



# The Duck Call

The Monthly Newsletter of Duck Church • October 2024

## Living By The Bible

I love this quote from Kierkegaard...  
"The matter is quite simple. The Bible is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of scheming swindlers. We pretend to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand, we are obliged to act accordingly.  
Take any words in the New Testament and forget everything except pledging yourself to act accordingly. My God, you will say, if I do that my whole life will be ruined. How would I ever get on in the world? Herein lies the real place of Christian scholarship. Christian scholarship

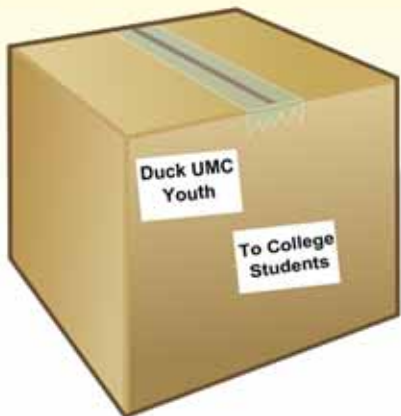


is the Church's prodigious invention to defend itself against the Bible, to ensure that we can continue to be good Christians without the Bible coming too close. Oh, priceless scholarship, what would we do without you?" from *Provocations: Spiritual Writings of Kierkegaard*  
It echoes the words of James...  
"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." (*James 1:22*)

I love you all,  
*Chris*  
Pastor Chris

## Our College Students Need Some Love from Home!!

Our college students need some love from home!! On October 20th, our youth will assemble college care packages, & they would like to team up with the whole congregation to collect items. We'd also love some donations to help pay for postage!



### DONATIONS NEEDED:

#### Package Donation Ideas:

Ramen Noodles, Instant oatmeal, Easy Mac, Pop-tarts, Individually wrapped candy/gum, Protein bars, Beef jerky, Rice Crispy Treats, Individually packaged drink mixes, Highlighters, Pens, Pencils, Tape, Sticky notes, Chapstick, Band-aids, Individual packs of Kleenex, Coffee/tea bags, Stain removing pen.  
Bring boxes of each item with individually wrapped pieces and we can distribute them between the boxes.

### Wrapping materials:

shoe boxes/plastic containers, and plastic sandwich bags to package candy.

### Our College Students:

Max Bowlin, Jack Brown, Warner Campbell, Cooper Daniels, Isaac Drummond, Pia Drummond, Foster Guns, Sydney Guns, Judah LaCroix, Zech Lucast, Josh Miller, Reagan Minnich, Malikye Naser, Madison Pugh, Skylar Shifflett, Lucy Stecher, Abby Wallace, Jared White, Jonah Wills, Grace Woerner

**Handwritten notes:** Write all of our college students or just a few. Please put your completed notes in an envelope marked with the student's name, and then put them in Amy's box by October 20th.

## COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

**Please turn in all donations by October 20th.** Please drop off your donations at Amy's office. If you would like to donate money to help us pay for postage, please send a check to the church office marked "College Care Packages" in the memo.

# MEN Duck

## Monthly Men's Breakfast

The men's breakfast this month will be held on Saturday, October 19th, at 8 AM in the fellowship hall at the church. We will have breakfast food, fellowship, and spiritual food (that is still to be determined). We'll also continue planning for fundraising and other business. Our numbers are growing thanks to the men who committed to the men's breakfast in response to Pastor Chris' "As for me" sermon and challenge to serve and engage from the book of Joshua in August. If you've been "meaning to get involved" for a while but haven't, this breakfast is an excellent place to start. *Join us!*



Goodies provided by Sally Kole and Kathy Batenic

*Thank You!*

The Duck Methodist Women had a great time getting back together at our September General Meeting. Part of the fun was meeting new ladies who we hope are planning to become regular members with us. We discussed the success of our July Jumble/Yard Sale, plans for the Thanksgiving Pie Sale and the various ministries that will receive the proceeds of these events. Come ready to share ministries, near or far, that you would like to see on the list!



Little Dresses for African girls made by our women...

The Duck Methodist Women

Our Next Meeting  
October 3rd, 9:30 AM

*Hello Ladies of Duck Church!* Our meeting for October will be on Thursday, October 3rd, featuring Myra Houser our Global Methodist Conference Coordinator for Women's Ministries. She will join us to share the conference vision for these ministries. Please come get excited about all we can be and do together. We will start, as usual, with fellowship and treats at 9:30 AM with the meeting starting at 10:00 AM. All Women are Welcome.

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## October BIRTHDAYS!

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| 10/8 - Chloe Kreiser | 10/22- Louise Sawyer |
| 10/9 - Joshua Naser  | 10/23-Alex Kiouis    |
| 10/10- Buddy Byrum   | 10/25-Suki Holian    |
| Helen Ford           | 10/27-Addi Chiles    |
| Lorelai La Pierre    | Richard Dail         |
| 10/14-Grayson Miller | 10/28- Shelby Miller |
| 10/18-Ginny Heinrich | 10/31- David Daniels |
| Emilia Kiouis        |                      |

*Happy Birthday to All of You!*

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.





# Satan's Roadkill



If you've been living under a rock this summer, then you missed what El Diablo has been up to. He's been very busy. The older I get, the more finely tuned my evil-meter becomes. Can you relate? And the more scripture we read and study, the scales of blindness and self-deception should fall from our eyes. Check out what happened to Paul:

**Acts 9 17-18:** And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit". Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

What I read here in Acts is this: once the scales fall from our eyes, the Holy Spirit can fill and inspire us to action. Boom!

Now, let's recap the summer of 2024. We've seen the attempted assassination of a presidential candidate. We've seen the terrible toll of the continuing war in Israel as they near the 1 year anniversary of the Hamas atrocities. We've seen the pro-Hamas mobs in our streets causing destruction wherever they go. El Diablo at work. But wait... there is more.

We've seen a mobile abortion van parked out front of the national convention of one of our major political parties. And women dressed as abortion pills in a parade. This reminds me of the worship of Molech 3000 years ago where child sacrifice was practiced. This is plainly (to me) evil on display and "in your face" behavior. What a sad commentary on our culture. They should have painted a golden calf on the side. We've also had another school shooting on the first day of school. Offended? Quit reading now buttercup and go back to sticking your head in the sand.

We need to serve our Lord using prayer to teach our children and grandchildren to be on the lookout for evil ... to be ever vigilant. To remind them that Satan never takes a sick day. As one of my favorite authors Doug Giles writes, "Jesus waged war with the dragon and he did it with the Word of God". So will we.

**Ephesians 6:11:** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

What is Duck Church doing? We're PRAYING - not as a last resort but as a first resort. You and I have heard someone say in the past - especially when all seems hopeless, "Well, all we can do now is pray". Folks, that's what a wimpy, lysol-disinfected Christian would say.

**Rev 19:11-16:** I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Does that sound like some kind of lysol disinfected, gluten-free, overly Old-spiced wimpy dude handing out daisies on a street corner? No, this is Jesus - on a white horse, coming as a warrior, against the forces of evil. I know whose side I'm on. Do you?

So pray. Lean into it. Pray with someone. Duck Church has you covered. Join the Monday prayer group that meets in the chapel. Get yourself into a bible study. Join the "Pray for me" campaign. Let's pray for the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater, the battle for LIFE, and against the worship of Molech. Seriously. Pray for the expectant mothers, fathers and babies that they are saving (see the



picture). As of September, CPC has served over 1700 patients! That is north of a 31% increase over this time last year! Praise the Lord. Prayer works. Time to get to work big dog.

**Matthew 18: 19-20:** "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

As Steve Jobs used to say, "One more thing". Vote in November for whomever you will - local, state and national. And vote as if God is looking over your shoulder. Don't become Satan's roadkill. It's time to cowboy up. God will not be mocked.

Amen? Amen.

Jim Cotter  
Serve Chair



from Deb Benton Music Director

## Fall has Arrived!

The days are cooler. The leaves are turning brilliant colors. Nights are clear and brisk! The farmers are working hard to harvest all their crops before winter. They are "Bringing in the Sheaves." This gospel song was written by Knowles Shaw, an American. He was inspired by Psalm 126 and wrote the lyrics in 1874. He also wrote the tune, but a separate tune, composed by George Minor in 1880, is the more commonly used tune today. Shaw was born in Ohio and was a writer, an evangelist and a composer. He baptized over ten thousand people. Sadly, Shaw died in a train wreck in Texas in 1878.

In Psalm 126:6 the writer cries out to God to restore Zion. The righteous who wait for the Lord will bring in their harvest, for they are blessed for their right relationship with God. They are strengthened for their endurance of trials and sufferings. The hymn writer used this verse (6) to set it in the life of Jesus and His return.

In this world, we have many struggles and joys and are given a difficult job to reach others for Christ. It will be a joyful reunion in heaven when we see how God used us to bring others into His kingdom. It is not an easy life trying to reach all people and tell them about Jesus, but even when we feel we haven't done enough, "Bringing in the Sheaves" reminds us that the most important labor we can do for Jesus will one day be rewarded by the Lord of the Harvest himself.

Let us sing this gospel hymn with conviction, determination and challenge to do our best to reach everyone around and not only teach but show the love of Christ to this world. Don't give up doing good and trusting in Jesus. (Does that sound like a hymn?)

It is a blessing to me to be able to work with the greatest people of Duck Church.

Soli Deo Gloria

Deb  
P.S. We are working on Christmas music...

*Come join us!*

Duck Church will be participating in the Town of Duck's Trunk or Treat from 4-7 PM on October 19th! Reach out to Brooke if you would like to help hand out treats or donate candy!

# TRUNK-OR-TREAT

CANDY ● GAMES ● BUBBLES ● MOVIE ON THE GREEN

SATURDAY  
**OCTOBER 19TH**  
TOWN HALL  
1200 DUCK ROAD

4 PM - 7 PM  
HOOK BEGINNING AT 7 PM

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN! DRESS UP IN YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME AND TRUNK-OR-TREAT WITH LOCAL DUCK BUSINESSES!

TOWN HALL  
1200 DUCK ROAD

For more information, scan the QR code.

*How Sweet it Is!*

Apple and Pumpkin and Pecan... Oh My!  
The Pie Ladies are Back... Coming Soon.



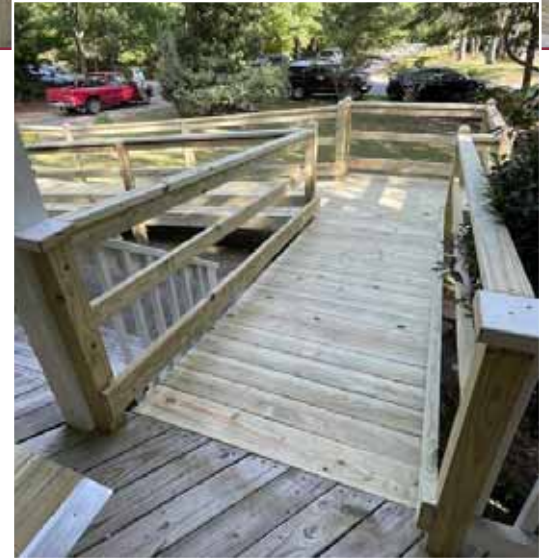
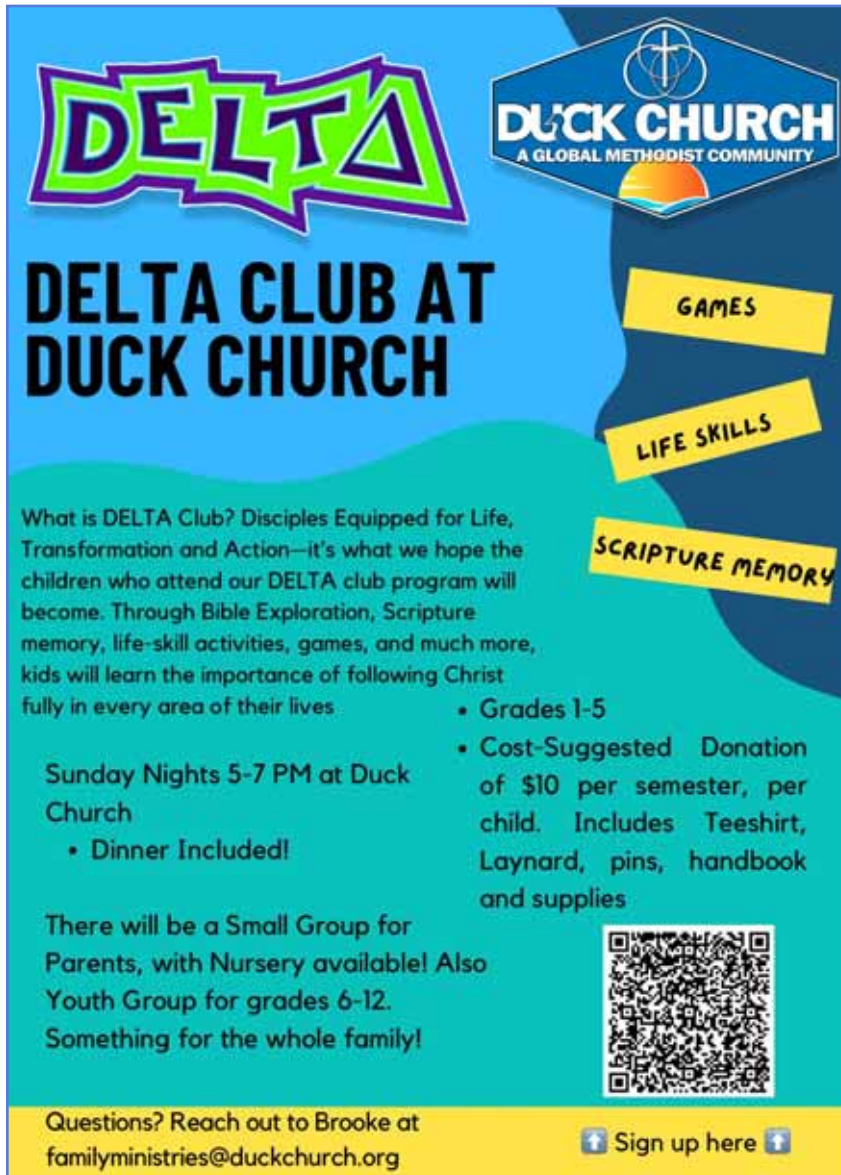


# Caring Hands... continues to serve..

The men of Duck Church, through our Caring Hands construction and home repair ministry, had the opportunity to build a handicap ramp last month in Harbinger (just across the bridge). The recipient is an Outer Banks community leader who is battling cancer, and she has gotten so weak she can't negotiate stairs into her home at this time. We got the tasking to build the ramp (we also changed out a low toilet for a high one) from Interfaith Community Outreach on a Friday, and by the following Thursday, we completed a 35-foot ramp with a turn platform to make it fit between the front porch and the driveway. We were able to complete the normal three-day project in just two days because...well, because God is good!

We had a team of ten men that worked on this project - Scott Kessler, John Schmitt, Kerry Skinner, Richard Joyce, Rox Corbin, Bill Mathews, Larry Blackburn, Jack Meagher, John Park and Steve Hachtman.

"For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." *2 Corinthians 4:5*

**DELTA**

**DUCK CHURCH**  
A GLOBAL METHODIST COMMUNITY

**DELTA CLUB AT DUCK CHURCH**

GAMES  
LIFE SKILLS  
SCRIPTURE MEMORY


What is DELTA Club? Disciples Equipped for Life, Transformation and Action—it's what we hope the children who attend our DELTA club program will become. Through Bible Exploration, Scripture memory, life-skill activities, games, and much more, kids will learn the importance of following Christ fully in every area of their lives.

- Grades 1-5
- Cost-Suggested Donation of \$10 per semester, per child. Includes Teeshirt, Laynard, pins, handbook and supplies

Sunday Nights 5-7 PM at Duck Church

- Dinner Included!

There will be a Small Group for Parents, with Nursery available! Also Youth Group for grades 6-12. Something for the whole family!



Questions? Reach out to Brooke at [familyministries@duckchurch.org](mailto:familyministries@duckchurch.org)

Sign up here



# October 2024 *A time to plant, a time to reap...*


Sunday    Monday    Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday    Friday    Saturday

		1	2	3 Duck Methodist Women Meeting 9:30 AM Food For Thought 10:00 AM	4	5
6  D6 5:00-7:00 PM		8 Blood Drive 8th - 10AM - 4PM & 9th - noon - 6PM Ruthie's Kitchen 3:30-4:30 PM 	9 2days Silver Link planning meeting 9:30 AM	10 Random Act of Kindness Thursday Do Something Nice for Someone	11	12
13  D6 5:00-7:00 PM	14 Duck Call Deadline October 14th	15 EVERY TUESDAY AA 7:00 PM	16  Silver Link luncheon - noon	17	18	19 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
20  D6 5:00-7:00 PM	21 EVERY MONDAY Prayer Ministry 11:00 AM	22	23 EVERY WEDNESDAY Pastor's Bible Study 10:00 AM Ladie's Bible Study 1:00 PM	24 EVERY THURSDAY Choir Practice 5:00 PM Join Us!	25	26 A Good Day to Rejoice in God's Goodness. (indeed)
27  D6 5:00-7:00 PM	28 Joshua's Men 6:30 PM (beginning the 14th)	29	30 Couple's Bible Study 7:00 PM	31 Trick or Treat! 		



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

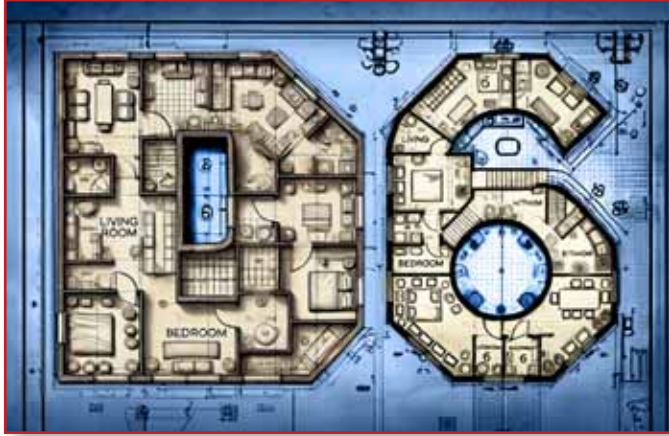
The Care Ministry Contact Person for October is Betty Corbin. Please contact the church for her number.  
*Be well in Christ.*





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

### D6 IS OFF AND RUNNING! SUNDAYS 5-7 PM



SUNDAY MINISTRY NIGHTS HAVE BEGUN. D6, BASED ON DEUTERONOMY 6 IS AN EVENING WHERE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND PARENTS CAN GROW IN CHRIST.

So, ON SUNDAY NIGHTS, CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND THEIR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS WILL GATHER FOR A FAMILY MEAL AT 5 PM. THEN, AFTER DINNER, WE WILL OFFER YOUTH GROUP FOR OUR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, PIONEER CLUB (A CHRISTIAN SCOUTING PROGRAM) FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS, NURSERY FOR BIRTH TO PRESCHOOLERS, AND A SMALL GROUP FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS.

### YOUTH GROUP LESSON FOCUS FOR FALL

THE ONE ANOTHERS OF SCRIPTURE! WHAT WOULD OUR YOUTH GROUP LOOK LIKE IF WE TOOK SERIOUSLY THE "ONE ANOTHERS" OF THE BIBLE? LOVE ONE ANOTHER, SERVE ONE ANOTHER, PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER, ETC? THAT KIND OF COMMUNITY MIGHT JUST CHANGE US AND OUR COMMUNITY!



### OUR FALL RETREAT IS BACK BUT IN A NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR.

WE WILL STAY IN CABINS AT TRIPLE R RANCH, ENJOY THEIR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, WORK ON TEAM BUILDING AT THE LOW ROPES COURSE, AND PLAY ARCHERY TAG! OVER THE WEEKEND, WE'LL LEARN TO TRUST ONE ANOTHER AND BE CHALLENGED TO TRUST GOD IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. CONTACT AMY TO REGISTER. THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 13TH.



We Might Not Have it All Together... But Together We've got it All.





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Office Hours: **OPEN**

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

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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

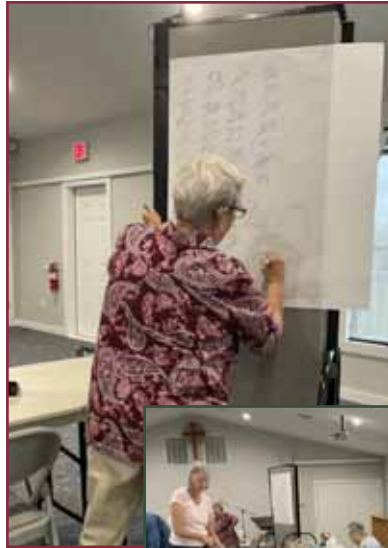
8AM to 4PM or

Email anytime at:

[office@duckchurch.org](mailto: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 November Duck Call is October 14th. Thanks.***



The Blanketeers had a wonderful workshop on Friday. 21 women participated and we made 40 quilt tops. They will all be finished and given away next year, after we have our regular classes. The winter sessions for Blanketeers begins on Fridays in January and February starting January 3rd. We meet at the church at 9:30 AM, get a pattern, fabric, batting and go home to make the quilt. We also have Show and Tell each week and collect the quilts, all to be given away. We will display the quilts in church on the weekend of March 8th. Our goal is 400.



***On the Move***