

The Deer Parker

October 12, 2017



Albin Whitworth Begins 4th Year at Deer Park

With thanks to God, we acknowledge Dr. Albin Whitworth's outstanding leadership on our church staff. He began his ministry both as our organist and worship minister on October 15, 2014. We offer our prayers of gratitude for both Albin and his wife Katie as they serve with faithful and loving hearts among our church family.

The psalmist's words are fitting in our praise to God for the particular gifts that Albin brings to our church life and our public worship: "O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things" (Psalm 98:1).



Outreach to our Community

A half-dozen members have signed up to do some door-to-door "visits" in our immediate neighborhood this month. ("Visits" meaning that brochures about upcoming events will be hand-delivered to each household, with the hope of a conversation with homeowners.)

This Sunday, October 15, Jonathan O'Keefe will lead a brief orientation of the outreach plan. Those willing to serve in this way will meet in Centennial Hall immediately following the worship service. If you have not signed up to help yet but wish to be involved, please attend the orientation.

2018 Deacon Nomination Form

Over the past three weeks we have described in the newsletters and Sunday bulletins the ministry of the deacon. Please prayerfully consider your nominations and return these forms by **Sunday, October 22**. These may be returned in the Sunday offering plate, to the church office, or by mail. You also may return your forms to the following individuals who are completing a full term as deacon and **are not eligible** for re-election at this time: Tim Bobbie, Judy Earp, and Joe Woosley.

The following individuals will be continuing their terms as deacons and their names **should not** appear on the form: Thresa Bingman, Tom Coursen, Diana Hooker, Jerry Houston, Mary Jane Middlebrooks, Ron Ragsdale, and Lynn Roberts.

Please write your 2018 Deacon nomination(s) below and return by Sunday, October 22, 2017.

(You may submit more than one nomination.)

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, October 12

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

Saturday, October 14

- 10:00 a.m. The Gathering

Wednesday, October 18

- 11:30 a.m. - Men's Lunch

@ Buckhead's Grille

All Saints Day Service

Our annual All Saints Day Service will be held on Sunday, November 5. On this day we remember with gratitude and honor the memory of Deer Park members who have joined the Church Triumphant over the past twelve months. Please join us as we focus on the promise of the gift of eternal life when we join all believers in heaven. Be sure to invite your friends to this special service at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, November 5.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 22 - Karlla Walker
Oct. 23 - Dave Abell & Antoinette Blair
Oct. 25 - Regina Simms
Oct. 26 - Ron Turner & Albin Whitworth
Oct. 28 - Mike Houston

A Word From the Pastor

We are coming to the closing point of our three-month partnership with the Ambiya Mohamed family who came to our city as refugees from Somalia. Our church's steering committee will meet soon with Ambiya and the reps from Kentucky Refugee Ministries. We may learn then that we can provide a few more household items as we bring to a conclusion our formal relationship. For 90 days, we have contributed through providing their rent payments and a great deal of furniture and food. An update will be shared with the congregation shortly.

The Protestant Reformation is considered to have begun on October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther nailed his "95 Theses" to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. He was calling for radical reform of the church 500 years ago this month. We Baptists come from one of the Reformation streams that flowed in the late 16th and early 17th centuries. On Sunday, October 29, we will observe Reformation Sunday at the 10:45 worship hour. We are planning for a creative and memorable experience that day.

David Platt

Louisville Regional Baptist Association Annual Meeting

Monday, October 16 at Beechland Baptist Church

4613 Greenwood Road

5:30 p.m. Registration and Missions Fair

6:00-7:00 p.m. Light Supper (free)

7:00 p.m. Annual Meeting

No reservation is necessary for the dinner.

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, Liberia. 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. 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

Thresa Bingman serves as the Deacon on Call through Saturday, October 21. She is available to minister in Christ's name to Deer Park families and individuals.



Deer Park Stats 10/8/2017

Worship	63
Sunday School	27
Budget Received	\$2,648.35 (60%)
Weekly Budget Needed	\$4,448.00
Budget Needs Y-T-D	\$66,720.00
Budget Gifts Y-T-D	\$54,806.70