



The Duck Call

The Monthly Newsletter of Duck Church • September 2026

The Best is Yet to Come

September is always a sign to me that the best is yet to come. I'm naturally someone who loves hot weather, but the late summer and early autumn has to be the best all-round weather of the year. September weather is what I like to call "cookout weather!" It's usually too hot to enjoy the grill in August, and in October it begins to get almost too cool. So, at least for me, September is the perfect middle. Cookout weather and college football is calling my name.

September is a great time to be reminded that the best is coming. The best surely is coming for us along our discipleship journeys. Christian hope is our looking at the future without anxiety and stress, and instead embracing a mindset that God has our future in mind. Hope is a Christian virtue that keeps us grounded in that whatever we are facing or going through right now won't get the last word, because the best thing is still yet to come. One phrase I'll say over and over again is, "the worse thing is never the last thing." This is the picture of hope the resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us. The worse thing, the cross,

doesn't get the last word in Jesus' life. The best is always yet to come, and the best is Easter and the resurrection.

Without this hope for what the future holds, our lives can easily fall into despair and turmoil. We get frustrated easily when everything we are presently facing gets the last word. We get depressed when we look at the dismal past, and think that's all the future holds.

Let us hope together for the best that is still ahead, and let us praise God for what he is working toward on our behalf. Instead of thinking about the autumn as the time the church just gets busy again, let us look ahead at all the great possibilities God is giving us, and seize those moments with great hope.

In Christ,

Stephen

The Blanketeers will have a one day workshop on **Friday, September 11th** from 9AM to 3PM. We will have quilting kits prepared for you to make tops to be finished and handed in, in January. Bring a sewing machine and stay as long as you want.

Outer Banks
Blanketeers



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The First Meeting After Becoming Global Methodists

The new leaders who came out of that first meeting... to restart the Duck Women's Group in February 2023

Elected officers (left to right)
Lynda Park, Co-President,
Brenda Sanders, Treasurer,
Betty Corbin, Secretary and
Angie Aydlett, Co-President



**The Duck
Methodist Women**
Fall is On the Way!

Our Next Meeting
September 3rd, 9:30 AM

Ladies...who else can't believe we are almost done with another season of tourists and getting ready to settle into our wonderful OBX Fall Season?? Yes... summer has come and gone. I would say we are probably all thankful for the summer break but, honestly, with visitors, summer activities, and so forth, many don't seem to have a break as much as it is a change in a busy routine. But, this summer has brought some good things to our church. Yes, we were sad to say farewell to Chris and Angie Aydlett but, we gained a new Pastor and his family to come and shepherd us. Welcome to Pastor Stephen, Amanda, Isaac, and Nathan. We thank God for choosing them just for us!

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3rd, 2026...

beginning with fellowship and treats from 9:30 - 10:00AM At 10:00AM we will have a meeting loosely called "Rejoicing in where we've been and Reflecting on how we move forward". We will discuss our "restart" in 2023 as a women's group after we became part of the Global Methodist Conference and, now, discuss anything we may want to do to move forward that will help us continue to minister as women to one another, our church, and our community. The Global Women of our Conference Leadership have developed a Women's Ministry and are available to encourage us to follow what God would have us be and do. They do not wish to decide for us what we should be and do. Please be in prayer as you come to discuss our group... what it is, what you want it to be, what you like, changes that can make things run smoother. Your leadership is not looking for huge, sweeping change... just ideas that make a group like ours run better, minister better, and Honor God in all we do. I know I appreciate your presence, your ideas, and your hearts and love for one another and for our Lord Jesus.

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"Teach us (me) to do your will, for you are our (my) God; may your good Spirit lead us (me) on level ground." *Psalms 143:10*

I will see you at the September meeting if not before,
Lynda Park – Co-President"

September BIRTHDAYS!

9/5-Deb Benton	9/15-Bill Heinrich
9/10-Alma Miller	9/17-Isaac Bazan
Matthew Workenaour	George Schlagel
9/11-Gary (Chap)Moore	9/21-Kathy Heinrich
9/13-John Brown	9/27-Clyde Joyner
Mary Sowder	9/30-Sharon Chancey
9/14-Sandra Arnoult	
Aubrey Kitchin	
Justin White	

*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.

MEN Duck

Duck Men Breakfast!!

Ok men - it's time to get back in the saddle and get together for breakfast and fellowship in September. The world's problems have piled up since we last solved them all in June -

We've got work to do!

Come and have a delicious
Stack'em High breakfast on
Saturday, September 12th - 8AM
at the church. See you there!

Jim Cotter
Duck Men Secretary



**Looking for a Great Way to
Give with Ultimate Rewards...?**
Give Your Time...Your Energy,
Your Encouragement, Your Prayers...
Your Heart.



Check out What's Going On at Youth Group This Month:



D6: Starting September 20th, 5-7 PM

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, Delta Club (a Christian scouting program) for elementary school kids, nursery for birth to preschoolers, and a small group for parents/caregivers.

There are ways for every member of the family to grow in their faith!

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Did you know that you can grow in your faith and serve the Lord at school?

◀ Here are 2 great opportunities: ▶



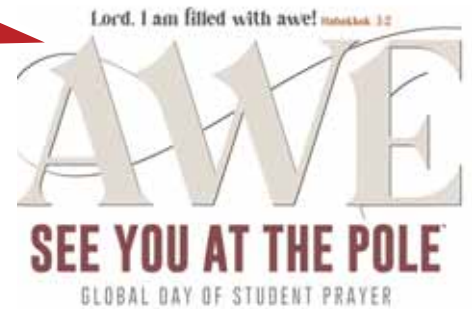
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
FCA Huddles meet weekly at FFMS and FFHS. Students gather for breakfast and a the day. All students, Athletes or not, are welcome!

FFHS, Wednesdays at 7:30 AM in the Art Room

FFMS, Thursdays at 7:30 AM in the Gym

See You at the Pole
is a nation-wide prayer event for middle & high school students. Students gather

at their respective campuses to pray for their friends, teachers, and staff. **More details to come!**



Pray for Students

This year, we will continue to have adults pray for our middle and high school students, but we're doing it a bit differently.

If you would like your student prayed for this school year or if you're an adult who would like to pray, please let Amy know by September 6th.



Youth to Aulander

On August 1st, after a full day of Duck Church Day Camp, several of our youth visited our friends in Aulander for their "Christmas in July" event. Continued on page 7.

The THIRD Annual... Duck Church Day Camp!

Watching these incredible kids grow in their knowledge and love for Jesus while making sweet friendships and lifelong memories is one of the greatest blessings.

A huge THANK YOU to our amazing counselors who showed up every day with servant hearts, endless energy, and so much love for these kids. You made this week truly unforgettable.

Because of the generosity of our community and the hard work of our fellow campers, our Car Wash & Lemonade Stand raised enough to sponsor 7 orphans in Rwanda through the Zoe Empowers program! What an incredible way for kids to help other kids. ♥

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the The Town Of Duck, the Town Duck Police Department, Duck Fire Department, OBX Toys & Engraving, OBX Lizard Land, LDB Farm and Animal Sanctuary, and Karen Ragsdale with archery for going above and beyond to make this week so special. We couldn't have done it without you! You helped bring our camp to life!

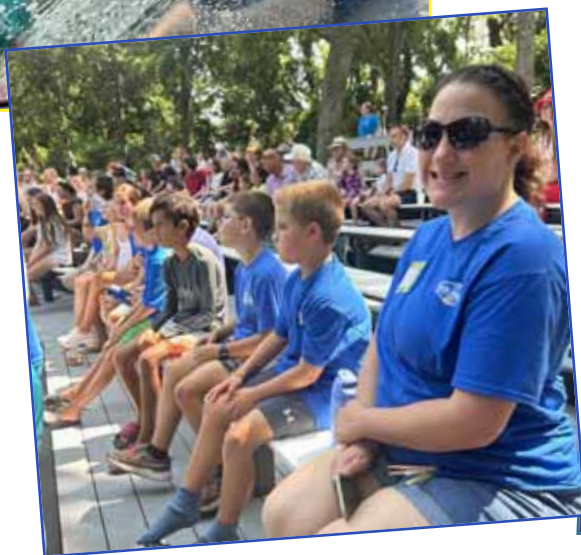
Thank you to every family who trusted us with your children. We're already counting down the days until next year's adventure!



And The Duck Church Day Camp Car Wash...?



**Our Day Camp Car Wash
& Lemonade Stand raised
enough to sponsor 7 orphans
in Rwanda through the
Zoe Empowers program!!!**



from Deb Benton Music Director

Happy Fall!

It's that time again when we look forward to starting back to choir practice. We begin on September 17th, 2026 at 5:00 PM. We will start Christmas music at that practice! My goal is to double our choir size this year. Anyone is welcome to come and sing praises to our wonderful God. We all have much to be thankful for and sing to the glory of God every week.

Singing is a vital part of Christian worship, serving to praise God, encourage believers and unite the congregation in a shared experience each Sunday. You don't have to read music, just love to make a "joyful noise" unto the Lord. King David not only led worship in song, but also appointed musicians and instruments for highlighting the music in worship. Singing allows believers to express their faith and reverence to God. It uses the mind, heart, voice and whole body to create a worship experience.

My wish is that every Sunday at Duck Church, someone will feel God's presence and power through music - whether played or sung. I hope each one will become closer to our awesome Lord and let others know.

Please consider joining us on September 17th at 5:00 PM, for an hour to come together and let God use our "offerings" for His glory. *Zephaniah 3:17* "The Lord your God is with you, the mighty warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

Come join us!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Deb

PS... I wonder if God's a tenor or bass?



September 2026

...for in Christ there is Hope
of the Best Things Yet to Come.

Sunday

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Tuesday

Wednesday

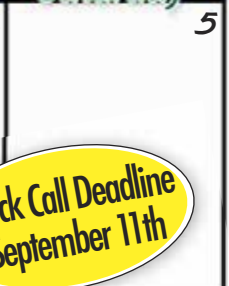
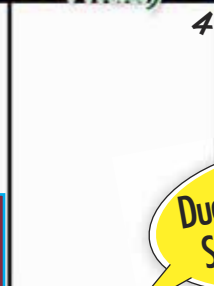
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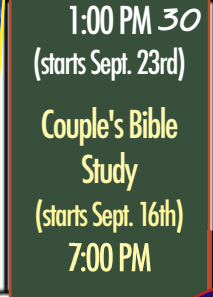
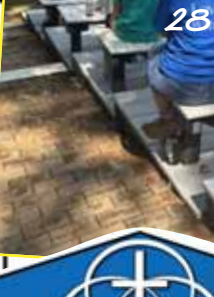
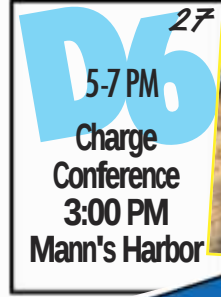
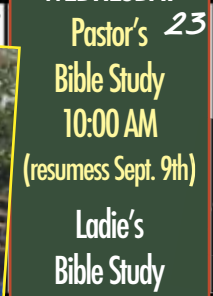
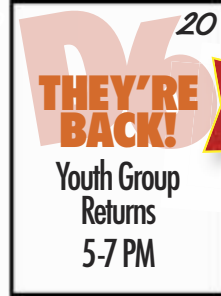
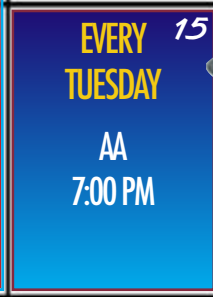
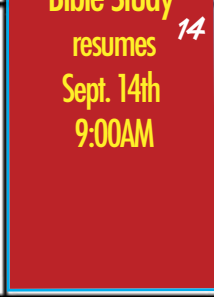
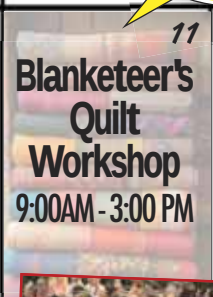
Saturday

The Care Ministry Contact Person
for September is Alma Miller.
Please contact the church for
her number.

Be well in Christ.



**Duck Call Deadline
September 11th**



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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 & 10:45AM

**THEY'RE
BACK!**

Youth Group
Returns
5-7 PM

The THIRD Annual...
Duck Church Day Camp!



**EVERY
WEDNESDAY**
Pastor's
Bible Study
10:00 AM
(resumess Sept. 9th)

Ladie's
Bible Study
1:00 PM 30
(starts Sept. 23rd)

Couple's Bible
Study
(starts Sept. 16th)
7:00 PM

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Youth Group Visits Aulander (from page 3)



Where the Place of Possibilities building once stood, people of all ages gathered under a huge tent, receiving reduced cost clothing, family activities and crafts, and the warm love and generosity that the community has come to expect from Laura Early and her team. At the event, children who had participated in the POP summer camps received backpacks that Duck Church had packed after our Vacation Bible School. Though our group didn't have much interaction with the folks from the local community, Mrs. Laura gave us a tour of the Grocery House (food pantry) and Little House, Big Heart (thrift store). Then, we were invited to her house to meet her animals and learn a little about their summer camps.



Our youth learned that sometimes mission work isn't necessarily serving individuals face-to-face. Sometimes, it's learning about what life is like for people in other places and dreaming about ways to meet needs. The Place of Possibilities will begin rebuilding their larger facility soon, and our youth are excited to be a part of that process!



Welcome Youth Group 6th Graders!





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Office Hours:



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

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

The deadline for the October Duck Call is September 11th. See Y'all in Church.



44 members and friends from Duck Church boarded the Crystal Dawn boat on August 19th for a Sunset Cruise and Dolphin watch. We were not disappointed with the fellowship, dolphin sightings and the fabulous sunset views we got. We want to especially thank Kenette Joyner for helping coordinate the evening's outing. Enjoy some of our pictures.

