

The Deer Parker

April 11, 2018



Benevolence Fund

For many decades our church has had a Benevolence Fund. It has also been called the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Money given to this special, non-budget account may be used - at the pastor's discretion - to provide emergency financial assistance to individuals or families in the church.

Over the past year especially, many persons have received help through the Benevolence Fund. The balance in the fund is low at the moment. If you wish to make contributions to this special, emergency fund please do so at any time. Before long someone will be able to receive emergency support through the provision of other members of Deer Park. Please write "Benevolence Fund" in the memo line of any donation. Many thanks in advance for considering participating in ministry to those in need.

The Gathering

Saturday, April 14

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**Come and help lend a hand
in this monthly ministry
to our community.**

Wednesday Nights at Deer Park

It's no secret but maybe not everyone knows the warm, rich experience many of us have in the middle of every week at church. Becky Houston and volunteers prepare a delicious, nutritious meal. We enjoy conversation around the dinner table. We sing, pray and study the Bible together after our meal. Then the Chancel Choir practices, others have meetings or just continue the time of fellowship. Come next Wednesday if you are not already participating. I believe you'll be blessed and you'll be a blessing.

David Platt



A New Caregiving Ministry

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 who do these acts of love know what a blessing it is to do them. They are demonstrating graciousness and compassion in many ways. Some love to cook. Others prefer not to do so. 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 gesture 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, take a short list of names either to call or visit that week. Perhaps consider who may need a special meal from another member that week.
- No one needs to attend every time the group meets, but each tries to participate as often as they are able.
- Let me know or call the office if you are interested in serving on a once or twice a month basis.
- I would like to start this new ministry on **Tuesday, April 24th at 10:00 a.m.** We'll meet in the office. Some deacons have already signed up to help.

Whenever we can express caring support to one another we are "bearing one another's burdens . . . and fulfilling the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

David Platt

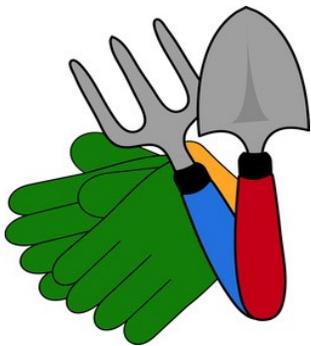
WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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 Svc.
7:00 pm - Choir Practice



Gardening Needs

Over the winter months a lot of debris has accumulated in the church's flower beds. The beds and our grounds are in need of a good weeding and cleaning out. We are looking for anyone interested in helping clean out our flower beds and plant new flowers. If you

would like to volunteer please call the church office or get in touch with one of our Trustees.

Baptist World Alliance Prayer Updates

“Baptists Praying Together” is the weekly prayer letter from the Baptist World Alliance. Each Monday a new list of countries where Baptist congregations worship and minister will be posted on our bulletin boards. You can access the list each week by going to “Baptist World Alliance” online and clicking on “Resources.”

On Sunday, May 6, we will have our annual offering for the work of the BWA. Look for information in next week's newsletter.

News, Notes and Events

- If you plan to attend the Wednesday Night supper please call the church office to register if you are not already on the list.
- Volunteers are needed to work the Highland Community Ministry's Dare to Care Food Pantry. If interested please call HCM at 502-451-3695.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**April 23 - Jim Bevins, John Eberman,
Ron Ragsdale & Betty Tucker**
April 26 - Beth Gaba & Mike Ray

Resettlement

Many thanks to everyone who helped with Ernestine Campbell's resettlement: Diana Hooker, Greg Hardin, Pat Pfeiffer, Lynn and Linda Roberts, Thresa Bingman, Becky and Jerry Houston, Carolyn Scharf, Lisa and Jonathan O'Keefe and Bill Earp.

Gifts Received . . . In memory of . . .

Doug Dauenhauer

From: Mary Dauenhauer



Deacon on Call

Adrian Cooksey serves as the Deacon on Call from this coming Sunday through Saturday, April 21. He is available to minister in Christ's name to Deer Park families and individuals.

Deer Park Stats 4/8/2018

Worship	67
Sunday School	39
Budget Received	\$2,828.00 (64%)
Weekly Budget Needed	\$4,448.00
Budget Needs Y-T-D	\$169,024.00
Budget Gifts Y-T-D	\$176,630.00