MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ~ JANUARY 2025



Save the Date Events

Craft Day

Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Fellowship Hall

Contact Gene Retherford in the church office for more information!

Go-Getter's Senior Adult Ministry

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 1:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall

All Seniors, 50 years and older are invited to the first meeting of 2025! More information to follow in upcoming announcement bulletins!

Wishing Our Church Family a Happy & Blessed New Year!

From the Pastoral and Office Staff of Deer Park Baptist Church

Deer Park Baptist Church Staff - 843.553.1172

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From Our Pastor Stephen Carr

Every year, as I write my January newsletter article, I think, can it really be the beginning of another year? 2024 was a good year for my family and for our church family. While 2024 was a really good year, I am eager to see what happens in 2025! I am excited about beginning our Church Renewal/Revitalization process in the coming months. I will be sharing more information about this process over the coming weeks, but for now, I am asking every member and friend of Deer Park to commit to praying for the church daily and to support the church with your involvement and service. We have been given a new year to love and serve the Lord and to love and serve our neighbors, may we be faithful in doing so.

I want to ask each family, as you are planning for 2025, to plan your giving to the Lord through His church at Deer Park. The Lord is always faithful to provide for His children and for His church. His financial provision to His church relies on each one of us cheerfully giving what He puts on our hearts to give. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 teaches, "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also read bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." I promise that when you give cheerfully and obediently to the Lord, you will experience His blessing.

I am looking forward to serving with all of you in 2025. I cannot wait to see what doors the Lord opens for us to participate in His kingdom's work.

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



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I Love Being Your Pastor! Stephen



REVIVE 2025

From Our Associate Pastor Andrew Blalock

It's hard to believe the Fall Semester is already in the past, but I'm really excited for how God is going to work through Revive in 2025! (I made a rhyme...) Seriously, though, I believe that God has big plans for this ministry, and I can't wait to get together and start thinking big about how God is going to move! Join us for lunch after church on Second Sunday (January 12)! Tuesday Night Revive will start back at 6:00 PM on Tuesday January 14 at Andrew, Kelly, and KJ's house!

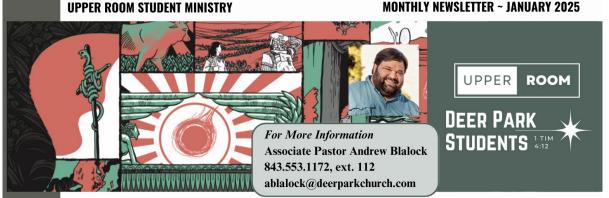
Calendar of Events

Sunday January 12 - Second Sunday (Lunch after morning worship) Tuesday January 14 - Revive 2025 Kickoff Party (Andrew, Kelly, and KJ's house)

Make plans to join us at our regularly scheduled Sunday morning (9:45 A.M. at Deer Park REVIVE Sunday School Room, (Matt Carr and Denise Dawson, Leaders) and Tuesday night (6:00 P.M. at Andrew & Kelly's house) meetings.



Student Ministry Room Upper



From Our Associate Pastor Andrew Blalock



Happy New Year! I'm so excited about what 2025 has in store for Deer Park Students. We have upcoming opportunities to participate in missions both near and far. We have upcoming training in evangelism using the Three Circles and Gospel Appointments. We are going to begin the year in the book of Exodus using the Gospel Projects Law and Life Unit, and we have so many fun events planned for this year. I can't wait to kick it off!

Calendar of Events	(Morning at 9:45 A.M.)	Evening (5:30 P.M7:00 P.M.)
January 5, 2025	Gospel Project: On Holy Ground	No Activities
January 12, 2025	Gospel Project: Let My People Go	Youth Volunteer Leader Training
January 19, 2025	Gospel Project: The Lord Will Fight For You	No Activities
January 26, 2025	Gospel Project: Bread From Heaven	Church-Wide Chili Cook-Off



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 Deer Park - Port Authority Silk Touch Gildan Heavy Cotton T-Shirt Touch Performance Polo

From \$28.99





Performance Polo

From \$28.99





From \$13.99





Port Authority Silk Touch Performance Polo







Port Authority Snapback Trucker Cap Toddler Jersey Tee















Go-Getter's Senior Adult Ministry

We sure hope all you Go-Getters had a wonderful time over Christmas and that you are all looking forward to a big 2025!

Our first meeting of the New Year will be Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share for our meal. For entertainment, we have invited Kirstin Tanner to come to sing for us. Kirstin has been several times and we look forward to having her once again.

All of you age 50 or older are invited to join us for an afternoon of Christian fellowship, a potluck meal, entertainment and door prizes, so please come and give Go-Getters a try.

Travel: Our group of seven who went on the Mike's Farm and Myrtle Beach one night trip in mid December had a really fun time. We wish more of you could have gone.

Missions:

For 2025, we will continue to support the Christmas Prisoner Kits by collecting items during the year for distribution at the end of 2025. For January, we will be collecting 4 oz to 6 oz toothpaste (no travel size). The approved packing list from the SC Department of Corrections is listed below. We will have a featured item each meeting; however, you may bring any of the items listed below to any of our meetings.

Christmas Kit Packing List:

- >One black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color pen)
- >One writing tablet no larger than 5"x8" (no wire bound or composition books)
- >One adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)
- >One 4 oz to 6 oz toothpaste (no travel size)
- >One 3.2 to 6 oz bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped/unboxed bars)
- >Two rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (No Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst or TicTacs).
- >Two first-class #10 Stamp-Embossed Envelopes (from US Post Office No regular stamps).

Notice: Please use extra caution as you enter our parking lot for our meetings as CDC will be dismissing the CDC children about the same time. Thank you so much.



Adult Ministry

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Go-Getter's

Happy New Year!!



COOK-OFF

01.26.25 **FELLOWSHIP HALL** 5:30 - 7 PM

Enter your chili in the contest for a chance to win a prize!

Contact Jeanne Carr with questions!





DEER PARK Bulldog Buddies



- Christmas gifts were provided for 28 children from ACC!
- Food, including holiday fare, were provided for 20+ families for Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Extra Back-Pack Buddies bags were distributed for children to help cover food insecurity during the fall and winter breaks.
- A meal was catered for ACC staff and teachers, along with staff at Deer Park CDC.

There are still various opportunities for service. Call Cindy Watts (843.834.0697) for more information.



From an Angel Tree Child recipient:

Dios bendga a todas las personas que hicieron posibles paracomprar mis regalosy para todos ellos les deseo un feliz Navidad

(God bless all the people who made it possible to buy my gifts and for all of them I wish them a

Merry Christmas)



Thank you for making a difference!



20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Deer Park packed 1607 shoeboxes in 2024!

That's approximately 16,000+ people who will hear the Gospel and have an opportunity to respond!

Donations given for postage: \$15,960.00

Deer Park's shoeboxes have been sent to Colombia, Honduras and Mexico, Peru, Chili, Guinea (Africa), Burundi (Africa), & A "hard to reach" area!

Thank you for joining in this effort of global evangelism.

Join us in prayer as we seek God's direction in planning for 2025.



Child

Operation Christmas

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Cindy Watts

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