

The Deer Parker

May 9, 2018



From the Pastor

This Sunday is Mother's Day. During phone calls or visits around the dinner table, many of us will have an opportunity to express our love and appreciation to our mothers, grandmothers, or the mother of our children. Others, through memory and reflection, will give thanks for the influence of a mother who is now gone to be with the Lord. Still others will give thanks for women who have been like a mother during crucial seasons of life.

The love of a faithful mother is a tender expression of the love of our faithful God. John Killinger, who preceded me as pastor of Raritan Valley Baptist Church in Edison, NJ, wrote a beautiful prayer a few years ago. In it he expresses an affirmation of faith, accenting the love of a mother and confirming the love of God.

*I believe in Jesus Christ,
the Son of the loving God, who was born
of the promise to a virgin named Mary.*

*I believe in the love Mary gave her son,
that caused her to follow him in his ministry
and stand by his cross as he died.*

*I believe in the love of all mothers,
and its importance in the lives of the children
they bear. It is stronger than steel, softer than
down, and more resilient than a green sapling
on the hillside. It closes wounds, melts disappointments,
and enables the weakest child to
stand tall and straight in the fields of adversity.*

*I believe that this love, even at its best,
is only a shadow of the love of God,
a dark reflection of all that
we can expect of him,
both in this life and the next.*

*And I believe that one of
the most beautiful sights
in the world is a mother
who lets this greater love flow
through her to her child,
blessing the world with
the tenderness of her touch
and the tears of her joy.*

David Platt



PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

**Friday, June 1
5:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

Volunteers needed.
If you wish to help with this
children's outreach and build-up to VBS
please contact Jonathan O'Keefe.

Quarterly Business Meeting May 23, 6:15 p.m.

The proposed budget for 2018-19 will be presented by the Finance Committee for discussion. The actual vote will be on Sunday, May 27.

Supper begins at 5:30 p.m. If you are not on the regular Wednesday night supper list and wish to participate, please sign up by calling the church office.



A Celebration of the
Christian Home
Worship on Sunday
May 13 at 10:45 a.m.
Mother's Day



Roofing repairs have begun this week!

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
May 20 - Geri Meyers
May 22 - Greg Hardin
May 25 - Tim Bobbie

The Clothes Closet Needs

Rain ponchos; sheets (please mark sizes); towels and wash cloths.

Women's: casual spring/summer tops, pants and shorts in sizes 1X - 4X (please note, size XL and 1X are not the same size. 1X is cut shorter in length and fuller in the body than XL); sneakers, all sizes.

Men's: casual tee shirts, jog pants and shorts (elastic waist) Med. - 4X; light weight/khaki pants (all colors); walking shorts in waist sizes 29 - 34, and 46 - 50; sneakers, work shoes and boots, all sizes, especially 10 and larger; cotton crew socks.

Thank you for your continued support of this mission that our Lord has blessed so greatly at Deer Park Baptist Church. Please ask family and friends to donate their gently used clothing to The Clothes Closet. A tax receipt can be picked up at the office. If at any time you or someone wanting to donate clothing has a question, please ask or call Brenda Woosley or Rachel Eberman.

Baptist World Alliance Day Offering

As of Sunday, May 6, we have received \$125.00 for the Baptist World Alliance offering. Offering envelopes are available in the atrium and the office if you wish to make a donation.



Deacon on Call

Steve Childress serves as the Deacon on Call through Saturday, May 19. He is available to minister in Christ's name to Deer Park families and individuals.

News, Notes and Events

- Help is needed to do some yard clean-up, especially in the area in the front of the church. See a Trustee or call the office to volunteer.
- Vacation Bible School will be on Wed. - Fri., June 20 - 22, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Sat. - Sun., June 23 - 24, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
- Would you like to donate stamps, or boxes of cards for our Caregiving Team to use? Each Tuesday at 10 a.m. a small group meets in the office to send cards and notes to church members and guests.

Reception for Wes Sparkmon

After worship this coming Sunday, May 13, we will have a reception for Wes Sparkmon as he leaves to begin his PhD studies at the University of Mississippi. Cake and punch will be served.

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.

Deer Park Stats 5/6/2018

Worship	71
Sunday School	36
Budget Received	\$3,894.00 (88%)
Weekly Budget Needed	\$4,448.00
Budget Needs Y-T-D	\$182,368.00
Budget Gifts Y-T-D	\$190,707.00