



The Duck Call

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Getting it Right.

Imagine you're on a movie set.

The director yells "action." The actor delivers the line. The director yells "Cut." The angle wasn't quite right. Adjustments are made and they try again.

The director yells "action." The actor delivers the line. This time he fumbles a phrase. The director yells "cut" and they try again.

The director yells "action." The actor delivers the line. Again, the director yells "cut." We're getting a shadow. Let's try again.

The director yells "action." The actor delivers the line. "Cut, cut, cut." The words were right, but there's something missing. We need to feel it more. Let's try again.

The director yells "action." The actor delivers the line. The director yells "cut." Not bad, this time. I think we can use this one, but let's do a few more, just in case.

It can be exhausting, saying the same words again and again, expressing the same emotion again and again, striving for the same result again and again.

This is why Randall Wallace, screenwriter of *Braveheart*, said that the most exciting day of your life is your first day on a movie set, and the most boring day of your life is your second day on a movie set. Making movies is most tedious work.

Is it worth it? Any actor would say, "Yes!"

Our lives are made up of one take after another, one attempt after another to do our job and meet our obligations and fulfill our purpose with excellence.

How many takes does it take to get it right?

It takes as many as it takes.

Sometimes it all comes together on the first try. And sometimes you have to try again and again

and again.

Others see only the end result. But we know what was left on the cutting room floor. We know it's not always as easy as it looks.

Is it worth it? Absolutely.

Every day is a new day. A new take. A new chance to get it right, to deliver the performance of our lives. This day deserves the best you have to give.

Are you ready?

"Action."

And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

(2 Thessalonians 3:13)

I love you all,

Chris

Pastor Chris



BLANKETEERS OPEN HOUSE

The annual Open House Display of quilts made by the Blanketeers will be:

Saturday, March 8th • 10:00AM - 3:00PM.

The quilts will also be displayed for all church services on Sunday, March 9th. They are then taken down and donated to individuals or groups in need.

We sent 130 to Western North Carolina last year after the hurricane. We thank the church for supporting this mission.



Find Time to Pray...

Please be in Prayer for Our Confirmands.



The Duck Methodist Women

Thursday, March 7th 9:30AM

Ladies, I hope you all had a fun time putting together Valentine goody bags for the folks at the Barco Live-in Rehabilitation Center. They have 78 residents and we made sure everyone would get a bag! We always have fun working together to minister to others. That's what we do...minister to one another, to our church family, and to our community and further. Please come and join us!! We are already done with two months of the year! Coming up will be further meetings with times of sharing and learning together from God's Word, continued working together to meet others' needs, and working on fund raising. Some activities coming up are making prayer boxes to save our special prayers and items in, hopefully a brunch to share with any ladies who wish to come, Kite Day with the special needs adults from the Monarch group, and our big fund raiser...the July Jumble/Yard Sale. Start looking around you house now for items to donate for that!

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This group of ladies is the most fun, the kindest, the most open I've been a part of in a long time. They are truly "sisters". We have room for many more!!

Lynda Park
Co-President"

March BIRTHDAYS!

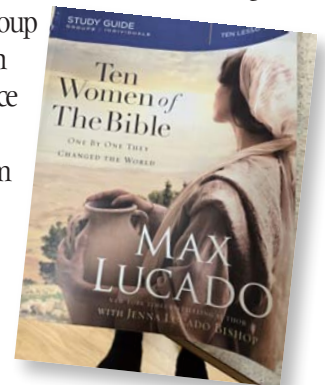
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| 3/2- Tony Schiano | 3/14- Paige Spruill |
| 3/3- Cynthia Ahrens | 3/17- Pam Cotter |
| Larry Milburn | 3/18- Cathie Lucast |
| 3/4- Jacob (Allie) Stafford | Susan Stroud |
| 3/6- Jason Denson | 3/20- Pat Garrett |
| David Kirkland | 3/21- Lee Morrison |
| 3/7- Linda Seamans | 3/23- Liam Minnich |
| 3/9- Sue Beaulieu | 3/25- Abigail Wallace |
| Heather Kirkland | 3/28- Don Sowder |
| 3/12- Tom Davidson | 3/29- Malikye Naser |
| Marion Schmitt | 3/30- Caton Vincent-Joyce |
| 3/13- Regina Harris | |

Happy Birthday to All of them!

If your birthday is this month but not listed, please call the church office to be included next year.

The Ladies Bible Study to Begin a new series March 12th.

Come join our Ladies Bible Study as they begin study of "Ten Women of the Bible" by Max Lucado. Learn how these 10 women changed the world. This group meets regularly in the Gathering Place room at church Wednesday's from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. All women are welcome.



Serve.



Grab your Fedora

"We're on a Mission from Gahhhhd" says Elwood Blues in the movie the "The Blues Brothers". Can we say the same? Can I? Is that you Jake under

that fedora? Elwood?

Jake Blues rejoins with his brother Elwood after being released from prison, but the duo has just days to reunite their old R&B band and save the Catholic home where the two were raised.

At one point, they visit a church to find a bandmate and Jake is illuminated by a light coming through the stained glass window over the back of the altar. Hmmm... was that the Holy Spirit?

Jake is transformed by the experience - and has a response to an altar call like no other doing whole body flips all the way down the center aisle.

They have a goal and it's a good one for a change - and one of the best catch-phrases of all time is born "We're on a mission from God". Only draw out how you say God - like Gahhhhd. Use your Brooklyn accent.

So, as we look around at Duck Church let's ask ourselves: "are we on a mission from God?"

In the book, *"The Man in the Mirror"* by Patrick Morley, there is a section on disciple-making. Let's start with the great commission:

Matthew 28:19-20. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Ok, that's all well and good. Now what? Proclaiming is one thing, exercising your disciple muscles is another.

According to Morley, being a disciple includes 3 parts: 1.) A disciple is called to live in Christ. 2.) A disciple is equipped to live like Christ which includes spiritual growth and transformation, and helping others to learn about and become like him. And 3.) a disciple is sent to live like Christ - serving others, bearing much fruit, loving others, and caring for the poor and needy.

So, where does it start? It starts, like all things we know, with education. I didn't learn advanced math by starting with calculus. We start small and work up buttercup.

It starts with children's church. And progresses on to D6 and youth group on Sunday nights. Our very own Director of family ministry, Brooke Nasser started the Duck Church day camp last summer, introducing some kids to church and - get this - praying for the first time.

For adults, regular church attendance is a must. Pastor Chris brings his A-game every week with tangible, practical advice and insight on really



living the Christian life. Take notes on the half-sheet in the bulletin. Keep it in your pocket all week and refer to it daily. I keep them and refer to them - I have 3 years worth now.

Let's move along. There's a men's group, women's group, prayer groups, bible study groups.... The list goes on. Find a place to plug yourself in.

Outside the church walls, we support local, regional and international mission efforts. If your heart isn't moved by watching a Rwandan ZOE kid go from rags and hunger to living and thriving as a part of the community, you need a heart transplant. Seriously.

Matthew 25:37-40. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Your church needs you. It takes all of us working and learning together to grow, gain wisdom and become mature Christians. So, grab your fedora and let's go Elwood - we're taking the bluesmobile for a run. We're on a mission from God!

Amen? Amen.







Jim Cotter
Ministry Council Chair

March 2025 Sing Praises Unto the Lord

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

WORSHIP SERVICES

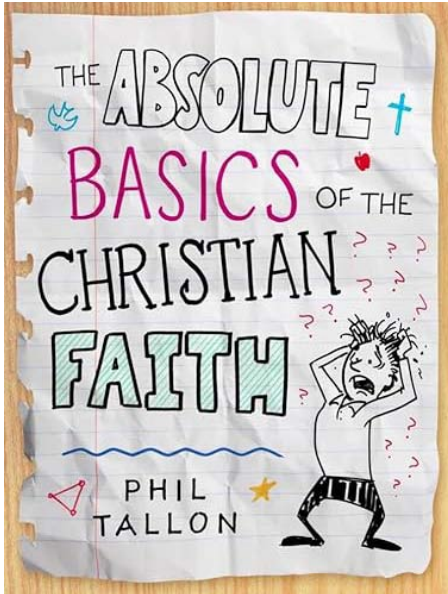
Traditional Sunday Worship Services - 8 & 9:30 AM
 Contemporary Sunday Worship Service - 11 AM
 Sunday School - 9:15 AM • 9:30 AM • 10:45 AM

<p>2</p> <p>D6</p>							<p>3</p> <p>Duck Call Deadline March 10th</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>EVERY WEDNESDAY Pastor's Bible Study 10:00 AM Ladie's Bible Study 1:00 PM Couple's Bible 7:00 PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Duck Methodist Women Meeting 9:30 AM Food for Thought</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Blanketeer's Annual Exhibit & Open House Friday & Saturday • 10 AM - 3 PM</p> 	
<p>9</p> <p>Blessing of the Quilts (all 3 services)</p> <p>D6</p>	<p>10</p> <p>EVERY MONDAY Mom's Bible Study 9:30 AM</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Ruthie's Kitchen 3:00 PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>EVERY THURSDAY Choir Practice 5:00 PM</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Men's breakfast 8:00 AM</p>						
<p>16</p> <p>D6</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Prayer Ministry 11:00 AM Joshua's Men 6:30 PM (last Meeting is March 17th)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>EVERY TUESDAY AA 7:00 PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Silver Link luncheon - noon</p>  <p>Join Us!</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Food for Thought</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>						
<p>23</p> <p>D6</p>	<p>24</p> <p>ROOM IN THE INN March 23rd -29th</p> 											
<p>30</p> <p>Combined Worship Service 10:00 AM Confirmation Sunday & Chili Cook-off following the service</p>	<p>31</p>	 <p>DUCK CHURCH A GLOBAL METHODIST COMMUNITY</p>				<p>The Care Ministry Contact Person for March is Katie Frampton. Please contact the church for her number. Be well in Christ.</p> 						



CHECK OUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUTH GROUP THIS MONTH:

March 2nd: The Church March 23rd: Jumpmasters
 March 9th: Decision Day March 30th: Confirmation Sunday
 March 16th: Plan Confirmation Sunday (No Youth Group)



This month, we're wrapping up our series "The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith". On March 9th, we'll have Decision Day where we'll get to decide if we're ready to follow Jesus as his disciple.

When our confirmation class series is over, we will start planning for Confirmation Sunday on March 30th. There will be one worship service that day, and the children and youth will be leading it! Everyone will have a role, so help us plan it all out. And then, after all that heavy stuff, we're gonna get together for some fun on March 23rd at Jumpmasters. It's gonna be a great month at Duck Church Youth!

Please be praying for our youth, our pastors, and our adult leaders as we come to Decision Day on March 9th. Each student will consider whether or not they are ready to become a disciple of Jesus, be baptized (if they haven't been already), and become an active member of Duck Church.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

**March 30th
10 AM**

ON SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH THERE WILL BE ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10 AM FOR CONFIRMATION SUNDAY. OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WILL LEAD WORSHIP, AND OUR CONFIRMANTS WILL GO PUBLIC WITH THEIR FAITH. SOME WILL BE BAPTIZED, OTHERS WILL CONFIRM THE FAITH OF THEIR PARENTS WHEN THEY WERE BAPTIZED AS BABIES, AND ALL WILL BECOME FULL MEMBERS OF DUCK CHURCH. WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US IN WORSHIP AS WE CELEBRATE THEIR FAITH COMMITMENTS!



Immediately following the service we will have a Chili Cookoff. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Please scan the QR code to sign up to bring your best chili!

**CHILI
COOK-OFF**

Hot Prizes for the Best Chili!

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Prayer Requests

Please call the church office if you do not have e-mail and would like to receive notices of prayer requests.

To Communicate ~

Call us at 252-261-1525

Monday through Thursday or

Email anytime at:

office@duckchurch.org

Quick note: please contact the church office if you are unable to get the virtual worship service.... *God Bless.*

Office Hours: **OPEN**

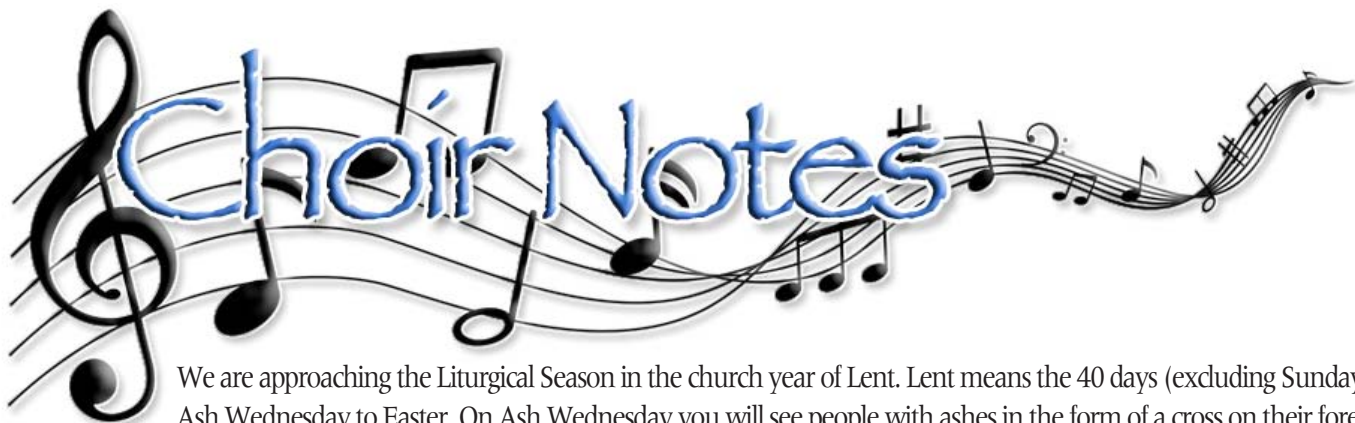
Please call Monday ~Thursday – 8:00 to 4:00 PM

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The deadline for the April Duck Call is March 10th. Thanks.



We are approaching the Liturgical Season in the church year of Lent. Lent means the 40 days (excluding Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter. On Ash Wednesday you will see people with ashes in the form of a cross on their forehead. The ashes are typically from the palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday that were dried and burned. The ashes are a reminder of our need for repentance. We are reminded of the 40 days Jesus spent in fasting in the desert and enduring temptation by Satan. Lent is a period of reflection. It comes from the old English word "lencten" which means lengthen. It is a time of reflection and a time to prepare for Easter. We pray to seek God's forgiveness, grace and mercy and turn away from our sins. The liturgical color is purple, usually the deepest shade. Music may reflect prayers of confession to God, cries of lament and expressions of trust. The Gloria is not sung during Lent. The word, "Alleluia," is neither sung or spoken. Sometimes the music will represent the simple way of life. May the music this Lent, help you to reflect and remember how much God loves you and is always ready to welcome you home. Soli Deo Gloria

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P.S. In a former church, during a children's sermon, the pastor asked the children what they know about Lent. One child raised his hand and said, "it comes from your belly button." Ha Ha!