



The Duck Call

The Monthly Newsletter of Duck Church • July 2026

A Message From Our New Pastor...

To our New Church Family,

Upon reflecting on our brief visit at the end of May, all of the Bazan family already feels warmly welcomed by the Duck community. Chris' timely message that Sunday on being "Pre-Approved" hit us in a special way as we know God has had His hand over this transition in many ways already. The warm kindness on that day showered upon us by so many of you showed us the remarkable spirit of hospitality that is already a proven hallmark of the Duck community.

Coming on board to a new place is filled with many emotions, and I first want to thank Pastor Chris and Angie for going over and beyond in so many ways to help make it possible for us to fit into this new family. I also want to thank the Duck Church Staff and the lay leadership who has already been in communication with me attempting to help make this as seamless of a transition as possible. It is not an easy thing to embrace new pastoral leadership; though it is their capable leadership for which I am most thankful and will lean upon throughout my time as your pastor. They are all amazing! I have much to learn, but I trust in God knowing the Spirit of Christ who dwells in this place, in its people and its leaders who I will count on each and every day.

I'm so happy to have followed that Spirit here, to recognize it has proceeded me, and has already been at work here in a myriad of ways. What a joy it is to be home!

I look forward to having opportunities to make personal connections with all of you. Please feel free to stop by the office. I'll try to be on campus in the morning's following what I understand to be Chris' pattern for a while. I'm always happy to schedule home visits, lunches, dinners, or coffee breaks when convenient for you. I'm also amenable to golf or fishing outings for those of you who want to get to know the "real" me. I do treasure such opportunities as there's only so much I can absorb on a Sunday morning.

That being said... I'm always looking forward to Sunday. I'll see you there!

In Christ,
Stephen Bazan
Stephen Bazan

Let's Get Ready to "Jumble"!!!

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD NOON 'til 3:00PM

Right Here at Duck Church With Treasure... Beyond Measure!





July BIRTHDAYS!

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| 7/2 - John Leatherwood | 7/17 - Bob Furr |
| 7/4 - Anna Leigh Vincent | 7/18 - Foster Guns |
| 7/5 - Marty Miller | Autumn Melson |
| 7/7 - Carolynne Adams | 7/19 - Ann Cerza |
| Julie Emory | 7/20 - Angie Rindge |
| Kristin Kessler | 7/24 - Michael Terry |
| 7/12 - Amanda Bazan | 7/30 - Colby Boone |
| 7/13 - Bob Peters | 7/31 - Gunnell Rupert |
| 7/16 - Joyce Smith | |

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.

The Duck Methodist Women

Annual July Jumble Yard Sale
Friday, July 3rd • noon - 3:00 PM



JUNE!! We're halfway through the year! Summer and the annual summer visitors are here! And that means our special Summer activities are here, too... First of all - we had our Kite Day the first Thursday in June. Monarch brought our young special needs friends to make kites with the help of Kitty Hawk Kites. We had planned to fly them at the beach, as we usually do, but, a couple of wayward drivers on Duck Road in the town of Duck managed to close our route to the beach...our route to anywhere actually... for a couple of hours anyway 😞.

As it turned out, one of the special needs groups couldn't even get to us here at the church due to the blocked roads. They opted to eat their sack lunches on the road, turn around, and head home. We put together their package of kites to be finished with colors and what-not and sent them back to them via the group that was able to get to us earlier. The group that made it to the church before Duck Road was closed made their kites, ate lunches, and, then, we walked across to the grassy area next door to our fellowship hall and had a great time flying the kites there. By the time we enjoyed that, the traffic had begun to move again and the

group was able to head back home. Not all planned events go exactly as planned but, that doesn't mean they don't end up a fun time anyway. All profits from the Jumble Sale will go toward any of the Duck Methodist Women ministries...

Zoe Orphans • Beach Food Pantry • Food for Thought Interfaith Community Outreach NC Fellowship of Christian Athletes OBX Hotline • Camp S.A.L.T. Gem • Dare Challenge and more

Our next Summer Event will be our Annual July Jumble / Yard Sale. We will holding on Friday, July 3rd from noon - 3:00 PM. Join in the fun of being part of our church's group marching in the parade that morning, then grab a bite to eat and come shop in the afternoon. Beginning on Monday, June 29th, donations for the sale will be accepted in the Duck Church Fellowship Hall during normal church office hours. We will accept nice home items, sporting / yard items, etc. We will NOT be accepting clothing or books. Jewelry items can be left in the basket by the Church Mailboxes.

Lynda Park

One Nation Under God



Four beautiful words. Our Pledge of Allegiance states that we have one nation under our creator - church and state have gone together from the beginning of our history. Our forefathers understood this in their bones. They knew that our system of government depended on a public that was moral and God-fearing or it wouldn't work.

"A republic, if you can keep it." That was Benjamin Franklin's response to Elizabeth Willing Powel's question: "Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a

monarchy?" I started this article while listening to King Charles of the U.K. address the U.S. Congress. We've come full circle it would seem.

We wouldn't have this beautiful country without the rock-solid foundation of Judeo-Christian values underpinning our country's government and economic system. On May 17th, 1776 our founding fathers dedicated that day to fasting, humility and prayer - dedicating our country to God. On May 17th, 2026 a re-dedication took place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

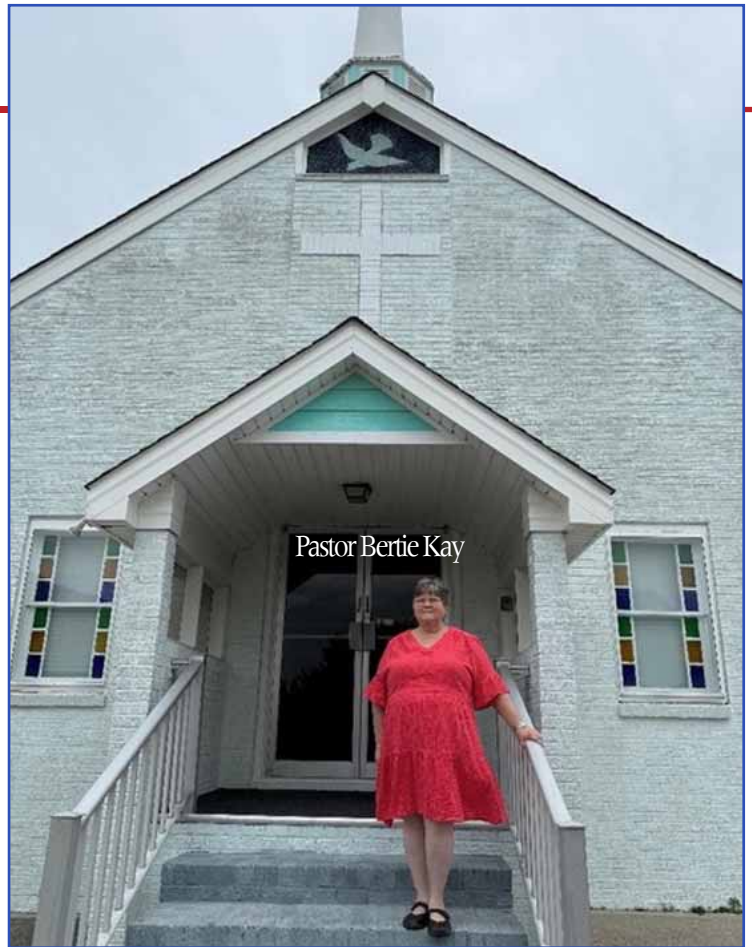
Duck Church will be have an entry in the Duck 4th of July parade and our theme will be "One Nation Under God". Being in the parade is our church's effort to project Jesus Christ into our community.

My point is this - if you're going to have a successful country with good citizens then we have to grow and nurture children and young adults to be God-fearing Christians.

That is the reason Brooke and Amy work hard to teach and instill values into our children and youth. If you don't have a Christian rudder, then you're not likely to get where you want to be. A rudderless child grows up to be a rudderless adult and that's not good for themselves, their families or their communities - or our country.

I think it's healthy to think about church and state as 2 vines that are separate but support each other as they grow together.

Now, I have exciting Ministry Council news about a new Global Methodist church plant in Avon! Last year, we asked what they needed



Pastor Bertie Kay

and they said they needed hymnals so we purchased 30 hymnals for them. Headed up by Pastor Bertie Kay Midgette, the Gospel of Grace church has been meeting not in a church building but in a bar/restaurant space because they had no other place to meet. They do now! They are renting a church building (see picture) and the Ministry Council decided to support them by assisting them with their rent for at least the next year.

So let's pray. We thank you Lord for blessing this country. We thank you for blessing our church. We ask your blessing on our families. We ask your blessing for our community. We ask for your blessing on the Gospel of Grace Church in Avon. And we ask your continued blessing on our beautiful country. You told us to ask, so we ask that you give us wisdom and direction as we live to love you and our neighbors.

Amen? Amen.



Jim Cotter
Ministry Council
Serve Chair



When I worked construction and we had down time because we were waiting on telephone wire to be delivered that we were knifing into the ditch, we called it "being on the beach" ... Well, the Duck Men are going to be "On the Beach" for July and August and take a hiatus from our breakfast meetings.

We will resume again in September. Have a blessed and safe summer and we'll see you in the fall.

Jim Cotter
Duck Men Secretary / Treasurer



Life Skills Camp a Great Success

Life Skills Camp was a tremendous success this year as we welcomed 24 children for a week of learning, growth, and fun!

Throughout the camp, participants had the opportunity to develop a wide variety of practical life skills. Lessons included woodworking, self-defense, hand sewing, cooking, knife skills, washing dishes, ironing, conflict resolution, and different types of prayer. Each activity was designed to help children build confidence, responsibility, and valuable skills they can use throughout their lives.

In addition to learning new skills, campers enjoyed making crafts, playing games, building friendships, and creating lasting memories. Every day was filled with hands-on experiences, laughter, and opportunities to grow.

A camp like this would not be possible without the dedication and generosity of our incredible Camp Leaders! Their willingness to share their time, talents, and knowledge made a lasting impact on each child who attended.

Thank you to all of the wonderful leaders who helped make Life Skills Camp such a great success. Your investment in the next generation is deeply appreciated, and we are grateful for the difference you made in the lives of these children.





Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School a Big Hit!

What an incredible week we had at Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School!

This year, Duck Church welcomed 71 children, supported by 13 youth helpers and 23 adult leaders. Throughout the week, children explored God's love through Bible stories, music, games, crafts, snacks, and hands-on activities—all while immersed in a vibrant rainforest-themed adventure.

The church was filled with laughter, excitement, and countless opportunities to learn more about Jesus. From the youngest participants to our dedicated youth and adult volunteers, everyone played an important role in making the week such a success. Most importantly, seeds of faith were planted. Children were encouraged to grow in their understanding of God's love, build

friendships, and discover how much they matter to Him.

A week like this doesn't happen without an amazing team. We are deeply grateful to every volunteer who spent months planning, creating decorations, preparing lessons, leading crews, serving snacks, praying, and sharing the love of Christ with our community's children.

As we reflect on all God accomplished through Rainforest Falls VBS, our hearts are full of gratitude.

71 children. 13 youth helpers. 23 adult leaders. All we can say is: **Wow, God!**

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DUCK CHURCH
A GLOBAL METHODIST COMMUNITY

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
						1		2		3	Town Parade DMW Jumble/Yard SALE July 3rd Noon til 3PM	4	HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!
5	6	7	EVERY TUESDAY AA 7:00 PM	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	17	18
Two Services 9:00 & 11:00AM, Welcome Reception for the Bazan Family 10:00-11:00AM	Duck Call Deadline July 13th	Random Act of Kindness Tuesday Do Something Nice for for Someone											A Good Day to Rejoice in God's Goodness. (indeed)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	EVERY MONDAY Prayer Ministry 9:00 AM In the Chapel												

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 July is Brenda Sanders. Please contact the church for her number. Be well in Christ.



CHECK OUT WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AT YOUTH GROUP :



Thanks to our Youth Helpers at VBS!

These students spent their week learning to serve others and not be served, just like Jesus! They served as crew helpers and station helpers, being mentored by adult leaders. Each morning, they gathered for a devotion time to get focused for the day.

Thanks for helping our kids learn about God!



Congratulations to our 2026 Duck Church Scholarship Recipient!

Congratulations to Dan Brown, our Duck Church Scholarship Recipient! Our scholarship is awarded to students who apply who have been involved in the ministry of Duck Church and demonstrate a growing relationship with Jesus. Scholarships are awarded in the 2nd semester of their college freshman year so that we can check in with students about how they are connecting with God in this new stage of life.



Congratulations to our 2026 Duck Church High School Graduates!

London Russell and Dan Brown were congratulated on Senior Sunday and given a "college survival basket".

Youth Group Summer Schedule:

June 29th Pack backpacks for Aulander students
June 30th Busch Gardens Trip
July 3rd Town of Duck Parade

July 6-10th FCA Leadership Camp
July 27th-31st Duck Church Day Camp
August 16th 6th Grade Welcome

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





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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: **OPEN**

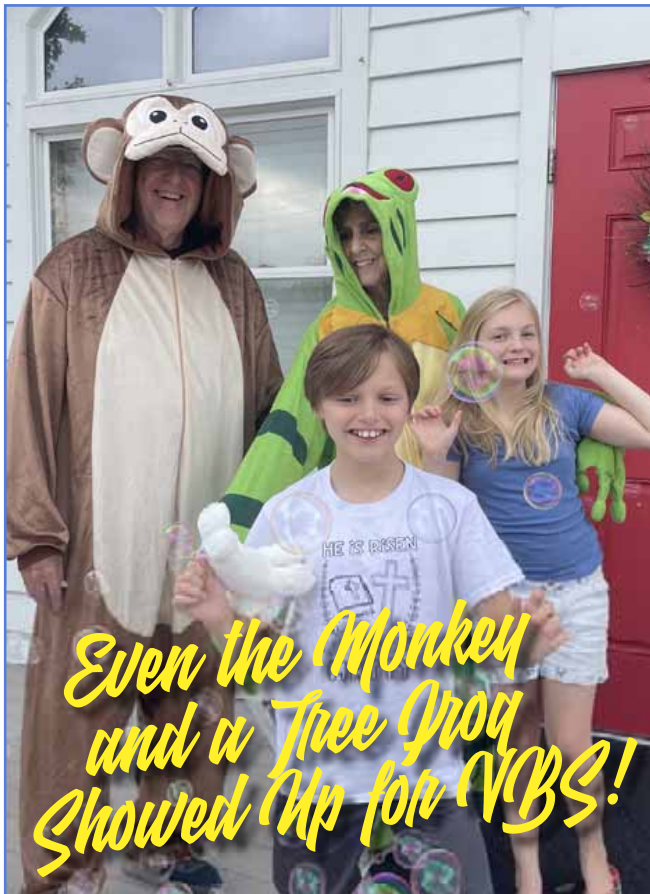
Please call Monday ~Thursday – 8:00 to 4:00 PM

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Duck Church



The deadline for the August Duck Call is July 13th. Thanks.



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Thanks

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful retirement dinner and for the many thoughtful gifts you shared with us. Your generosity, kindness, and love touched our hearts more deeply than words can express.

Serving alongside you has been one of the greatest blessings of our lives.

We are grateful for the friendships, memories, and ministry we have shared together through the years. The celebration you prepared was a wonderful reminder of God's faithfulness and of the special bond we share as a church family.

Thank you for honoring us in such a meaningful way. We will always cherish your love, your prayers, and the privilege of serving Christ together with you.

With grateful hearts,

Chris

Chris and Angie