



# The Duck Call

The Monthly Newsletter of Duck Church • January 2025

## Beginning Now...

Some of our best ideas are still waiting for the right moment.

We call it preparation. It's really procrastination. Eventually the due diligence phase yields to the do-nothing phase. **And another good idea gets covered in cobwebs.**

Keep in mind what William Feather said:

"Conditions are never just right. People who delay action until all factors are favorable do nothing."

There's something to be said for beginning now and filling in the details as you go. Not that details aren't important or that preparation isn't necessary, but at some point you've got to quit compiling data and start pursuing results.

Do you know what the problem is? **There's no failure to face in the preparation stage.** There's no disappointment to deal with in the dream-casting stage. It's only after the plan has been put into practice that you confront results that maybe don't meet expectations. It's easy

to get nervous. It's easier to plan just a little longer.

When Abraham was older than just about everyone who will be reading these words, God told him, "Leave your country, your people, and your father's household and go to the land I will show you."

*(Genesis 12:1)*

Abraham went, not having a plan in place, not knowing exactly what lay ahead, only that he was following the voice of God.

There are times when it's time to do just what Abraham did: take the first few steps, even if all the questions haven't been answered and all the problems aren't solved in advance.

There's something to be said for beginning now.

I love you all,

*Chris*  
Chris



Samuel & Teri Howell

**Samuel & Teri Howell**  
Sam works for the Saunders Supply Company in Suffolk. He likes to go boating, do yard work and go walking. Teri is an oncology nurse. She also enjoys walking, reading and boating. They have four adult children.

**Clyde & Kennette Joyner**  
Clyde is a retired North Carolina State Highway Patrol officer. He enjoys metal detecting, camping and traveling. His wife, Kennette, is a retired school teacher. She likes to read, go camping and work in the yard. They are the parents of two grown children.

Both couples joined the church, December 8th at the 9:30AM service.



Clyde & Kennette Joyner

And Still We Grow...



Welcome New Members

## The OBX Blanketeers...

The OBX Blanketeers will begin making quilts again on Friday, January 3rd at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue for eight weeks and have our display on March 8th and 9th.

All the quilts are donated to children or adults. Materials will be provided. \$ 5 charge.

For additional information please call Sally Meagher , 261-0276. All are welcome.



## Silver Link Luncheon

Wednesday, January 15th • 12 noon

The Silver Link Lunch is back for the new year. If you are a senior who would enjoy fellowship and a delicious lunch, you are welcome on to join us Wednesday, January 15th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. If you have not attended before, please call Deb Lucast at 252-261-1525 to make a reservation. Transportation will be provided if needed.



## January BIRTHDAYS!

1/6 - Lori-Jo Scott	1/22- Jim Ballard
1/8- Louise Sawyer	1/23- Molly Lawhon
1/11- Renee White	1/24- Branch Vincent
1/15- Kerry Skinner	1/25- Steve Kiousis
Jay Williams	Thomas Rindge
1/20- Jim Cotter	1/26- Jeanne Kitchin
Lynn MacDonald	1/28- Sally Kole
1/21- Mark Batenic	David Vincent
1/22- Anna Johnson	

*Happy Birthday & New Year 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.



## ATTENTION MEN!

We finished 2024 with a fun time at our breakfast meeting in December. We continued to be challenged by Michael DeFazio's teaching on Philippians and the energetic discussion that followed. We also served the church and our community by supporting all the physical aspects of Breakfast with Santa. Thanks to Brooke and the rest of the staff for hosting this event that provided nurturing to our kids and outreach to the community around us.

Our first men's breakfast of 2025 will be on Saturday, January 11th at 8 AM in the fellowship hall. Food, fellowship, fun and disciple-making... Hope to see you then!

## "Happy New Year to the Duck Methodist Women!"

The Duck Methodist Women enjoyed a relaxing Christmas Luncheon organized by Karen Dee and Cathie Lucast. The decorations were festive and the background music was beautifully provided by Scot Brown. All the members provided a pot luck of delicious food and staff members of the church were invited. After our lunch, Karen Dee read the Christmas Story from Luke 2, Ann Billingsley led us in a delightful time of singing Christmas songs. What a way to remind us of the Reason for the Season and to put our hearts in the hands of Jesus our Lord!

Next month's meeting will be delayed one week from its usual first Thursday of the month to the second Thursday.

Come join us to start another year together at 9:30 AM on Thursday, January 9th, 2025. All ladies in the church are welcome!



The Women of Duck Church

Next Meeting is Thursday,  
January 9th • 9:30AM



# MOVING PARTS.

Knock Knock. Who's there? Hopefully you big dog - it's opportunity calling! Your church family needs you - it takes a lot of moving parts to have a vibrant church - which we so blessedly are. Let's talk about parts and systems.



When I was 14, I was old enough to drive the combine to harvest our corn and soybean acreage. The combine is a serious harvesting machine. Many, many moving parts. One drives the other using belts and pulleys and drive chains. Every one of those parts is vital to the overall function of this marvelous machine. Check out the picture.

You can't really see from the outside of this marvelous machine, but there are large hinged doors on the side of the combine for safety's sake. There are revolving cylinders set at precise clearances to perform certain tasks and shaking parts to separate the grain from the rest. There are large drive belts connecting with other drive trains to make this combine complete the task of taking in an ear of corn, stripping off the husk and discarding it, literally shaking out any dirt or debris until your are left with the clean corn being augered up into the storage bin on the top of the combine.

*Why do I tell you this? Think of our church as I look at a combine - lots of moving parts which need to work together to accomplish our mission: The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.*

Those drive belts can be compared to the people who are essential to the mission of Duck Church and are the primary drivers of our programs and ministries that we support with your contributions.

These are the budgeted ministries in the Duck Church 2025 budget and their amounts in parentheses:

- Heifer Project International (\$500) • Ruthie's Kitchen (\$1,200)
- All God's Children - Aulander (\$4,500)
- Beach Food Pantry (\$1,500) • Caring Hands (\$2,000)
- Dare Challenge (\$2,000) • Food for Thought (\$1,000)
- Interfaith Community Outreach (\$2,500,
- Room In the Inn (\$3,250) • Children's Hospital of KD (\$1,500)
- Outer Banks Hotline (\$1,500) • Samaritan's Purse (\$250)
- Outer Banks Relief Foundation (\$1,000)
- American Red Cross (\$2,000).

As a point of clarification, if you donate specifically to let's say the Food Pantry, the church forwards that money to the pantry - it is not used to satisfy the budgeted amount of \$1,500.

If you have any questions about our supported ministries, please contact me. As we roll into 2025, we're making some changes in our organizational structure and these ministries will be under the auspices of the Ministry Council.

*Pray with me:* We thank you God that you have blessed us with abundance which we will use to bless those in need in our community and the greater world. We ask for guidance and wisdom in carrying out our mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ.

*Matthew 25: 37-40 - "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'*

Time to cowboy up and get to work. Amen? Amen.

Jim Cotter  
Serve Chair



## Volunteer for the New Year!

Put your skills and talents to work at Duck Church for the New Year. Contact the Church office at 252-261-1525 and get connected... You will be blessed.



The Children's Christmas Play was so very sweet this year. We had double the children in this year's play than last year. The kids did such a great job! Thanks so much to all our helpers.

DUCK CHURCH D6 MINISTRY

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

NURSERY HELPERS  
**NEEDED**

**5-7  
PM**

**SUNDAY NIGHTS**

HERE IS A VERY SWEET WAY TO SERVE  
IN THE CHURCH! THE NURSERY IS  
AVAILABLE FOR BABIES-  
KINDERGARTEN.  
DINNER IS INCLUDED!

Please reach to, Brooke, for more information!!  
Familyministries@duckchurch.org

# Choir Notes

## A New Year...

fresh start with new horizons ahead. God has given us a new year with many opportunities for us to glorify His name. Why not try "choir" and sing His wonderful message to all people. We would love to welcome you to our rehearsals. No experience or ability to read music is required; just a love of music and our Lord. Choir meets at 5:00 PM each Thursday for one hour. Come join us with song in the new year.

From the music ministries at Duck, we wish you a wonderful, peaceful and exciting new year!

Soli Deo Gloria

Deb Benton



## Mom's Bible Study

Taking a break from study on the Beatitudes, the Mom's Bible Study learned how to make a traditional Bolivian Christmas dish.

Vivian Pigott's mother, Gladys, from Bolivia, guided the group in creating empanadas from scratch!

The Mom's Bible Study meets Mondays at 9:30 AM. Childcare is provided.



# January 2025 Here I am Lord...

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



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Church office  
Closed  
Happy  
New Year!

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EVERY  
FRIDAY  
Blanketeers  
meet  
9:30 AM

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EVERY  
MONDAY  
Prayer Group  
(in the Chapel)  
8:00 AM  
Mom's  
Bible Study  
9:30 AM  
Joshua's Men  
6:30 PM

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EVERY  
TUESDAY  
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7:00 PM

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Duck Methodist  
Women Meeting  
9:30 AM

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11  
Men's breakfast  
8:00 AM

12  
D6

Duck Call Deadline  
January 13th

15  
Silver Link  
Luncheon - noon



19  
D6  
Charge  
Conference  
3 PM

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EVERY  
WEDNESDAY  
Pastor's  
Bible Study  
10:00 AM  
Ladies's  
Bible Study  
1:00 PM  
Couple's  
Bible Study  
7:00 PM

23  
EVERY  
THURSDAY  
Choir Practice  
5:00 PM

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D6

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**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
 Traditional Sunday Worship Services - 8 & 9:30 AM  
 Contemporary Sunday Worship Service - 11AM  
 Sunday School - 9:15, 9:30 & 10:45 AM

The Care Ministry Contact Person for January is Pam Cotter. Please contact the church for her number. Be well in Christ.





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

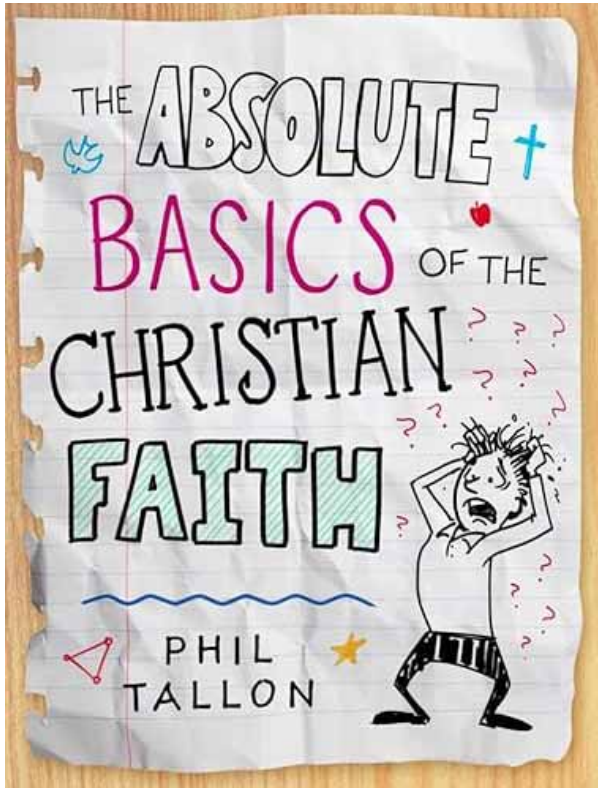
January 5th: ..... From Seed to Harvest: Making Disciples  
January 12th: ..... My Faith Journey

January 19th: ..... No Youth Group for MLK weekend  
January 26th: ..... Who is God?

## Let's get back to the basics.

What do we believe as Christians? About God? Evil?  
What happens after death? Why do we take communion?  
And what is baptism all about?

Together, this winter, we will dive into the basics of Christian beliefs and see where we are on our faith journeys. For those familiar with a confirmation class, this time, during youth group, will serve as our confirmation class this year. And then, at the end of our series in March, each of us will decide what we believe and if we are ready to follow Jesus, be baptized (if you haven't been already), and join Duck Church as a member. Come join us on the journey!



## FCA Bowling Battle!

Last month, our Duck Church Youth competed against other Outer Banks youth groups in the annual FCA Bowling Battle.

We didn't come away with a trophy, but we may have had the most fun! It was awesome to connect with Christians from the Beach and Roanoke Island.





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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](mailto:office@duckchurch.org)

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

Office Hours:



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

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Duck Church



***The deadline for the February Duck Call is January 13th. Thanks.***

HEARTFELT  
*Thanks*

Thanks to Our Decorators!

Thanks to all who helped decorate and undecorate the church for Advent.

This busy group of helpers worked for about 2 hours and made the sanctuary, hallways, front deck and Fellowship Hall look festive.

They enjoyed donuts, coffee and hot chocolate for their efforts.

