

The Duck Call



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YOU ARE HOLY

A survey published by the Barna Group demonstrated that most American evangelicals don't consider themselves to be holy.

The report states:

- 76% believe that it is possible for someone to become holy regardless of their past.
- 55% said that they knew someone they considered to be holy.
- 29% consider themselves to be holy.

It appears that believers are more convinced of their connection to their old nature than they are to their connection to their new nature. They're more aware of their acts of sinfulness than they are of their acts of righteousness. They're more aware of their failures than they are of their successes.

I suppose this makes sense. In the journey toward holiness, the ugliness of sin will stick out more, like a smudge on an otherwise beautiful painting. It is this awareness of sin that empowers us to fight it, reject it, and abandon it.

But let's not let ourselves be too aware of sin... not in the sense that it defines us. Though we struggle with the old sinful nature, we must

remember that who we really are is defined by the gift of grace that God has lavished upon us. Hebrews says we have made holy through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ (*Hebrews 10:10*) and through this sacrifice we are being made holy. (*Hebrews 10:14*)

The first reference describes our position: God declares us holy. The second reference describes our performance: God is conforming us into the image of Christ.

For this reason we must learn to see ourselves as God sees us: New creatures, created in Christ to become the righteousness of God. (*2 Corinthians 5:21*) Your struggles with sin... the fact that sinful tendencies frustrate you... are an indication of what God has already done in your life and where He is taking you today.

I love you all,

Chris

Pastor Chris

NCPAC • GENERAL CONFERENCE • SEPTEMBER 2024



North Carolina
Provisional Annual
Conference
of the Global Methodist Church

What's New with the Global Methodist Church?

You've heard the mission statement of the Global Methodist Church:

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

That's what is happening in the approximately 4,500 local churches that are part of the GMC. But even though the direction of our denomination is to support the ministry of local churches rather than tell them what to do, the GMC still needs to officially approve some things to help it function effectively. This will happen at the convening General Conference to be held in San Jose, Costa Rica this September. We can expect the agenda will include ample time for worship, the adoption of a constitution, deliberation over critical legislation, and special times for thanks and praise. While many leaders believe the General Conferences will eventually occur every six years, they also think we will require a special follow-up General Conference in 2026 (1). You can find the proposed 6-page constitution by Googling "Global Methodist Constitution."

Last month, the North Carolina Provisional Annual Conference elected 24 delegates - 12 clergy and 12 laity - at a special called session in Asheboro. These 24 people will make up a relatively large portion of the 260 delegates to the convening General Conference from across the globe. North Carolina is one of the largest provisional annual conferences of the 27 conferences - 19 in the United States and 8 in Europe, Africa, Korea, and the Philippines.

You can read more about the denomination and the convening General Conference on the GMC website, but we'll provide pertinent information right here as the meeting in Costa Rica gets closer.

Footnote: (1) sotheworldwillknow.org/news/critical-document-released-for-the-gm-churchs-convening-general-conference



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MEN ...GATHER!

Duck The Duck Methodist Men will meet on Saturday, May 18th, for our monthly breakfast. We finished our time in James for Men by Vince Miller (video) last month, so we'll be hearing from some of our own Duck Church brothers this month. And, of course, we'll have good food, some fun stories, and great fellowship! We need you to make it happen, so please plan to join us at 8 AM in the fellowship hall.

Mark Your Calendars for Thursday, May 9th.

The Coastal Family Church is having a Friends Event with a panel of speakers. Our Amy Denson will be one of the panel members who will share their heart on the topics of courage and kindness and how they relate to friendship. The event will be held on Thursday, May 9th at Coastal Family Church at 106 E. Finch Street in Nags Head. It will begin at 6 pm. Catered box dinners (approximate cost \$15.00) will be served. There will be a time of worship before the panel discussion. The program should end by 7:30-7:45 PM concluding with some fun desserts. Call the church or Lynda Park for more information.



The Duck
Methodist Women

Thursday,
May 2nd
9:30AM



Tony Parisi

Greetings to the Women of Duck Church!

Our April Duck Methodist Women's meeting was centered around our theme of "Connecting with God through His Creation". As God's creation ourselves we have the responsibility to care for the rest of Creation. We invited Tony Parisi, President of NEST (Network for Endangered Sea Turtles) to educate us about sea turtles in our area and how we can be involved in their care or just know what this organization does to promote the nesting and hatching of the turtle eggs on our local beaches. Our May meeting will end our Connections with God Devotional series with the topic of Women's Health. A guest speaker from ECU Health will come to share with us. As usual we will have our business meeting following our speaker. We are getting ready for some exciting events... the Kite Day with local Special Needs Adults and our main fund raiser of the year.... our annual July Jumble/Yard Sale the week of Fourth of July. Come see

what we're doing to raise funds to help those in need in our church, community, and the world. These activities are always more fun when we do them together! *Can't wait to see you there!"*

May **BIRTHDAYS!**

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| 5/02-Tina Miller | 5/20- Mary Lou Breit |
| 5/03-Joyce Hannan | Samuel Kitchin |
| Hannah Kim | 5/21- Beverly Kissinger |
| 5/04-Irv Pisek | 5/22- Larry Blackburn |
| 5/07-Pamela Peters | Bob Garrett |
| 5/09-Woody MacDonald | Yong Holian |
| Miles Miller | Lynda Marshall |
| 5/11-Denise Skinner | 5/27- Judy Chiles |
| 5/13-Lynn Blackburn | David Kole |
| Cole Fagersten | 5/28- Charlie Kitchen |
| 5/14- Amy Denson | 5/30- Jessie Runnells |
| 5/19- Jeff Scott | |

*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.





FLYING PIGS ALERT!

It's 10am sharp. Time to start. The assembled crowd walked around the few items laid out for the auction: 2 delivery trailers, 12 rolling shelf-carts, a spare trailer hitch, a plastic wrapper dispenser, a clipboard and 3 sharpie pens. All that remains of a once-thriving charity on the Outer Banks.

"Pretty sad" said a local woman, who softly sobbed, clutching a tissue to her face and secretly hoping the clipboard and sharpies will go cheap.

"Aye, a pity, don't ya know" said some Irish-white pale dude wearing a sweatshirt with a jackrabbit on the front. Eying the stranger, nobody knew where he came from but he had a flat midwestern accent. You know the type. Probably thinks it's weird to put cole slaw on a bbq sandwich. Smelled slightly like horse poop. But I digress.

"Let's start the bidding at 200 for this fine trailer. It's about 20 years old and still has many years to go" said the auctioneer kicking the tires.

"Gimme 2, 2, 2, 200, 200, Yes!, now 300, now gimme 3, 3, 3, 300, 300, 300. Yes!, who will give me 400?" Now folks, just like The Beach Boys, this trailer is full of good vibrations!" crowed the auctioneer. "It was used for many years to deliver Food for Thought meals to Dare County Schools. "What's that?" said some presumably ignorant soul most likely born North of the Wright Memorial bridge. Probably a Yankee.

"That's weekend food for vulnerable kids" explained the auctioneer.

"What happened to Food for Thought?" yelled a gray-haired lady with blue glasses from the back of the crowd.

Someone in the crowd said "they're out of business because hunger has been solved. In short, they ran out of hungry kids to feed. Demdest thing I've ever seen!"

The radio crackled on the hip of semi-retired Greek policeman Davidios Kolerius standing nearby. ...everyone leaned in close to him turned to listen. "Dispatch here - This is a flying pigs alert! I repeat this is a flying pigs alert! Stop the auction immediately!"

Panic set in with the crowd. Officer Kolerius nervously reached into his well-pressed shirt pocket - looking for his whistle - just in case there's an altercation or to get the attention of the crowd. Unfortunately, he inadvertently grabbed his taser and...well...I don't want to get into it. The lady with the blue glasses It was sad. Talk amongst yourselves - I need a moment.

Just about then, there was a sharp crack heard in the air over the Dare County airport next door. It was the unmistakable sound of a plane or something - breaking the sound barrier. It, and we just didn't know what to make of it, flew around the airport in circles.

With help, the lady with the blue glasses struggled to get up off the ground from the inadvertent tasing she just received, stared into the sky

and wondered aloud "is, is that...is that what I think it is? Blunt front-end, curly-looking little rudder at the back — and are those...wings?"



Is that...a pig?" she said while rubbing her eyes with her balled-up fists and shaking her head. "Looks like I picked the wrong week to quit sip-pin' my homebrew apple cider...."

About that time, weirdly - Rod Serling walked out from the Food for Thought packing shed to address the assembled crowd.

Smoke curling up from his lit cigarette, Rod began - "You've been traveling through another dimension. A dimension not only of sight and sound but of mind. A journey into a wondrous land whose boundaries are that of imagination. Your next stop, the twilight zone."*

We've arrived my friends.at the twilight zone. This auction did not take place. And so, we've landed back in reality, and this is a flying pigs alert - Food for Thought is still in business!

FFT started in Duck Church and now packs about 260 bags of week-end food for vulnerable kids during the school year and has supported FFT from inception. We donate money and time to FFT as a church. Thank you FFT volunteers!

If you wish to donate individually, you can do it online at duckchurch.org or write a check to Duck Church with FFT in the memo line. Or sign up to pack a few times per year. Or deliver with the trailer. See you at the packing shed!

Amen? Amen.

Jim Cotter
Serve Chair

* I've been watching The Twilight Zone reruns.



DUCK CHURCH
Easter Egg Hunt

A BIG "Thank You" to everyone that came out for our Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch on Palm Sunday!

We had around 35 kids hunting for approximately 700 eggs!! Since the weather was cold and soggy we moved the egg hunt indoors. The next morning, the children in the nursery for Mom's Bible Study, found 20 Eggs the kids missed during the hunt. The excitement continued through the week!! The kids found 7 or 8 more during the Maundy Thursday Service too!

We are wondering if anymore will be found over the next few weeks????!!

Thank-You!



For God so loved the world, He gave us great people...

We will remember Miriam Beyer.



from Deb Benton Music Director

Have you ever wondered what the row of numbers or letters mean on each hymn in your hymnal? They are called the metrical index and can be found in the back of your hymn book. The metrical index is a collection of numbers and letters that indicate the meter of the text. The meter consists of the rhythm and syllabic meters of the poetry or words. The numbers are the syllables in each line of the text. For example, the hymn, "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" has numbers 8.7.8.7.D.

- Joy- ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, (8 syllables)
- God of glo - ry, Lord of Love (7).
- Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee (8)
- Open - ing to the sun a-bove. (7)

The next two lines follow the same pattern, so instead of writing 8.7.8.7(8.7.8.7) it is shortened to 8.7.8.7.D. You can look in the metrical index and find other hymns that have the exact metrical numbers and interchange the words or tunes. Sometimes you may see letters such as "C,M" which means common meter (8.6.8.6). In songs like Amazing Grace, you might see "L.M" which means long meter (8.8.8.8). You might see "S.M" or short meter, (6.6.8.6). Grab a hymnal and see if you can find a few hymns that will match these:

1. O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing -C.M.
2. O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus – 8.7.8.7.D.
3. The Day of Resurrection – 7.6.7.6.D
4. How Great Thou Art – 11.10.11.10.10 with refrain
5. Trust and Obey – 66.9D with refrain

Enjoy mixing the tunes and words and see how the metrical index affects each hymn.

Soli Deo Gloria

Deb

Check Out Duck Church on the World Wide Web

Have You Visited Our Web Site Lately?

Go to www.duckchurch.org. You will find sermons from Pastor Chris, services, opportunities to serve...

Mission activities, ministry for children, youth and adults, the latest newsletter, and you can even donate on line.

Check it out!

A Seed for Thought

"Learn from the way the wildflowers grow"

(Matthew 6:28).

They do not

"work and spin,"

they just

sway in the wind

of their God,

accepting whatever

comes their way:





rain or sun.

May 2024

There is a Season, Turn, Turn, Turn...

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



			EVERY WEDNESDAY Pastor's Bible Study 10:00 AM Ladie's Bible Study 1:00 PM	Duck Methodist Women Meeting 9:30 AM		
Youth Group 5-7 PM	EVERY MONDAY Prayer Group in the Chapel 8:00 AM	EVERY TUESDAY Couple's Bible Study 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM	EVERY THURSDAY Choir Practice 5:00 PM	 KidsFest in Manteo 9:30 - 12:30 PM		
 No Youth Group Mother's Day	Duck Call Deadline May 13th		Silver Link luncheon - noon  Join Us!			Men's breakfast 8:00 AM
Youth Group 5-7 PM	Duck Church Serve Week at Beach Food Pantry. 					
No Youth Group May 26th: Memorial Day Week-end.	 Church office closed Memorial Day					

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Sunday Worship Services - 8 & 9:30 AM

Contemporary Sunday Worship Service - 11 AM

Sunday School - 9:15 & 9:30 AM

The Care Ministry Contact Person for May is Pat Fields. Please contact the church for her number.

Be well in Christ.





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

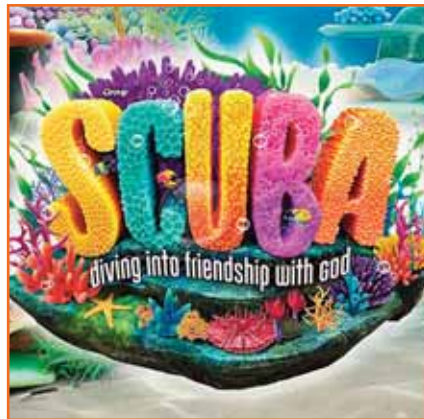
MAY 5TH:..... TELL IT: LEADER TESTIMONY
MAY 12TH: No YOUTH GROUP
FOR MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 19TH :TELL IT: LEADER TESTIMONY
MAY 26THTH: No YOUTH GROUP
FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Tell it

WE ALL HAVE A STORY TO SHARE. THIS SPRING, SOME OF OUR ADULT YOUTH LEADERS WILL SHARE STORIES OF COMING TO FAITH AND HOW GOD HAS WORKED IN THEIR LIVES. AND IN OUR SMALL GROUPS, WE'LL WORK ON HOW TO TELL OUR OWN FAITH STORIES.

AS WE LOOK AHEAD TOWARDS SUMMER, DUCK CHURCH YOUTH WILL PARTNER WITH THE O.N. T.I.M.E. YOUTH FROM THE PLACE OF POSSIBILITIES IN AULANDER. THEY WILL SERVE TOGETHER AT DUCK CHURCH'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, AND THEN IN THE



VOLUNTEER TO SERVE AT:
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 17-20, 9 AM-12 PM

AFTERNOONS, WE'LL SPEND SOME TIME IN FELLOWSHIP. IF YOU'RE A RISING 6TH GRADER TO HIGH SCHOOLER AND WOULD LIKE TO HELP, LET AMY OR BROOKE KNOW.



LEADERSHIP CAMP

A HANDFUL OF STUDENT LEADERS ARE PLANNING TO GO TO LEADERSHIP CAMP AGAIN THIS SUMMER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING, CONTACT AMY.

Be in prayer for our Youth... They are tomorrow's champions.



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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: 

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

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Duck Church



The deadline for the June Duck Call is May 13th. Thanks.



Save the Date: Duck VBS! • June 17th - 20th
9 AM 'til noon

If you are interested in helping in our Bible School please reach out to Brooke Bowser-Naser, at familyministries@duckchurch.org or call the church.

Thank You!