



### Women’s Ministry Save the Date!

The Annual Ladies Ornament Exchange has been scheduled for *Thursday, December 19th!* This yearly event is always a great time of fellowship and fun for our Deer Park Women’s Ministry. More information will be coming! Watch for specific updates and information on this event in the Weekly Announcement Bulletin!

### From the Financial Office of Deer Park Baptist Church

This is an end of year reminder that contributions to be credited for 2024 need to be postmarked by December 31st if mailed. If we receive contributions in the first week of January, they can be credited for 2024 if they are postmarked by the December 31st date. Please contact Gene Retherford, Financial Secretary, in the church office for more information or any questions that you may have. Thank you!

### Church Business Meeting

Wednesday, December 18th - 6 P.M.

Worship Center

Deer Park Baptist Church Staff - 843.553.1172

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Miscellaneous & Save the Date



### From Our Pastor Stephen Carr

I am thankful to be a part of a church that invests so much time, energy, and resources to spread the love of Jesus locally and around the world. I was touched to see so many people working tirelessly to organize and pack over 1,600 shoeboxes. Each shoebox represents a child somewhere in the world that will receive probably the greatest gift they have ever been given in the contents of that shoebox, but most importantly they will learn about the love that Jesus has for them. Thank you for helping us exceed our shoebox goal for 2024.

Each week I watch our Food Pantry volunteers work tirelessly to meet the needs of so many food insecure people that live around the church. Each month dozens of families are given food to help them have the nourishment that each one of us requires. Thank you to our Food Pantry and FoodShare volunteers!

Now we are transitioning from our Thanksgiving celebrations to the celebration of the miraculous birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During the month of December, we will have a sermon series focusing on “Hope Fulfilled: Waiting for Christmas.” Andrew and I will be preaching messages that will focus on the time when the world was waiting for the arrival of God’s promised Messiah. I hope that you will join us in worship each Sunday as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

I want to ask you to continue to prayerfully consider your financial support of the ministries at Deer Park. I have mentioned before that the church has been operating out of a financial deficit during 2024. I am thankful that we have financial reserves that have accumulated over the years, however, we cannot operate from the reserves for too long. It is my prayer that we can finish 2024 with a strong giving month to help us begin 2025 in a healthy financial position. Thank you for praying about your giving and then giving faithfully as God leads you.

Finally, we will have our year-end business meeting on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00 P.M. in the worship center. During the business meeting we will vote on our proposed 2025 operating budget as well as electing people for different positions of leadership in the church. I will also give an update on our Church Renewal/Revitalization process. Please make plans to attend this important meeting.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday morning in Sunday School at 9:45 and worship at 11:00.

I Love Being Your Pastor!  
Stephen



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🎄 HEY COLLEGE STUDENTS, IT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY TIME! 🎄

Revive College Ministry invites YOU to kick off the holiday season with us at our Christmas Party!

 **When:** Tuesday, December 3 | 6:00 PM

 **Where:** The home of Jeanne and Matt Carr  
(Address provided upon RSVP)

🌟 **What's Happening:**

🎁 Festive holiday fun

🍪 Delicious food & treats

🎄 A chance to relax, connect, and celebrate the joy of the season

Come ready to laugh, feast, and make some holiday memories with your Revive family!

Feel free to bring a friend—this is the perfect time to spread some Christmas cheer.

**We can't wait to celebrate with you!** 🎅

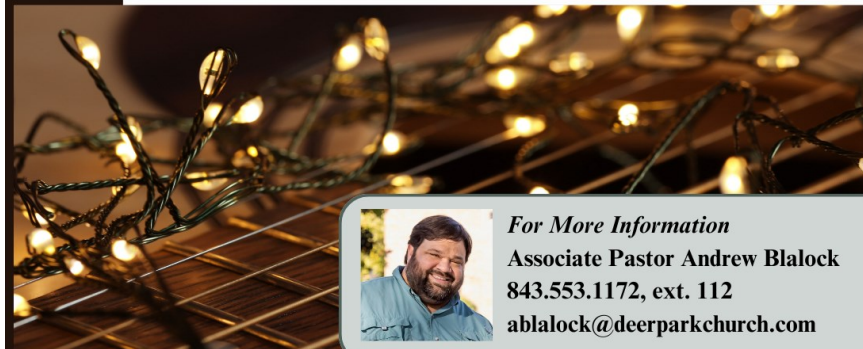
**Second Sunday - Join us after worship for lunch on Sunday December 8!**



**MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US AT OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
SUNDAY MORNING (9:45 A.M. AT DEER PARK) AND  
TUESDAY NIGHT (6:00 P.M. AT ANDREW & KELLY'S HOUSE) MEETINGS.**



REVIVE College Ministry



UPPER ROOM

DEER PARK STUDENTS 11 AM - 4:12 PM



*For More Information*  
Associate Pastor Andrew Blalock  
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**From Our Associate Pastor Andrew Blalock**



🎄 **YOU'RE INVITED TO JINGLE JAM!** 🎄

Hey Deer Park Students, are you ready to sleigh this Christmas season? 🎅 Join us on Sunday, December 15th, from 5:30–7:00 PM for an unforgettable night of fun, laughter, and holiday cheer!

🌟 **What to Expect:**

🎤 Christmas Karaoke – Belt out your favorite holiday jams and show off your fa-la-la-la-la fabulous talent!

🎄 Anything But a Christmas Tree Contest – Get creative! Decorate ANYTHING (except an actual tree) to spread the Christmas spirit. Prizes will be awarded for the most clever and festive creations!

🌍 Highlighting International Mission Work – Celebrate the true meaning of the season as we hear stories about how Christmas joy is shared across the globe. Invite your friends, wear your most festive outfit, and don't miss this epic celebration of Jesus' birth and the season of giving!

 **Where:** Deer Park Baptist Church

 **When:** Sunday, December 15th | 5:30 – 7:00 PM

 **Who's Invited?** YOU (and bring a friend!)

**Let's make this a night to remember. See you there!**

Upper Room Student Ministry

Want to stay in the loop with all things Deer Park Student Ministry?  
■ Sign up for our text updates! Be the first to know about events, important announcements, and ways to grow in your faith. Students, text "Students" to +1(833)285-1862 to join. Parents, text "Parents" to +1(833)285-1862 to join. Don't miss out—stay connected and informed!





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Deer Park - Ladies Port Authority Silk Touch Performance Polo  
From \$28.99



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From \$28.99



Gildan Heavy Cotton T-Shirt  
From \$13.99



Port Authority Silk Touch Performance Polo  
From \$28.99



Port Authority Snapback Trucker Cap  
\$21.99



Toddler Jersey Tee  
\$14.99



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Hello Deer Park Church,  
We have had a wonderful month at the preschool learning all about God's creation and the beautiful season of Fall! Students also learned all about the Native Americans and the Pilgrims. This past week we had a Thanksgiving Feast and parents were invited to enjoy pie with their preschoolers. As a way to give back, our school enjoyed holding a canned food drive. Parents and staff were able to donate two big boxes to the food pantry. We are thankful to God for all he has blessed us with this year.

As we start to look ahead to the new year, please be praying that we will continue to grow the number of students at our school. Please also continue to pray for God to fill our open teaching position. Please pray for wisdom for the admin team as they make plans for the upcoming school year.

Thank you!  
*Katie Guffey,*  
Director



Child Development Center



*"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever."*  
1 Chronicles 16:34





Deer Park Kids Children's Ministry

### Update Letter from our GA/RA Leaders

GA/RA have been busy this quarter! In September we learned about Southern Baptist missionaries Jason and Cassie Harris and the city and culture of Paris, France. We learned what it meant to plant churches and how God uses the Harris family's many talents and skills to share Jesus' love with others. We also visited a nursing home and played Bingo with the residents. Everyone had a great time!



In October we learned how Michelle and Buddy Newsome became followers of Jesus and started using their hobby of riding motorcycles to tell others about Jesus.



In November we went to South America and learned the great need for its people to know they are loved so much. God loves us so much, which is why we take the good news about Jesus to other peoples anywhere they live.

John 11:25 "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even if they die."

*Sondra Kucklick & Richard Beasley*  
GA/RA Leaders



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Please join DP Kids for a

# Christmas Party

5.30 PM

Sunday 15th December

**GA/RAs Room (Upstairs in Education Wing)**

All kids from Pre-K to 5th are Welcome to participate in a Christmas Scavenger Hunt, Games, Pizza and Fun!

Please bring a \$10 gift to exchange!





**Deer Park packed 1607 shoeboxes this year! (Goal: 1500)**  
**Deer Park Drop Off crated & delivered 2,991 shoeboxes**  
**with the help of 20 volunteers!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
*Cindy Watts*  
 843.834.0697

Every shoebox is a Gospel opportunity. When considering that each box reaches an average of 10 people (child, family and friends), Deer Park's shoeboxes may impact over 16,000 people with the good news of Christ! What a blessing and privilege to be involved in reaching others globally with the gospel.

**A huge THANK YOU to all who participated...**

- \*Those who gave items and funding
- \*Those who worked all year gathering, sorting, and preparing items
- \*Those who sewed, crocheted, & made personal items
- \*Those who came and helped assemble over 1600 shoeboxes
- \*Those who worked tirelessly preparing for the packing party and working the drop off site!!  
 (We were open for 8 straight days.)
- \*Those who packed shoeboxes
- \*Those who loaded and transported shoeboxes
- \*And those who prayed!

This ministry is truly a community effort.  
 Continue to pray for the children and families touched by this ministry.

Donations for processing will be accepted through December 31st. As of Monday,  
 \$6,550.00 has been received.

Click the QR Code to donate funds for processing and shipping.  
 Donations for processing will be accepted through December 31st!



# DEER PARK Bulldog Buddies



## Angel Tree

**Sunday, November 30th through Friday, December 12th**  
 Help provide Christmas gifts for 25 children.

- \* Choose angels from Worship Center tree and sign log by the tree.
- \*Some angels may have a QR code for optional purchasing.
- \*Gifts must be new and **unwrapped**. They will be placed in gift bags for each child prior to delivery.
- \*Choose to shop and deliver gifts to the church office OR donate funding for a specific gift request. For funding, note Angel Tree.
- \*All gifts and funding are due by December 12th.
- \*Bring angel back with your gift.

***For more information, contact Denise Dawson, 843-901-4868.***

## Holiday Meals

- \*Christmas meals plus FoodShare will be provided for families.
- \*A meal will also be provided for the school staff and faculty.
- \*Additional food will be provided for BPB children to help cover the 10 days they are out of school without a school breakfast and lunch.

*Thank you for making a difference!*



For information on Bulldog Buddies, contact Cindy Watts at 843.834.0697

