



The Waiting is the Hardest Part

In his sermon "Better Odds" Andy Stanley makes a great statement. He's talking about waiting on God, and he says something along these lines: We look at our watches; God looks at the calendar. One of the most difficult lessons for believers to learn is to wait on God. By nature we're not patient, and our culture offers little encouragement to develop the habit. We want, we need, we think we deserve everything now.

Remember that Sarah waited until she was old for the son she had always dreamed about; Moses waited for 40 years on the backside of the desert for God's call; Joseph languished in prison for 15 years before God vindicated him. Even Paul spent 17 years in preparation before he began the ministry that God called him to on the road to Damascus. But you can be sure that each of these saints would say it was worth the wait. It always is.

There are, no doubt, a number of things that you are waiting for, too: victory, healing, peace, growth, vindication, success, the ability to worship in person again. Today I encourage you to remember one thing: **God is on His way.** Sometimes the night seems to last forever. Sometimes His silence seems permanent. That's because we look at the clock while God looks at the calendar. Solomon wrote, "God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end." (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

We cannot see the whole scope of God's work, but the scope exists. And we may not see the big picture, but there is one.



Today might be just another day of waiting for you, but here's how you can make it better: Take your eyes off the clock and turn them toward Jesus. Spend this time waiting in expectation rather than desperation. God is at work in your work in life, making all things beautiful in their time.

I love you all,

Chris



There will be two community blood drives this month at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. Please consider giving blood on June 2nd from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM or on June 3rd from noon to 6:00 PM. There is a great need for blood, so please contribute if you can. For more information, contact Sally Meagher at 261-0276.

Our Mission – To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.



Ruthie's Kitchen

We were scheduled to host Ruthie's Kitchen on May 19th. The following message was sent out by Gail Leanord regarding Ruthie's Kitchen:

"We stopped serving meals at Ruthie's Kitchen on March 17th and have been closed since then, Son Rise Church of Christ has closed their buildings until they hear that groups of 50 or more can congregate there and I guess that will come from the Governor's Office. My co-chair, Joann Brake and I have been talking trying to decide what would be best to do. We usually close in July and August and Joann thought maybe we should consider being open if everything opens up and there are groups that would hostess during this time. Is this something any of you would consider?"

Thanks to all of you that have helped with Ruthie's Kitchen in the past. Hopefully we will be back to serving meals soon.

I will keep you posted.

Sherman Pierce

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

How to be a Happy & Useful Christian:

JUNE 2020

Always confess known sin to the Lord immediately, thanking Him for forgiveness and rejoicing in victory. Christian Faith.

Read 1 John 1:9 | Proverbs 28:13 | 1 John 2:1

AND NOW, A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...



United Methodist Men,

Like all of our church family we have been taking extra safety precautions during these trying and difficult times by forgoing our monthly Saturday meetings. Hopefully, the time is approaching that we may soon get back to our regular worship, fellowship and outstanding breakfasts that have become such an important time for us. Please keep the faith gentleman. As soon as circumstances allow, we will emerge from this brighter, wiser, with more great projects and opportunities to be of service to our church and community and have some outstanding devotionals together. Meanwhile, be of good cheer, have prayers for one another...and wash your hands!

Yours in Christ,

Larry Lawhon



CHOIR NOTES from Cezette

COME ONE... COME ALL... Soon and very soon!

If you enjoy singing as much as we do and would like to join our choir, please give us a call. When we get back to our normal schedule, please come to our Thursday evening rehearsals from 6:30 -7:30 pm in the choir room. No audition is needed. We welcome all ages and all levels of expertise. Please join us! We also feature instrumentalists in our weekly services. If you play an instrument and would be interested in participating by offering your musical gifts, please let us know... Come one, come all!

In the meantime...when you need a lift, tune in to youtube.com for some excellent performances of hymns and sing along! Stay healthy, safe and keep singing!
For detailed information, please feel free to call Cezette Barnes- Tyler at 252 - 619 -1517 or email @ duckchoirdirector@gmail.com.

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Circle of Friends Bible Study will be on hiatus until September.

Please stay tuned for the new study opportunities.

June BIRTHDAYS!

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| 6/2- Carnell Boyle | 6/21-Michael Williams |
| Leigh Anne Vincent | 6/22-Laird Sager |
| 6/3 - Sally Meagher | 6/23- Gloria Summers |
| 6/5 - Bruce MacDonald | 6/24- Dorothy Molz |
| 6/8 - Barry Breit | Kate Rupert |
| 6/9 - Pamela Johnson | John Walker |
| 6/11 - James G. Miller, III | 6/25 -Miki Wallace |
| 6/14- Augusta Furr | 6/27 -Jackie Klamut |
| 6/15-Raymond Starsman | 6/28 -Gloria Emory |
| 6/17 -Jim Groff | John Wallace |
| 6/18-Sally Bass | 6/29 -Michael Melson |
| 6/20-Janine Harrington | |

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.



Barnabas Committee...the OG I.C.O.

In 1998 Duck Church formed what was then called the Agape Committee. Its purpose was to reach out to people in need in our community. It was a way to show non-members the love of Christ by helping them financially. A hypothetical situation could have been that someone was in a car accident and could not

work. Their bills were stacking up and they could not pay their mortgage that month. When a church member found out, they could ask this committee to help this person out. Once approved by the committee they would write a check out of this fund to the needy person's lender for that month's mortgage payment. It was the church's hope that this gesture would result in this person coming to the Lord and to Duck Church. Helping people this way is very similar to what the Interfaith Community Outreach (I.C.O.), organization is doing right now. In other words, the Barnabas Committee was the original I.C.O. That charitable organization was founded in 2003 with help from members of Duck Church and other local churches.

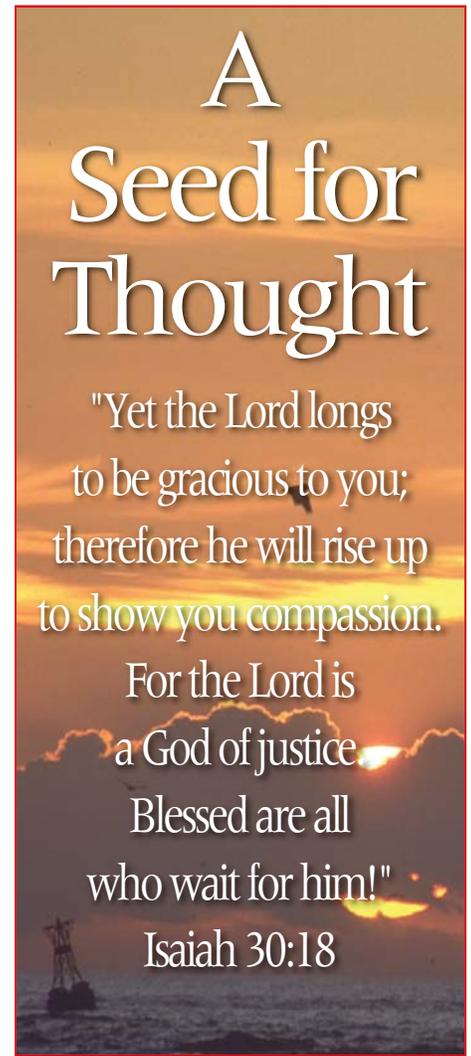
Over the years, I.C.O. has grown in their mission and the Barnabas Committee has taken less of a role in the community. One reason for that is the financial support from the Barnabas Committee. It's been years but this committee gave thousands of dollars to this organization to help it succeed.

Most requests now are for members of the church who are in need. Since I.C.O. is doing such a good job, it's likely time to revisit the purpose of this committee. If you'd like to share your ideas with me or be part of this process then please don't hesitate to contact me. Also, if you know someone who has a need you are welcome to contact me or Pastor Chris. You can reach me at jeff@scottrealtyobx.com or 252-207-5272.

From the Worship Committee

All United Methodists are called to be Christians of the Wesley heritage, which means to participate in works of piety, such as:

- Prayer - private and corporate
- Public Worship - Community allows for accountability and mutual help.
- Bible Study - Scripture is "sufficient for salvation".
- Fasting - Wesley fasted one day a week.
- Communion - Weekly, if possible
- Christian Conferencing - Meeting together at all levels of the church to practice faithfulness, organize effective ministries, and designate resources to communicate the message of



From Our Administrative Council:

We know that not everyone can access the online virtual worship services. If you are having trouble, please call the church office (261-1525).

We have church members that are willing to help you get on line, or use the telephone to let you hear the worship services.

If you need other assistance, please call the church office. We have Duck Church members who are eager to serve.

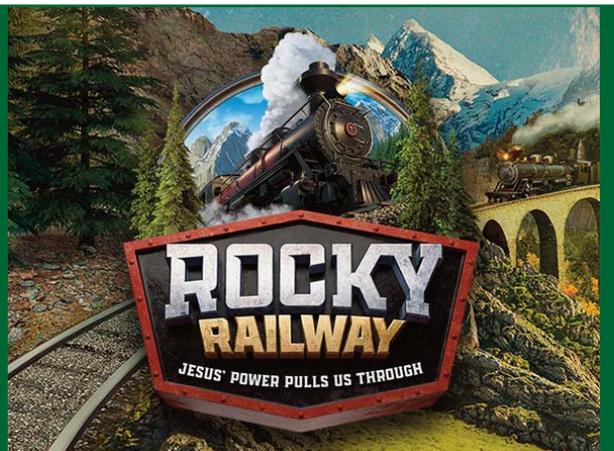


UpDate: Vacation Bible School... Date Change!

New Date to be Determined

Ages 4 thru 5th Grade

For more information contact
Debbie Breit at 252-202-1042
education@duckchurch.org



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LESSONS FROM QUARANTINE: HONOR

LIFE IN QUARANTINE HAS BEEN DIFFICULT. BUT IN OUR CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES, I'VE DISCOVERED HIDDEN BLESSINGS. ONE OF THOSE BLESSINGS HAS BEEN THE WAY THAT WE HAVE CHOSEN TO HONOR ONE ANOTHER.

YOU'VE SEEN IT. PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD HAVE HONORED ESSENTIAL WORKERS THAT HAVE KEPT US HEALTHY AND WELL FED. HAVE YOU BEEN TO A DRIVE-BY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION YET? SINCE WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GATHER FOR BIRTHDAY PARTIES, INSTEAD, WE ARE CHOOSING TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND BY MAKING SIGNS, HONKING OUR HORNS, AND DROPPING OFF GIFTS. I'M SURE YOU HAVE ALSO SEEN THE YARD SIGNS HONORING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND TEACHERS IN OUR AREA. IT'S BEEN BEAUTIFUL TO SEE THE WAYS WE'VE HONORED ONE ANOTHER. TO HONOR SOMEONE MEANS TO RECOGNIZE THEM, TO LIFT THEM UP, TO GIVE THEM THEIR DUE FOR WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY'VE DONE. IN ROMANS 12:10, PAUL INSTRUCTS THE CHURCH TO "BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE. HONOR ONE ANOTHER ABOVE YOURSELVES." THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN SEEING, RIGHT! WHEN WE HONOR OTHERS, WE CELEBRATE THE IMAGE OF GOD IN THEM. INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON PEOPLE'S FAULTS (WHICH IS SO EASY TO DO), WE REMEMBER THAT WE ALL HAVE WORTH BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN CREATED BY GOD. WHO KNOWS WHAT JUNE 2020 WILL HOLD. BUT I KNOW ONE THING; I DON'T WANT TO LOSE THIS CULTURE OF HONOR THAT WE HAVE CREATED. CHOOSE HONOR INSTEAD OF CRITICISM. CHOOSE TO SEE THE IMAGE OF GOD IN PEOPLE INSTEAD OF FOCUSING ON THEIR SIN. SO AS LIFE SLOWLY RETURNS TO NORMAL (OR DOESN'T)... **WHO MIGHT YOU HONOR THIS MONTH? HOW WILL YOU DO IT?**



HONORING OUR 2020 DUCK CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JUNE, WE WILL HONOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WITH DRIVE-BY BLESSINGS. WE WILL SHARE VIDEO FROM OUR SENIOR BLESSINGS IN OUR WORSHIP VIDEO ON JUNE 7TH. THAT SUNDAY, WE WILL ALSO ANNOUNCE OUR 2020 DUCK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS. IF YOU'D LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN HONORING OUR SENIORS BY JOINING OUR BLESSING PARADE OR SENDING CARDS/GIFTS, CONTACT AMY AT YOUTH@DUCKCHURCH.ORG.

THESE ARE OUR 2020 DUCK CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Scot Brown - First Flight High School
Son of Kerrie and John Brown
Next year: Indiana University-Purdue University
Indianapolis (IUPUI)

Anticipated Major: Ultimate goal is Law School and becoming a JAG officer in the Navy

Natalie Emory - First Flight High School
Daughter of Julie Emory
Next year: College of the Albemarle
Anticipated Major: Vet Tech

Kade Kepler - First Flight High School
Son of Heather and Russell Kepler,
Grandson of Sandy Burgee
Next year: College of the Albemarle online and travel
Anticipated Major: Undecided

James LaCroix - First Flight High School
Son of Maxine LaCroix
UNC-Pembroke
Anticipated Major: Elementary Ed

Taegan Lewis - Dare County Alternative School
Daughter of Bonnie and D Lewis
Next year: Online community college
and moving to Missouri with family
Anticipated Major: Undecided

Zane Liverman - JP Knapp Early College School
Son of Renee and Wes Liverman
Next year: East Carolina University
Anticipated Major: Fine Arts with
a concentration in Digital Art

Thomas Miller - First Flight High School
Son of Kelli and Jim Miller
Next year: University of North Carolina-Wilmington
Anticipated Major: Film Editing

Lauren Shelton - First Flight High School
Daughter of Trey and Marie Shelton
Next year: University of North Carolina
Wilmington
Anticipated Major: Undecided

Jared White - First Flight High School
Son of Victor and Renee White
Next year: Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, North Carolina
Anticipated Major: Psychology

Congratulations to All Our Seniors!



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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:



Monday through Thursday – 9:00 to 5:00 PM

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The deadline for the July Duck Call is June 15th. Thanks.



Mary and Don Sowder would like to sincerely thank their Duck UMC friends for the outpouring of loving expressions of sympathy in the loss of her father.

Thanks to all in our church family who have helped us welcome Baby Rebecca! We are so grateful for the cards, meals, gifts, phone calls, and texts. We look forward to the day when we can share Rebecca with you, and she can learn what a loving church family she has at Duck Church.

Amy, Jason, James, and Rebecca Denson

To our Duck Church Family,

Lisa and I would like to thank our DUMC family for the prayers and cards. My stay in the hospital was short but intense and after three long days and longer nights I was released to the loving care of my bride. All I will say is Doctor Lisa is more strict than the nurses at De Paul Hospital and I made a speedy recovery.

Also, I wish to thank you for all the sympathy cards after the death of my younger brother, Tommy. He died of pneumonia after a lengthy stay in a Continuing Care Facility in Mississippi.

The outpouring of love and care shown by the DUMC family reinforces our choice in the Little White Church by the Sound. We are looking forward to the day when we can once again join in prayer and song with all of you.

Sincerely,

John and Lisa Walker

Dear Friends at Duck Church,

Thank you so much for the prayers and cards you sent for my Father, Richard Deans. He loved this church. Your prayers and friendship comforted us on his homegoing.

Thanks you for your love in Jesus,

Linda and Richard Dail

The Care Ministry contact person for the month of June is Joyce Wells. Her number is 818-642-6011.

Be well in Christ.

