushers will be at the rear doors to receive donations at the close of the worship service.

## Neighborhood Outreach Opportunity

If you are interested in being involved in some outreach efforts in the neighborhood close to our church please sign up on one of the posters placed in the Atrium and Centennial Hall areas.

On October 8 from 12:00-12:15 there will be a planning meeting 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 soon.

### Midweek Prayer Service Plans

On Wednesday, October 4, Jonathan O'Keefe, who is serving this semester as our seminary intern will be our leader for the evening. Jonathan and Lisa continue to serve God's church as he comes to the completion of his seminary work this fall.



**October 8** - Betty Jo Gaba & Pat Platt  
**October 11** - Elizabeth Robertson  
 & Olivia Williams  
**October 14** - Laura Bonin

### 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.

### Eliza Broadus Offering

Our church's goal for the annual offering to support missions work in Kentucky is \$250.00. As of Sunday, September 24, the total given is \$171.00. If you wish to give there are special offering envelopes available on the tables in the atrium or in the church office.



### Baskets for Empty Bowls

Please help us fill our 2 baskets for HCM Empty Bowls. If you would like to help, please bring your **gift cards, Christmas items or cash donations** to church **by October 5.**

You may call the church office for information or see Karen DeWitt or Brenda Childress if you have questions.

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](http://hcmlouisville.org) "Empty Bowls."

