

The Deer Parker

March 7, 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 11. This year's focus is on how Baptists are ministering to internationals and refugees in our nation as well as the work of language/ethnic congregations in sharing the Gospel. Our Missions Committee has set the financial goal for this year's offering at \$650.00. Offering envelopes will also be made available.

On Wednesday, March 14, during the Midweek Prayer Service, we will have an emphasis on North American missions work.



70th Wedding Anniversary

Jim and Robbie Coulter wish to invite everyone to a celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, March 18 at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. They will provide the chicken, ham and desserts. If you are going, please bring a salad or vegetable dish to share.

From the Pastor

All of us, at one time or another, will be on the receiving side of persons or a group of Deer Parkers showing loving care. Whether we receive a card, a call, a casserole, or a plate of cookies, we know how important these gestures are when we have something to mourn, or celebrate, or from which to heal.

Persons and groups who do these ministries of love and care know what a blessing it is to make these acts of kindness. They are demonstrating graciousness and compassion in many ways, depending on what they love to do or know how to do.

Some love to cook. Some are comfortable with calling or visiting, while others prefer to write cards or send emails. We do what we can when we can, knowing that any form of love, no matter how small, is important when we are on the receiving side.

What about providing a little more organizing to our caregiving? Here's a way to consider our ongoing caregiving: Willing persons meet once a week to discuss caregiving concerns, pray, write cards, and take a short list of names either to call or visit that week. No one needs to attend every time the group meets, but each tries to participate as often as they are able. Why not start the week after Easter in early April? I presented this plan to our deacons this week but I am encouraging anyone who may wish to help. Let me know or call the office if you are interested. Then we'll select days and times.

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

Saturday, March 10

9:30 a.m. - The Gathering



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 11.

New Discussion/Study Group

Jonathan O'Keefe would like to invite members, visitors or neighbors to a monthly discussion/study to consider theological issues in order to equip Christians to "make a defense" for the Gospel. They will meet at Safai Coffee Shop. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jonathan.

Dear friends,

Mary and I want to thank everyone for your ongoing prayer support these past weeks. Both of her eye surgeries have been successful. I received a full-face text image from her that awes me at what the surgeons were able to do. She is still bruised and swollen, but she looks like herself again. She is able to read normal print by closing one eye at a time, so her vision will be normal again soon! Thank you, dear friends.

Pat Pfeiffer

HCM Lenten Lunches and Devotions

Please join us the next three 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.

This week’s lunch will be on March 8 at Strathmoor Presbyterian Church, 2201 Hawthorne Ave. The meditation will be given by Darren Brandon, Pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 18 - Barbara Hightower
March 21 - Stacey Butler
March 22 - James Lee

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order an Easter lily, please return this form along with \$7.00 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:

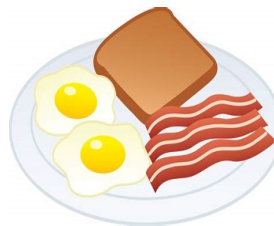
Given By (name(s) to list in bulletin):

Quantity _____ x \$7 = Total \$ _____



News, Notes and Events

- 2018 VBS will be held from Wednesday, June 20-Sunday, June 24. 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.



Easter Breakfast

Please join us Easter morning for breakfast. We will start serving at 8:45 a.m. through 9:30 a.m. If you would like to help prepare and/or serve this meal please contact Becky Houston.

Deer Park Stats 3/4/2018

Worship	73
Sunday School	41
Budget Received	\$5,252.00 (118%)
Weekly Budget Needed	\$4,448.00
Budget Needs Y-T-D	\$155,680.00
Budget Gifts Y-T-D	\$162,321.00

Deacon on Call

Jerry Houston serves as the Deacon on Call from this coming Sunday through Saturday, March 24. He is available to minister in Christ’s name to Deer Park families and individuals.



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 the offering plate on Sunday.

Name: _____