

# The Deer Parker

April 18, 2018



Each Sunday in worship there is a portion of the service devoted to praying for specific individual's needs, local concerns, upcoming surgeries, thanksgivings and joys. It's the time we have the pastoral prayer. It is my responsibility and deep honor to offer a prayer of petition, intercession and commitment with and on behalf of the church. When you hear a particular person mentioned, won't you take that moment to make a mental note to provide your own follow-up ministry of care? You can continue to pray for those mentioned, contact them through a card, call or visit.

It may seem unnecessary for me to remind you to do this kind of ministry, yet it is part of our purpose as the Body of Christ to share life together, in partnership with our Lord. (This is the literal meaning of the word koinonia that Paul used so often referring to the work of the church.) Paul closes his letter to Titus with this admonition: "And let the people learn to devote themselves to good works in order to meet urgent needs" (3:14). We have the same job.

*David Platt*

Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for joining me in prayer over Vacation Bible School. This week's prayer verse is 2 Peter 1:3 which reads, "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." Please prayerfully consider how God can use you and your spiritual gifts during this important ministry opportunity to the families in our community.

The Deer Park Apologetics Club will have its first meeting on Thurs., June 14. The books for our first study have arrived and we are excited about studying the resurrection. We have reached out to the community and have already had commitments from two people that are not members of Deer Park! Praise the Lord! Please pray for this opportunity both to disciple brothers and sisters and also to share the Gospel with non-believers.

Soon I will have exciting news about the next Parents' Night Out and a VBS kick-off celebration. These will be fun ways to reach kids in our community and share with them the love of our Savior.

I am blessed to have the opportunity to serve along with you to grow our family of faith.

In Christ,  
*Jonathan O'Keefe*



## Caregiving Ministry

At one time or another, all of us will be on the receiving side of persons or a group of Deer Parkers who show loving care. Whether we receive a card, a call, a casserole, or a plate of cookies, we know how vital these gestures are.

In order to provide more organizing to our caregiving we are beginning a new ministry. Willing persons will meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to discuss caregiving concerns, pray, write cards, 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. Call the office if you are interested in serving on a once or twice a month basis. We will start this new ministry on **Tuesday, April 24th at 10:00 a.m.**, meeting at the church. For more information, please see the pastor.

## Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Kentucky Spring Gathering 2018

*"Who is My Neighbor?"*

Friday - Saturday, April 20-21

St. Stephen Church  
757 So. Woodland Drive  
Radcliff, KY 40160

Register at [office@cbfky.org](mailto:office@cbfky.org)  
or call Peggy Foskett at 502-426-1931  
Cost = FREE

**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



**Baptist World Alliance Day and Offering**

Baptist World Alliance Day 2018 is the day Baptists are encouraged to worship together and pray for one another in their churches. At Deer Park, we will celebrate BWA Day on **Sunday, May 7.**

This day was originally established as “Baptist World Sunday,” in 1927, when the BWA Executive Committee, meeting in London, asked President Edgar Mullins and General Secretary John Rushbrooke to prepare a “Special Statement” to express clearly the purpose of the BWA. The Statement emphasized that the BWA “seeks to express and promote unity and fellowship among the Baptists of the world.”

This annual emphasis is aimed at affirming Baptist identity within the worldwide Christian family. We who are Baptists are encouraged to pray for each other and renew their commitment to cooperate with Baptists globally through the BWA. Resource materials will be distributed in worship on May 7. It is also the one-time each year when we collect a BWA offering for mission work throughout the world. Special envelopes will be available.

**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.
- The next Church Council will meet on Tues., May 8
- The next Quarterly Business Meeting will be on Wed., May 23, at 6:15 p.m.



**Highlands Court Apartments Bible Study and Devotion**

Tuesday, April 24, 2:00 p.m.

Join the residents of Highlands Court as we study the Bible and have prayer together. Our pastor leads this monthly meeting which is held at 1720 Richmond Avenue (between Newburg Road and Norris Place).

**The Gathering Needs**

The ministry of The Gathering once again wants to be able to provide fans for people without air conditioning during the warm summer months. If you have a new or gently used fan that you would like to donate, please bring it to the church and place it on the stage in Centennial Hall. Fans will be distributed in June.



**Deacon on Call**

Pat Pfeiffer serves as the Deacon on Call from this coming Sun. through Sat., May 5. She is available to minister in Christ’s name to Deer Park families and individuals.

**Deer Park Stats 4/15/2018**

Worship	60
Sunday School	37
Budget Received	\$3,462.00 (78%)
Weekly Budget Needed	\$4,448.00
Budget Needs Y-T-D	\$173,472.00
Budget Gifts Y-T-D	\$180,092.00