

The Deer Parker

May 30, 2018



Guest Preacher

Dr. Wallace Williams has lived in 10 states during his lifetime but calls Kentucky home. In 2007 he retired to the Georgetown College area where he earned his first degree, met and married his wife Judith, and has daily access to his three grandchildren. His daughter Cynthia Williams Insko, is Minister to Children and Spiritual Formation at First Baptist Church, in Frankfort, KY. Son Peter and his wife live in Philadelphia where he is a librarian at the Curtis Institute of Music.

Dr. Williams holds an M.Div. and Ph.D. in Christian Ethics from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a B.A. (Georgetown College) and M.A. (Univ. of KY) in English Literature. In his last full-time position Williams was an Associate Dean and Associate Professor at Beeson Divinity School of Samford Univ., Birmingham, AL, for 14 years. Before moving to Birmingham, Dr. Williams had been a pastor in 3 states for over 22 years and for 5 years the State Executive Director-Treasurer for the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey.

He has also enjoyed serving as interim pastor of 8 different churches (large and small) in 3 states, most recently at Georgetown Baptist Church, Georgetown, KY, Midway Baptist Church, Midway, KY, and Mallard Point Baptist Church near Georgetown.

In his 50 plus years of ministry Dr. Williams has preached and taught seminars in 28 states and 5 other nations. In the 1980s Dr. Platt and Dr. Williams were neighboring pastors in New Jersey. Dr. Williams considers it an honor to fill his pulpit.

From the Pastor

In recent weeks, we have been called as a congregation to be faithful intercessors for many in our church family. We likely are getting a better understanding of why Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing." He expresses a similar thought in Romans 1:9 when he thanks the church in Rome that "God is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers."

Our prayers for those who are in critical periods of life call for us also to embrace the disciplines of devotional reading and meditation on Scripture each new day. And we do not turn to these disciplines simply for the sake of personal enrichment. We do them for the sake of koinonia or the shared, common life we experience as a church family.

Surely we know that prayer is not a resource to be utilized only in times of crises or thanksgiving. It is, instead, about a relationship with God that serves as the lifeblood of our congregational care. Ministering to others in Jesus' name that arises from prayer and leads back to prayer is ministry and caregiving with God at its center. Such outreach is not the purview of pastors or counselors or church staff exclusively. Indeed it is the responsibility of each member of the community of faith.

But we cannot offer to another what we do not already claim for ourselves. In order to be engaged in meaningful caregiving and outreach to others, we must have tended to our own souls. We must first have prayed for ourselves before we can pray for someone else.

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PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you wish to help please contact
Jonathan O'Keefe.

Vacation Bible School

Wed.-Fri., June 20-22

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. &

Sat.-Sun., June 23-24,

10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon



Our 2018 VBS theme invites your kids to grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and tune up their instruments. As they fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drumline, your players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook. He wants them to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another. Get in the spirit today with Game On! VBS.

VBS Planning Meeting

Sunday, June 3

immediately following worship

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

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Likewise, we must have listened to our own hearts and reflected on our own wounds before we can absorb the intimate utterances of another person. This kind of burden bearing and burden sharing requires the strength only found in Christ. And we enter Christ's presence through prayer.

When we pray for and with one another, catch a glimpse of the interwovenness of our lives with those of others. In praying for them, we become aware of the hidden ways God knits people together into a single fabric. Let us keep on praying in blessed communion with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

David Platt

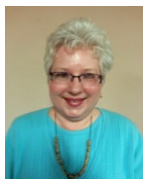
The Lord's Supper

On Sunday, June 3, 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.



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

Mary Jane Middlebrooks serves as the Deacon on Call through Saturday, June 16. She is available to minister in Christ's name to Deer Park families and individuals.

*We express our sympathy
as a congregation to . . .*

Our deepest sympathies...

Erin and Travis Zimmer in the death of her husband and his father, Ed Zimmer. Ed died on May 22 at Norton Hospital. He was the son-in-law of members Steve and Brenda Childress. The funeral was held at Deer Park on Friday, May 25.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 12 - Geri Olin & Samantha Newton

Summer Schedule

Our annual break of Wednesday evening activities will begin on June 27 and continue through July 25. For those weeks there will be no supper, midweek prayer service or choir practice. We will resume the supper and midweek service on August 1.

News, Notes and Events

- On Wednesday, May 30, Jonathan O'Keefe will be teaching on Atonement at the Midweek Prayer Meeting.
- The next deacon meeting will be on Monday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m.
- The giving amount for Baptist World Alliance during May was \$437.00.

Deer Park Stats 5/27/2018

Worship	54
Sunday School	29
Budget Received	\$1,737.00 (39%)
Weekly Budget Needed	\$4,448.00
Budget Needs Y-T-D	\$213,523.00
Budget Gifts Y-T-D	\$208,276.00