



The Duck Call

The Monthly Newsletter of Duck Church • August 2026

Hospitality Matters.

Thank you for yours extended to my family over the last month upon our arrival to your community. One of the brief experiences a new pastor gets to appreciate before becoming too acquainted with his/her new "flock" is having that fresh "outsiders perspective." To observe the church from the outside looking in is a unique gift that many leaders don't get for long.

To be honest, humans are natural judgement machines. It's how God created us. Face it. Without the ability to make quick and astute judgement about situations and even other people, threats on the savanna would have eaten us alive. So, naturally as I'm the new "object" in your midst it's incumbent upon you to assess, am I predator or prey. I'm joking about both of course! I hope I'm neither; I'm not planting any suggestions. Though you do see my point!

Jesus teaches us in Matthew 7:1 "Do not judge, so that you may not be judged." It's not a command so much as a warning. Listen to the next verse... "For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get."

My observation, not judgement, of Duck Church from the outside coming in, is that the hospitality of this church (the "measure" given) is a hallmark imbedded in its soul. For I've felt it myself, and it makes me your pastor want to give even more of myself to you. Do you see how that works? Do you see why Jesus gives us that teaching, and the total transformation it can make in our hearts? It turns a scary, and natural tendency of judgement which breeds only worry and anxiety, into an opportunity for grace and opportunities in relationships to flourish even before they've been established.

I want to encourage you, that as we continue in our church's practice of hospitality, to turn that weekly toward visitors and all those who need to experience the love of Jesus. In so doing may we remember the promises of Jesus. The measure we give will be the measure we get in our relationships with others. If you find it hard at times to be generous with others, especially when there might be hurt or real reasons for judgement, I often turn to the words of this old hymn, "I hear thy Savior say, 'Thy strength indeed is small, Child of weakness watch and pray find in me thine all in all.' Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe sin had left a crimson stain He washed it white as snow."

See! The hospitality of Jesus matters!

In Christ,

Stephen Bazan

Looked Up Lately...?



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Duck Church
Well Represented
in this Year's
4th of July Parade

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And Yet Again... They Came to Jumble!



August BIRTHDAYS!

8/1- Ginger Jones	8/16- Joan Van Zee
8/2 - Kathy Batenic	8/18- Brooke Bowser-Naser
Marie Shelton	8/19- Jeff Beaulieu
8/4 - Debbie Breit	8/23- Sharon Byrum
Miriam Naser	Doug Meekins
8/6 - Jim Britt	8/24- Emma LaPierre
8/12- James Denson	8/26 - Cooper Daniels
8/13- Kristine Kiouisis	8/29- Anna Britt
8/14- Adam Lucast	
Ryder Naser	

Happy Birthday to All Y'all!

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

Take The Time to Welcome Our Guests.

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.
Hebrews 13:2

In the height of this summer season, and with the increase of visitors to our church, make it a point to speak to someone every Sunday, welcome them and thank them for being a part of our worship service. Take pride in making them feel at home.

You just never know...

The Women of Duck Church



And Again...A Huge Thanks to our Church Family.

"July is the month for the Women's Annual "Jumble", otherwise known as a Yard Sale. This year the annual Duck Fourth of July Parade was on the morning of Friday, July 3rd. (Check out the article elsewhere about the parade). The Yard Sale began as soon as the parade ended and went until 3:00 P.M. that afternoon. As usual, donations were taken from our church, as well as community members. Special thanks to the ladies who came in to organize and price the donations prior to our sale! Our sales up to publication of this article were \$3,194.46 in cash and checks and \$1571.25 in VENMO charges making a total of \$4765.71. Thank you to all who donated, helped with preparation, and those who contributed to our sales. We will give away every cent of income to mostly local ministries. We are part of the town of Duck and we want other town members to know we desire to show our love to the Duck town members by supporting them in their needs. We plan to have an informational meeting some time in August before our September meeting where we will talk about the hows and whys of how our group works and work together to make it even better. Watch for an email with date and time of that meeting."

"Open your eyes, look up to the skies and see"...

is the third line from Queen's song Bohemian Rhapsody.

A not-so-obvious reference to (drum roll please Buddy Byrum)... Duck Church has a new steeple!

Our old steeple was disintegrating and warranted replacement. Marty Miller put on his contractor hat and lead the effort. But this is no "off the shelf" steeple from "Steeple-R-Us" or what you can order on Amazon (and yes, I checked).

Our new steeple sports a 48 inch old-style dock facing the street - much like a European town square clock. And the north and south sides have speakers that broadcast from our new carillon system! The carillon marks the time at the top of each hour during the day and can also be programmed to play hymns and other special songs for holidays, celebrations, and meaningful occasions.

A big thank you to Hilda Burdick and Jim Mitchell for blessing Duck Church with their substantial contribution to the cost of the steeple. The Helen Wiegel estate was also a major contributor to the steeple project. Hilda is seen blessing the steeple before it was hoisted and set into place.

The town of Duck also worked with us to modify their noise regulations. If necessary, a public service announcement can be made on our system. And prior to installation of the steeple, the roof was replaced across the entire roof space - sanctuary to fellowship hall. Our trustees are taking good care of our church.

Now try to get that Queen song out of your head! Amen? Amen.



Jim Cotter
Ministry Council
Governing Board



Look Up!





Scenes from Busch Gardens

Our youth group packed out the Duck Church bus and headed for a day of fun to Busch Gardens. Trips like these give our youth "quantity of time" together to share life. Out of nowhere, while in line for one of the roller coasters, a middle school girl shared, "I really want to get baptized!" So right there in Busch Gardens, we started discussing what all that entails. Since then, a group of girls with very little church background have gathered for weekly Bible study. God can move even at the amusement park!



DUCK CHURCH IN THE DUCK PARADE!

Duck Church had great participation and a great float in the Duck Independence Day parade! Buddy Miller lead the way with a beautiful 1929 model A Ford. Thanks very much John Park for your vision, planning and execution in creating a float that

was a great expression of our church as the only church in Duck!



Opportunity

TO SERVE:

We are updating our substitute list for the nursery. ♥

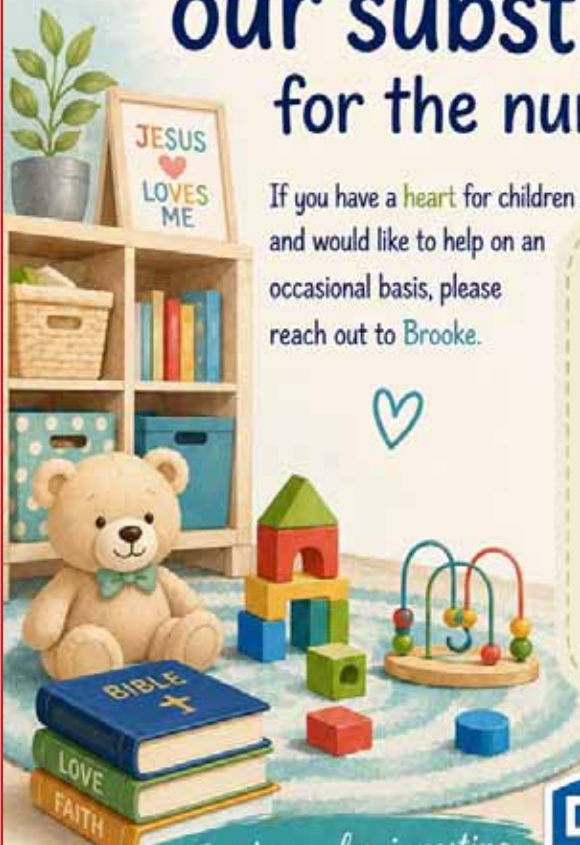
If you have a heart for children and would like to help on an occasional basis, please reach out to Brooke. ♥

REQUIREMENTS:

- Heart for Jesus
- Love of children
- Been part of Duck Church for at least 6 months
- Become background checked.

Thank you for investing in the littlest hearts!

DUCK CHURCH
A GLOBAL METHODIST COMMUNITY




Relect upon these things...

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:5-7 NRSV

Please join us for August 23rd during worship for Blessing of the Backpacks! Bring your backpack, lunchbox, laptop case, or whatever you take back and forth to school to be prayed over.

Join Us August 23rd

Blessing OF THE Backpacks



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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

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2 No Youth Group SUMMER BREAK	3 EVERY MONDAY Prayer Ministry (in the Chapel) 9:00 AM	4	5	6 No Choir Practice for August	7	8
9 No Youth Group SUMMER BREAK	10	11 Ministry Council 10:00 AM	12 Random Act of Kindness Wednesday Do Something Nice for Someone in Need	13	14	15
16 YOUTH 6TH GRADE WELCOME	17 September Duck Call Deadline August 17th	18 EVERY TUESDAY AA 7:00 PM	19	20	21	22 <i>A Good Day to Rejoice in God's Goodness. (indeed)</i>
23 Blessing of the Backpack during Services	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Ministry Fair	31					



The Care Ministry Contact Person for August is Lynda Marshall. Please contact the church for her number. *Be well in Christ.*



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

Top Secret Mission: Sunday, August 16th @ 5 - 8:30ish PM

(Cue Spy Theme music) This is your mission, if you choose to accept it: Report to the Marketplace at 5 PM. From there you will receive further instructions. (Amy will covertly send out details to students and families ahead of time).



FCA Leadership Camp

This year, we sent one student leader from Duck Church and several student leaders from the First Flight Middle and First Flight High School track and cross country teams to FCA Leadership Camp. At camp, these students received training to become the leaders God has created them to be, to lead team Bible studies, and to share Christ with friends. FCA raises the bar, empowering students to lead **TODAY!**



...and then, there was that "God - moment" at Busch Gardens...
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Office Hours: **OPEN**

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

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Duck Church



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

8AM to 4PM or

Email anytime at:

office@duckchurch.org

On-line worship: please contact the church office if you are unable to get the virtual worship service.... *God Bless.*

The deadline for the September Duck Call is August 17th.



Busch
Gardens