



The Duck Call

The Monthly Newsletter of Duck Church • May 2026

A message from Pastor Chris

Dear Duck Church Family,

It is with a heart full of gratitude - and a deep sense of peace - that I share with you that I will be retiring from pastoral ministry, with my final Sunday at Duck Church being June 28th.

Serving as your pastor has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Together, we have worshiped, prayed, celebrated, and walked through life's most meaningful moments. I have seen your faith lived out in powerful ways - through your generosity, your care for one another, and your commitment to sharing the love of Jesus with our community and beyond. For all of this, I give thanks to God.

While this chapter is coming to a close for me, I am excited about what lies ahead for Duck Church. I am pleased to share that your next pastor will be Stephen Bazan, whose first Sunday with you will be on July 5th. He will be joined by his wife, Amanda, and their two sons - Isaac (9) and Nathan (4). They are already very excited about coming to Duck Church and becoming part of this wonderful church family.

I encourage you to welcome them with the same warmth and love you have always shown. Support them, pray for them, and walk alongside them as God continues to lead this church into a bright and fruitful future.

Young Adults! College Students!

Once a month during the summer, our Young Adult group will gather at someone's home for food, fellowship, and sharing where we've seen God at work in our lives. If you're looking for conversation and community that goes below the surface, this is for you! All 18-35 year olds are welcome at our summer gatherings, including COLLEGE STUDENTS who've come home for summer break.

Please contact Amy for information about this month's location.

Church, the mission remains the same. Jesus still calls us to love God, love one another, and serve the world in His name. Keep worshiping passionately, loving extravagantly, and witnessing boldly. Continue to be a place where people encounter grace, find hope, and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Remember, the strength of Duck Church has never been found in one person, but in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ and the commitment of His people. He will continue to guide you, provide for you, and lead you forward.

As Angie and I step into this next season, we do so with deep gratitude for each of you. It has been a joy to serve as your pastoral family, and you will always remain in our prayers and in our hearts.

With love and abiding hope,

Chris

Pastor Chris and Angie



MEN DUCK MEN MAY BREAKFAST MEETING

Hello Men - you know who you are - at least you should by now. I know you - you love bacon, sausage, eggs and pancakes - the 4 food groups to sustain you until lunch is served. The Duck Men will be having a breakfast meeting on Saturday May 9 at 8am. George Berry is our new president - we'll have a short business meeting and a devotional. Solving the world's problems is best done with coffee and a generous helping of bacon. Don't doubt me. See you there!

Jim Cotter
Duck Men Secretary

You will find sermons from Pastor Chris, opportunities to serve, Mission activities, ministry for children, youth and adults, the latest newsletter, and you can even donate on line. Check it out!

Visited Our Web Site Lately?
www.duckchurch.org

The Duck
Methodist Women

Thursday,
May 7th
9:30AM

"Happy Spring to the Women of Duck Church!"

Last month, we enjoyed hearing from Jennifer Albanese, the Executive Director for The Outer Banks Interfaith Outreach. We bring in groups that we have supported in the past so that our members can understand why we feel it is important to support them. Jennifer did a wonderful job explaining their wide and varied support of our community when need hits. We hope you enjoy hearing directly from these folks as no one can share their ministries like they can!

The first Thursday in May is the National Day of Prayer. In keeping with this, we thought it would be a great sharing experience to focus on Prayer. We will learn a bit about prayer and then, we will spend some time practicing prayer together. We hope you will all come to see how fulfilling it can be to pray with our sisters in the Lord about the things close to our hearts. We know God will bless each of you who may be stepping out of their comfort zone to pray in community. God is delighted to talk to us and have us talk to Him. Come prepared to share prayer needs that we can pray for together.

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See you there...bring a friend who hasn't been to one of our meetings!
Lynda Park, Co-President"

May BIRTHDAYS!

5/02-Tina Miller	5/19- Jeff Scott
5/03-Joyce Hannan	5/20- Mary Lou Breit
Hannah Kim	Samuel Kitchin
Skye Wells	5/21- Beverly Kissinger
5/04-Irv Pisek	5/22-Larry Blackburn
5/07-Bob Peters	Bob Garrett
5/09-Lynn MacDonald	Yong Holian
Miles Miller	Lynda Marshall
5/11-Denise Skinner	5/27- Judy Chiles
5/13-Lynn Blackburn	5/28- Charlie Kitchen
Cole Fagersten	
5/14- Amy Denson	

*Happy Birthday
to All of us!*

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



Looking for a Great Way to Give with Ultimate Rewards...?

Give Your Time...Your Energy,
Your Encouragement,
Your Prayers... Your Heart.





The Times They Are A'Changin...

Well, Duh Bob. Bob Dylan was stating the obvious back in 1964 when he penned that song about the inevitability of social, political and generational change. Nothing stays the same forever - nor should it really. Because growth requires change and movement and we must always embrace it.

Think about a baseball player playing shortstop which I loved doing as a kid. Coach said I had to move to where the ball is going after the batter hits it - it seldom comes right at you. Every pitch is like a change in life. We have to adapt. I actually preferred the ball coming to one side or the other - when it comes right at you, you may not have time to react. I know - I took a shot right to my forehead one time after a bad bounce. Ball - 1, Jim - 0. Down goes Cotter! You're probably thinking to yourself... "well, that explains a lot".

Duck Church will be going through a change of pastors in a couple of months. Stephen Bazan from First Methodist in Washington, NC will be our new lead pastor. Stephen, his wife Amanda, and 2 boys Isaac (age 9) and Nathan (age 4) will be moving here in early July. **Welcome to the beach and your new Duck Church family!!**

Now I want to tell you something about what the Ministry Council is doing to serve those in and beyond our church. The function of the Ministry Council is to oversee the nurture, outreach and witness ministries of Duck Church. Nurturing ministries include Christian education, worship, Christian formation (being formed in the image of Christ. Prayer, meditation, study, fasting, worship, and community are some of the key disciplines in this regard), membership care, small groups, and stewardship. Outreach ministries include local and global ministries of compassion. Witness ministries give attention to developing and strengthening evangelistic efforts of sharing personal and congregational stories of Christian experience, faith, and service.

So, how does the church grow? By making disciples. It's right there on the front of your bulletin each week: "The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe."

Ok - sounds good. Now what? We know that we (as a church) need to connect with kids and young adults to orient their lives with purpose and direction from Jesus. That's why Brooke and Amy (also on the Ministry Council) focus on events like Day camp, cooking camp,

D6, Duck youth, etc. This is God's work done through us - you and me. We support them through your generous donations and we truly appreciate it.

Spotlight on Michael Nunez from Every Nation: Michael is a student at NC State University and is active in campus ministry. Duck Church's Ministry Council is helping to support Michael as he brings young

adults to Christ and encourages them to grow in their faith.

As stated by Michael in his newsletter:

"This month I felt very blessed and have been learning lessons that really deepened my relationship with the Father. Honestly, I've been feeling really supported by my church, friends, and family. At times it may feel like there are many things to tackle, I can't explain how the Lord has been sustaining me to continue to lead and disciple others. I'm thankful for the friends for encouraging. I am very thankful for you guys for supporting me in the work of the Kingdom."

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Prayer

- I am now at 92% of the way being fully partnered. I ask that you pray for the rest of the 8% to come in.
- Pray for protection for the students as they are leading others from Spiritual warfare.
- Pray for my car as well. It initially made a sound, but after some prayer it went down a lot. Pray that the issue will be found and repaired soon.

The mission statement from the Every Nation website states: "Since 1994, Every Nation missionaries and church planters have answered the call to bring the gospel to campuses and cities around the world. We plant churches that reach the campus because we firmly believe that if we change the campus, we will eventually change the family, the nation, and the world."

This picture is from page 4 of Michael's fall 2025 newsletter. Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom for Michael's efforts at school to make disciples of Jesus Christ. After all, isn't that what we're all supposed to be doing?

Amen? Amen.

Jim Cotter
Ministry Council Chair



Bonnie Hoy:

Bonnie is a resident of the Outer Banks from the fall through spring. She loves to power walk and participates in a variety of sports. She has become active in Bible Studies, the Women's Ministry and typically attends the 9:30 AM service.



Connie Giles:

Connie has been attending the 11:00 AM service at Duck Church. She is a retired teacher who still volunteers her time with the Delta Children's group and the Children's Ministry program. Connie loves to draw and read.



Emma LaPierre:

Emma was active in the youth ministry here at Duck Church when she was in high school. She loves being around and helping children. Emma and Matthew have been participating in the Young Adult ministry.



Matthew Workenaour:

Matthew lives in South Mills but still drives each week to attend the Young Adult Ministry and the 11:00AM worship services. He is employed by Lowe's in Elizabeth City. He loves to help others.



Life Skills Camp
 Duck Church • June 15th - 18th • 1 - 4 PM

We will be focusing on a different life skill each of the 4 days!
 Camp will include instruction, crafts/ supplies and games.
 Space is Limited to 20 campers!

Scan code to register:




Ages 6 - 12 | \$40 per camper



Duck Church DAY CAMP

Explore God's Creation with Fun, Friends, Field Trips & Faith!

July 27-31 | 9AM-4PM
 Ages 6-12 | \$75




Choir Notes

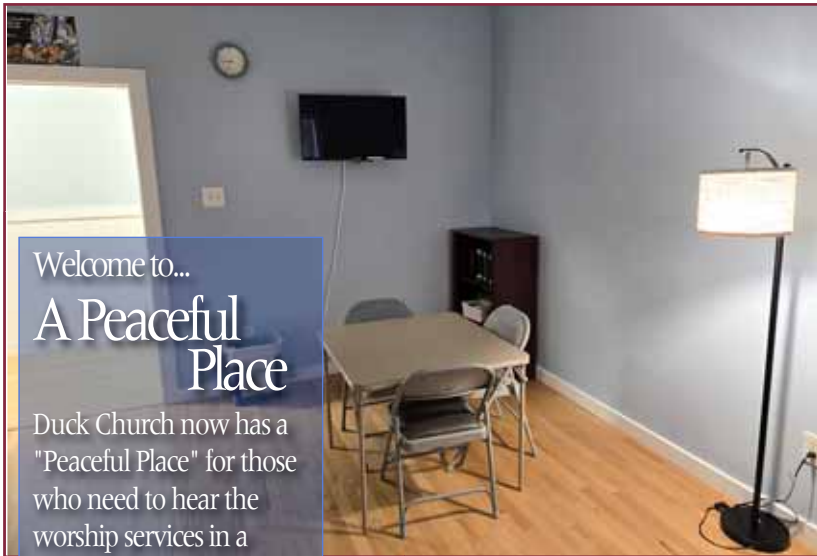
from
Deb Benton
Music Director

Here it Comes....

Can you believe it? Summer is rapidly approaching. During the summer, the choir does not meet on Thursday nights, but we do sing each Sunday morning. I give those who want to sing, a list of familiar hymns that we use for anthems beginning Memorial Day through Labor Day. Arrive on Sunday morning around 9:00 AM to practice in the choir room. We will not wear our new choir robes. What a wonderful time to "try" singing in the choir – maybe one Sunday, or two, or all summer. Come any Sunday and try it out! We would love to have you. You will get a new view for worship and help praise God for all the blessings He has given us! Stop by the choir room for a list of the summer hymns. We look forward to seeing some new faces for the summer. Please help us fill the choir loft!

Soli Deo Gloria

Deb



Welcome to...

A Peaceful Place

Duck Church now has a "Peaceful Place" for those who need to hear the worship services in a quieter, calmer room.

This room was designed with special lighting, sensory toys for little ones and comfortable chairs so that those who are having difficulty in the main sanctuary can view and hear the worship service on Sunday mornings.

The room is located in the children's wing. Come by and see it, or stop by the office to hear more about this Peaceful Place.





A Seed for Thought

"Learn from the way
the wildflowers grow"

(Matthew 6:28).

They do not
"work and spin,"
they just
sway in the wind
of their God,
accepting whatever
comes their way:
rain or sun.

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

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3 D6 5-7 PM	4	5 EVERY TUESDAY AA 7:00 PM	6 EVERY WEDNESDAY Pastor's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study 1:00 PM Couple's Bible Study 7:00 PM
7 Duck Methodist Women Meeting 9:30 AM	8	9	10 MEN Duck The Duck Methodist Men Monthly Breakfast SATURDAY, MAY 9TH • 8AM FELLOWSHIP HALL
11 Duck Call Deadline May 11th	12 Ministry Council Meeting 10:00 AM Ruthie's Kitchen 3:00 PM 	13	14 EVERY THURSDAY Choir Practice 5:00 PM
15 D6 5-7 PM	16 EVERY MONDAY Prayer Ministry in the Chapel 9:00 AM	17	18 Silver Link luncheon - noon Join Us!  Food for Thought 10:00 AM
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23	24 No D-6 Memorial Day Week-end.	25 Memorial Day Church office closed Memorial Day	26
27	28	29	30
31 END OF SCHOOL YOUTH PARTY!			



The Care Ministry Contact Person for May is Linda Seamans. Please contact the church for her number.
 Be well in Christ.



Check out what's going on
at youth group this month:



Jesus seemed to be open to his followers asking big questions. This month, we'll continue our conversations on the topics you have chosen and search for answers together.

No youth group May 24 th for Memorial Day



Back in March, our youth memorized these words of Jesus:

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

Duck Church Youth spent that evening serving the other groups at D6: helping with Delta Club, playing with nursery kids, cleaning the kitchen, and stuffing Easter eggs.

Senior Sunday, May 31st, 9:30 AM Worship Service

On May 31 st, we will honor all Duck Church graduating high school seniors, and we will recognize recipients of the Duck Church Scholarship. Please join us in congratulating all of our Duck Church high school grads!

Dan Brown • London Russell



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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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Duck Church



The deadline for the June Duck Call is May 11th. Thanks.



RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

Duck Church Vacation Bible School
June 15th - 18th • 9AM - Noon
Ages 4 - Rising - 5th Grade