

The Deer Parker

February 28, 2018



Week of Prayer for North America Missions

We will observe the Week of Prayer for North America Missions from March 11 through March 18. Prayer Guides for the week will be included in the Sunday worship bulletin on March 4. This year's focus is on how Baptists are reaching people in large cities where more than 80 percent of the nation's population lives. Our Missions Committee has set the financial goal for this year's offering of \$650.00.

From the Pastor

Ever since the church began after the ascension of Jesus (Acts 1-2), congregations have grown and even flourished due to the efforts of the members of the Body of Christ inviting others to join them. Sometimes churchgoers bring friends, associates, family members. Other times they deliberately and consistently offer an invitation for others to join them for worship, study, fellowship and service.

Deer Park's story is not unlike the church in the New Testament. People come to know and trust in Jesus most often because a follower of the Lord took the initiative to introduce them to their church family. Many of you have done this very practice for decades upon decades. And our church has been blessed by your faithful work.

As we approach Holy Week (March 25-April 1), we have a perfect opportunity to reach out to others. Whom do you know who has been absent a while? Are there family members or friends who are without a church home? Who, as far as you know, is not yet a disciple of the Lord Jesus?

My urgent appeal to all of us who belong to Deer Park is to "Invite (or Bring) a Friend" on Palm Sunday, March 25. It's a wonderful day to worship and we can all accept a specific, loving assignment to invite others to be with us.

So, who are you praying for? Will you ask them to join you and the rest of us for Bible study and worship? And, by the way, you don't have to wait until Palm Sunday. You can start practicing for this right now--even for this coming Lord's Day. Let's be proactive, hopeful, willing partners in the Gospel together!

David Platt

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

Wednesday

5:30 pm Supper
6:15 pm Midweek Prayer Service
7:00 pm Choir Practice

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 5

6:30 PM - Deacons' Meeting

Saturday, March 10

9:30 a.m. - The Gathering



HCM Lenten Lunches and Devotions Schedule

Please join us the next four Thursdays at 12:00 noon for our annual Lenten gatherings to be held at various church locations. They are sponsored by Highlands Community Ministries (HCM). Soup and bread will be served for free. Leaders from Highlands churches will lead the brief devotion/Bible Study after lunch. Ending time is 1:00 p.m.

DATE	LOCATION	MEDITATION BY:
Mar. 1	Highland Comm. Ministries Campus 1228 East Breckenridge St.	David Platt Pastor, Deer Park Baptist
Mar. 8	Strathmoor Presbyterian 2201 Hawthorne Ave.	Darren Brandon Pastor, St. Paul United Methodist
Mar. 15	Bardstown Road Presbyterian 1722 Bardstown Rd.	Troy Burden Director, Highland Comm. Ministries
Mar. 22	St. Paul United Methodist 2000 Douglass Blvd.	Mary Nebelsick Pastor, Bardstown Rd. Presbyterian

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 14 - **Al Rickert**
March 17 - **Archie Stephens**



Thank You, Deer Park Family

I appreciate all your kindnesses, notes and cards during my health challenges. Please continue to pray for me as I face future medical issues.

In Christian love,
Pat Platt

Deer Park Stats 2/25/2018

Worship	58
Sunday School	36
Budget Received	\$2,985.00 (67%)
Weekly Budget Needed	\$4,448.00
Budget Needs Y-T-D	\$151,232.00
Budget Gifts Y-T-D	\$157,069.00

Easter Lilies

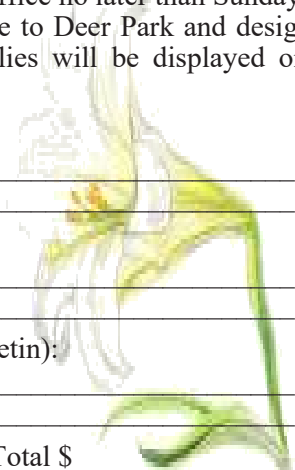
If you would like to order an Easter lily, please return this form along with \$8.00 to the church office. These order forms must be received by the office no later than Sunday, March 25. Make checks payable to Deer Park and designate as "Easter Lilies." The lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday, April 1.

In Honor Of:

In Memory Of:

Given By (name(s) to list in bulletin):

Quantity _____ x \$8 = Total \$ _____



News, Notes and Events

- 2018 VBS will be held from Wed., June 13-Sun., June 17. Times to be announced.
- Mary Dauenhauer's new address in NY until March 15: 808 Columbus Ave. #7N, New York, NY 10025
- The March/April *Nurturing Faith* magazine and the Spring *Open Windows* devotionals are both available on tables throughout the church.

Deacon on Call

Tom Coursen serves as the Deacon on Call from this coming Sunday through Saturday, March 10. He is available to minister in Christ's name to Deer Park families and individuals.



The Lord's Supper

On Sunday, March 4, 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.

TOPICS OF INTEREST SURVEY

Please list any topics/subjects you are interested in studying in a church group and return this form to the church office or place it in

Name: _____