

The Deer Parker

October 26, 2017



From the Pastor

This coming Lord's Day we will join with Christians worldwide in observing the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther, a monk and priest and scholar, nailed 95 Theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517. And, thus, the Protestant Reformation began.

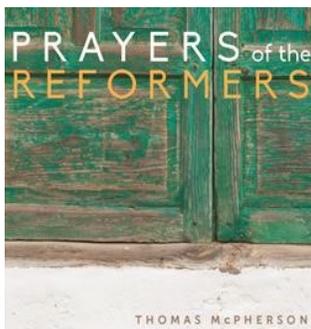
Actually, reformers had been at work within Roman Catholicism for generations before Luther. He and those who came after him (Calvin, Zwingli, and others) arrived on the scene and picked up enough momentum to make drastic changes possible.

Luther did not set out to establish another branch of Christianity. Rather, he wanted to reform or purify the church of his day. Ironically, many of the abuses he wished to correct were dealt with later by the Roman Catholic Church, as it underwent its own reformation.

In the centuries after Luther, Protestants continued to divide into several large groups, among them Lutherans, Reform (Calvinists), Anglican, and Radical. Baptists are a branch of the Radical group. What Baptists pushed as hard as anything for all who are Christians was to engage the Scriptures—on their own as individuals and as a local congregation.

Protestants (and those first “protestors” of the early 16th century) put the Scriptures in the hands of the laity and not just the priests or clergy. Increased emphasis on religious liberty was also the clarion call of the day. Their heart's message was shaped to conform to the life, teachings, and image of Jesus. A “free church” was the cry of new church for a new day.

So, when we worship on Sunday morning we will sing “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (based on Psalm 46), expressing that we are confident not in our own strength (that would be futile indeed). Instead, we are confident in God's promise to be with his people across the ages and as he is with us now and with all people who bow their knees before the One who is our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.



In this 500th anniversary year of the Reformation, this volume collects the writing of well-known reformers Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, Thomas Cranmer, Lancelot Andrewes, as well as lesser-known leaders of their time. Rather than look at the theological arguments of these religious thinkers, instead the book looks to their hopes and concerns in their prayers. This year, many are asking, “How is the Reformation relevant for today?” These

prayers, arranged by author and subject, will open a window into the personal faith and spirituality of those on the front lines of that great upheaval in the church and culture. These books will be available on Sunday for \$5.00 each.

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 26

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



We will have a special worship experience celebrating the 500th year of the Protestant Reformation
Sunday, October 29
10:45 a.m.
in the sanctuary

The Baptist Fellowship Center Thanks Deer Park

Your church's generous donation of \$170.00 serves as a needed source of help, hope, and healing for countless children and families in our community.

Because of your generous support and prayers, Baptist Fellowship Center continues to help people experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ in very tangible, practical, and life-transforming ways. God bless you and thanks again.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Damon L. Armstead

(Note: This gift was from those who gave a daily offering during Vacation Bible School in July.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 7 -Glen Spaulding
Nov. 9 - Sandra Short
Nov. 11 - Karen DeWitt & Amadeus Leano



Christian Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Rose and Archie Stevens on the death of her mother, Sara Wightman, who passed away on October 18 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

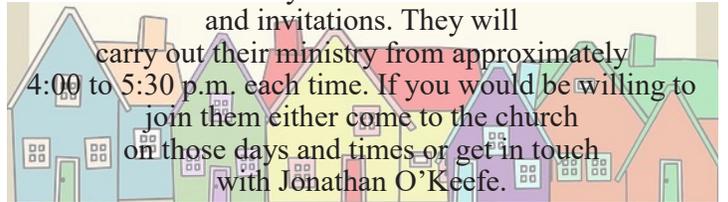
**Kentucky Baptist Convention
Annual Meeting
Tuesday, November 14
East Campus of Highview Baptist Church
15201 Shelbyville Rd.
Louisville, KY 40245**

Upcoming Events

- Deacons' Meeting - Monday, **Nov. 6** at 6:30 p.m.
- Church Council - Monday, **Nov. 13** at 6:30 p.m.
- Thanksgiving Worship Service with Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church, Sunday, **Nov. 19** at 11:00 a.m.; Lunch at Bardstown Road Presbyterian immediately following worship.
- Business Meeting - Wed., **Nov. 29** at 6:15 p.m.
- Bardstown Road Aglow - Sat., **Dec. 2** from 6-8:00 p.m.
- Hanging of the Green - Sunday, **Dec. 3** at 10:45 a.m.
- Packing and delivery of Christmas baskets - **Friday, Dec. 15 and Saturday, Dec. 16.**
- Christmas Music - Sun., **Dec. 17**
- Christmas Eve and Communion Candlelight Service - Sun., **Dec. 24** at 5:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Outreach Update

Starting on October 26, a group of eight Deer Parkers will stop by homes near our church for three consecutive Thursday afternoons to deliver brochures and invitations. They will carry out their ministry from approximately 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. each time. If you would be willing to join them either come to the church on those days and times or get in touch with Jonathan O'Keefe.



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.

We will also observe the Lord's Supper as this is the first Sunday of the month.

Deacon on Call

Tim Bobbie serves as the Deacon on Call through Saturday, November 4. He is available to minister in Christ's name to Deer Park families and individuals.



Deer Park Stats 10/22/2017

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| Worship | 69 |
| Sunday School | 36 |
| Budget Received | \$4,954.25(111%) |
| Weekly Budget Needed | \$4,448.00 |
| Budget Needs Y-T-D | \$75,616.00 |
| Budget Gifts Y-T-D | \$64,788.95 |