

Welcome Guests!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If this is your first time to visit with us, here is some information that may be helpful. If you need further assistance or have any questions, please feel free to ask an usher for help.

- **Please fill out the response card and place it in the offering plate at the end of the service.** This card is located in this folder and also has a place for prayer requests, comments and interest in church activities.
- **Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering.** The offering is for regular attenders who consider this their family of faith. As our guest, we only ask that you turn in your response card.
- **Please help minimize distractions during our worship services.** Turning off cell phones and pagers is very helpful. Also, please try not to leave the worship center once the message has begun.
- **Please visit our courtyard area located outside the worship center.** We have coffee, juice and donuts after our 8:00 a.m. Worship Service and before the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.
- **We offer quality childcare for children birth through 4 years during all worship services. For children Kindergarten-5th Grade, we offer a high-energy children's worship service called PowerHouse during the 10:45 service.** Both of these opportunities provide a warm, nurturing and well-supervised program for your child. Your child will most likely enjoy their time in these programs more than they would the worship service.

Again, thank you for being our guest. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact us.

Why We Exist

We are a family of faith encouraging all people to pursue a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

What does this life-changing relationship look like?

A person who "Invests Outwardly"

- They invest in other individuals' lives (Share Their Faith)
- They invest in their world (Missions)

A person who "Connects Inwardly"

- They are connected relationally to other followers of Christ (Fellowship)
- They are connected strategically to other followers of Christ (Ministry)

A person who "Engages Upwardly"

- They engage God as an individual (Individual Worship 24/7)
- They engage God with their family of faith (Corporate Worship)

A Deer Park Christmas

I want to thank everyone who participated in A Deer Park Christmas. It is great to see how God can bring together so many people to pull off such a large ministry project. Not only did we see decisions for Christ and re-commitments, I have seen many new friendships and relationships develop within the cast and crew. None of this would have been possible without God working through us. It is a blessing to be able to lead such a wonderful ministry event. I hope you all have a great Christmas.

Brett

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 6:00 p.m. is a family service. There will be no childcare available.

Sunday, December 30 is a fifth Sunday and will have a combined service @ 10:45 a.m. There **will be** regularly scheduled Sunday School, Adult Bible Fellowship and PowerHouse. There is no 8:00 a.m. service.

No Wednesday Night Activities

There will be no activities on Wednesday Dec. 26 or Jan. 2.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed December 24 & 25.

POINSETTIA'S

If you ordered a poinsettia, please plan on taking them home with you following the Christmas Eve Service or any time there after through the end of the month. Thank you for allowing us to enjoy them as a family of faith these last few weeks.

STAFF NEWS

Sandra Talbert is starting a "New Chapter" and retiring from Children's Ministry. We really appreciate the 22 1/2 years of dedicated service she has given Deer Park First Baptist Church. She will really be missed. We will honor Sandra on Wednesday, December 19 @ 6:15 p.m. in the gym. We invite you to take this opportunity to thank and encourage her with your cards and/or gifts of appreciation. These may be dropped off at the church office or brought that night. We'll include these cards in a gift box presented to her on December 19. Everyone is encouraged to join us as we celebrate what God has in store for Sandra in this "New Chapter" of her life and ministry. Come early & join us for our traditional Christmas dinner—but remember to make your meal reservation by Monday if you plan to attend the meal.

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

We have made a large step towards meeting our Blessed To Be A Blessing goal of \$70,000. So far we have received just over \$65,000. Let's all remember that actions, not good intentions, change our world! For those of you who have already given, THANK YOU! If you have not yet given, please continue to pray about what God would have you to give. I still believe I will be able to tell you to "stop giving" by the end of December. We are so blessed.

CHRISTMAS TOYS

Donation boxes are set out in the hallways of the Education building through December 17 to collect new toys for children in Deer Park. These toys will be used to meet specific needs in our community.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Important Dates:

ENGAGE Feb. 1– 3, 2008

REGISTRATION— Cost \$55

(Jan. 6 — \$65)

Speaker: James Tealy

Band: Addison Road

How can you help?

We are expecting 150 students to participate this year which means we need adults to help in many different areas. Some areas to consider volunteering in are: Host home, drivers, recreation, hospitality, set-up, food preparation & service/cleanup, decoration and prayer team. Please contact Melinda to help.

FINANCE

End of Year Contributions: In order to comply with IRS requirements regarding contributions, certain rules must be followed. If a contribution is to be posted to the 2007 giving record, that contribution must be received by midnight of December 31 or postmarked during 2007. We must be careful to follow the laws in this matter. Contributions received after the December 31 deadline will be placed on the 2008 record of giving.

Wednesdays @ DPFBC

December 19, 2007

FELLOWSHIP MEAL 5:15 p.m.

Catered Traditional Christmas Dinner

Thanks for serving & cleaning up!

Dec. 19: Adult 6-The Believers
Dec. 26 & Jan. 2: NO MEAL

RSVP-fill out the response card or call the church office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday (281-479-2391, x119).

PRAYER NEEDS

Becky Allen.....Bayshore
Lena Daniel.....Patient's
Ruth Grove.....Hermann SE
Carl Hoop.....MD Anderson
Clyde Watson.....Bayshore
Bill Wheeler.....Triumph

Our church wishes to express our deepest sympathy to: **Russell Talbert** and family on the death of his aunt, Olga Thurman.

VISIBLE RESULTS

December 9—Bible Fellowship.....423
December 9—Worship Services.....458

Actual Ending Nov. 30, 2007

YTD Budget Receipts.....\$954,966.92
YTD Budget Expenditures.....\$1,020,426.51
Receipts Vs Expenditures.....(\$65,459.59)

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers gracing the worship center this morning were placed in loving memory of Jodie Shetter by his loving wife, Nell, children, Randy & Rhonda

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 19.....Sandra's "New Chapter" Celebration
Dec. 24.....Candlelight Service
Dec. 24-25.....Christmas Holiday
(Church Office Closed)
Dec. 26.....No Fellowship Meal

Sandra's "New Chapter"

Join us Wednesday,
December 19 as we
come together to
celebrate Sandra's
"New Chapter"

More Details Inside

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Celebrate the
birth of Christ
with your
Family of Faith

Monday @ 6 p.m.

December 16, 2007
8:00 a.m.

Special Brett Mosser

Welcome Brett Mosser

Joy To The World #125
The First Noel #136

CIA Children's Choir

Prayer/Scripture Josh Arnett

O Little Town Of Bethlehem #141
His Name Is Wonderful #101

Message Dale Smith

Time of Commitment I Surrender All #366

Giving Back To God Men's Quartet

Close Joy To The World #125

This Week...

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 a.m. Worship Service (wc)
9:00 a.m. Connection Coffee Shop (courtyard)
9:20 a.m. Bible Fellowship Classes
10:30 a.m. Library Open
10:45 a.m. Worship Service (wc)
PowerHouse (232)
2:30 p.m. Missions Comm. Mtg. (133)
4:00 p.m. Finance Comm. Mtg. (139)
5:30 p.m. Preschool/Children's Ministry
5:45 p.m. "Plug In" Children's Conn. Grp (137)
6:00 p.m. Connection Groups (Homes, 142)
The Café (homes)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 a.m. Office Prayer Time
8:30 a.m. San Jacinto Hair Ministry
1:00 p.m. Bulk Mailout Team (130)
6:30 p.m. Church-wide Prayer Meeting (133)
7:00 p.m. Deacon Prayer Time (141)
Hope Ministry Team (130)
Open Volleyball (gym)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 a.m. Fellowship Meal Setup
2:30 p.m. Student Praise Team Rehearsal (gym)
5:15 p.m. Fellowship Meal (chapel)
5:30 p.m. Preschool Childcare
Silver Set Council Mtg. (133)
6:00 p.m. CIA (232, 234)
Mission Friends (130)
Library Open
6:15 p.m. Sandra's "New Chapter" (gym)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:00 p.m. Praisin & Grazin Christmas Party (away)