

The Deer Parker

June 6, 2018



Jonathan O'Keefe Preaching

Remember to be in prayer for Jonathan O'Keefe, our Associate Minister with Youth, Young Adults and Families as he brings the message on Sunday, June 10.



In a recent article in the *Christian Century* magazine, an interview was being conducted with former President Jimmy Carter about his new book, *Faith: A Journey for All*. The following is an excerpt from that article:

Jimmy Carter served as president of the United States from 1977 to 1981. In 1982, Carter and his wife, Rosalynn founded the Carter Center, which works across the world to advance human rights and alleviate suffering. In 2002, Carter was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his peacemaking efforts. At age 93, he teaches courses at Emory University, volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, and teaches

Sunday school at the Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia. His new book, *Faith: A Journey for All* has just been released.

President Carter was asked: If you could see God face to face, what's the first thing you'd say? What's the first question you'd ask? He answered:

"That question was asked in *USA Today* magazine a few years ago, and the question a lot of people wanted to ask God was: 'What is my purpose in life?' Questions of purpose are important. But I think I would be in a mode of thanksgiving.

As I've gotten older and older, I've changed more from entreaties—from asking God for things for the people I love—to just being thankful for the blessings that I've received. I try to remind myself during each day about all the wonderful things that God has let me have: not only life but also freedom to act as I want to. God has given every person not only life and freedom but also the capabilities to live a successful life—at least as measured by God. Those are wonderful gifts that we have received, and I try to remind myself to be thankful for them."

David Platt

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 p.m.



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.**

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

June 19 - Steve Childress

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 at the June 9 Gathering.

News, Notes and Events

- On Wednesday, June 6, Mary Jane Middlebrooks will be leading us to experience a time of oasis in Elim at the Midweek Prayer Meeting. Curious? See Exodus 15.
- The next deacon meeting will be on Monday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m.
- The 2018-2019 budget was approved on Sunday, June 3.
- We are having a summer food drive for Highlands Community Ministries Dare-to-Care food bank. Deer Park has been asked to collect *RICE* (boxed or plain) to help replenish their shelves.

Deer Park Stats 6/3/2018

Worship	57
Sunday School	36
Budget Received	\$4,534.00 (102%)
Weekly Budget Needed	\$4,448.00
Budget Needs Y-T-D	\$217,971.00
Budget Gifts Y-T-D	\$212,810.00

We express our sympathy as a congregation to . . . the family of Liz Tunks in her death, on Friday, June 1. Visitation will be held at Deer Park on Thursday, June 7, at 10:00 a.m. with the funeral at 11:00 a.m. There will be a luncheon immediately following the service.



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.

Back to School Supplies Needed

Highlands Community Ministry school supplies are needed by **July 22** for the coming school year. Collection boxes have been placed in the hallways. Listed below are the items needed. Monetary contributions are also accepted for purchasing these supplies. See Brenda Childress for additional information.



Glue Sticks	Highlighters	#2 Pencil packs
Folders, 2-pocket	Filler paper - college ruled	Pens—black ink (packages)
Folders, 2-pocket/prongs	Filler paper - wide ruled	Markers, regular

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.

