

You're Three Words Away...

Three simple words often stand between you and the life you've always dreamed about. They have the power to prevent you from experiencing everything good, everything worthwhile, everything you truly want. The three words? "Just this once."

As in: "I know I shouldn't do this, but just this once I will ... I know there are matters of importance that I should tend to, but just this once I'll let them slide. After all, what difference can it make? It's not like it's a habit. It's Just This Once."

Of course, we know what happens next. It isn't long before just this once becomes Every Single Time. And by then it's in charge. There's no just-this-once clause in the Christian life. Every moment and every action matters - including this moment, and the very next action you take. If you want to cultivate a life of holiness, don't kid yourself into thinking that our choices matter only most of the time. They matter every time.

There's a better way to respond to this temptation. Again, it's three simple words. "NOT THIS TIME."

Maybe you can't (yet) say with confidence that you'll never do again what you're tempted to do ... but you can say, in any situation, not this time.

As in: "This is where I usually indulge my temper, spend money I don't have, or follow a foolish impulse. It's what I usually do, it's what I'm tempted to do ... but I won't - not this time."

You'll be amazed at how a few instances of saying "not-this-time" will lead to a shift in momentum. Small victories become big victories. Faithful in little turns into faithful in much.

Each and every day you have the option to just-this-once your way to misery, or not-this-time your way into a life of significance. You're three words away. Which ones will you speak? As soon as you command, I do what you say. (*Psalm 119:60 CEV*)

I am grateful for you all,

Chris
Pastor Chris



Remember the Children

For years, Duck Church has provided Christmas gifts for children in the after-school program at the Place of Possibilities.

The Angel Tree will be up beginning November 24th! Stop by the fellowship hall to pick up an ornament. Gifts will be due back to the church by December 10th. A group of youth and adults will deliver the gifts to the children at Aulander on December 10th.

Thank You.



And still we grow... Welcome New Members



One of the most favorite moments in our church life is welcoming new members to the flock at Duck Church... this issue we had so many we couldn't get them all on the front page... and there's more to come!

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DUCK METHODIST WOMEN FUND RAISER FOR MISSIONS



APPLE... PUMPKIN... PECAN PIES!

Duck Methodist Women will be baking pies on November 22nd-23rd, and may be picked up at the church on Sunday, November 24th.

Each pie will be fully baked and may be taken home and frozen.

Pies will cost \$20 each • (Gluten free \$25) payable when you pick up.

Place orders in the collection plate or basket by the door by November 17th.

Please help support the DMW helping others... Buy a Pie!

Select:	Apple	Pumpkin	Pecan	Price
How Many?				
Check for Gluten Free <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Thank You!</i>			Total	



**Our Next Meeting
November 7th, 9:30 AM**

Hello Ladies of Duck Church! "Happy Fall to Everyone! This is such a beautiful time of year! One thing that made it even more beautiful was the work the women have put in working on our fund raisers in this past year so we can share with those who need support in their ministries. On October 9th we were able to split up \$4000.00 to twelve mostly-area ministries... i.e. ... Beach Food Pantry, Dare Challenge, Food for Thought, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, etc. We were able to give \$2000.00 to the Helene Disaster Relief as well. The entire list and amounts are on the Duck Methodist Women's bulletin board.

We will spend our energies in November making pies to sell for Thanksgiving. We plan to support several ZOE individuals with the profits from this effort. Watch for the inserts in the bulletins to sign up for your pies! Our meeting on **Thursday, November 7th at 9:30 AM** will focus on being thankful and planning for our pie making. Come prepared to share what you are especially thankful for from this past year and be ready to praise God for His continual love, care and blessings!" All ladies are invited to join us.

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We hope to see you there.

November BIRTHDAYS!

- 11/1 - Rick Fagersten
- 11/2 - Richard Green
- 11/5 - Martha Claire Daniels
- 11/9 - George Berry
- Joyce Sawyer
- 11/11 - Jeanette Foster
- 11/13 - Suzanne Brownell
- 11/16 - Ann Stafford
- 11/18 - Linda Dail
- 11/19 - Jared White
- 11/22 - Deb Lucast
- 11/23 - Nancy Klahre
- 11/26 - Patty Humphrey
- 11/28 - Taurya Moore
- 11/30 - George Grinnan

Happy Birthday to All of us!

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



Men's Monthly Breakfast

It's November, and guess what we're celebrating this month - the Lord Jesus Christ! That's what we try to do every second Saturday of the month when we gather. If we were the women's group (no offense, ladies), we'd have fall decorations, napkins with turkeys on them, and all the fall colors. When you come to our breakfast at 8 AM on November 9th in the fellowship hall, you'll find tables and chairs, plates and silverware, food and fellowship. The only fall colors you'll see will be on a Virginia Tech Hokies' sweatshirt! We'll continue our 8-week study in Philippians. Did you know that when Paul wishes his readers (including you and me) "peace" he's talking about peace with God, peace with yourself, peace with others, and peace with the creation? That's just like the world God created "in the beginning." Come learn about joy, peace, grace...and cruciformity!

I'm breathing hard. "Hunh, hunh, hunh..."
I step up one step on this ladder.
And stop. Another step...
And stop.

I'm holding
up the line.

Just A Little Push



Dad is behind me and says "come on - let's go". I finally get to the top of the ladder and look out. I'm looking at the end of the high dive board at the Colton pool. About 10' above the pool. From my 8 yrs old viewpoint, it looks like what a cliff diver sees looking down. Yikes!

"Why am I standing here? Because I want to jump off of the high dive but I'm scared of the unknown - hitting the water if I jump off. What if I go down and can't get back to the surface?"

Only one person is allowed on the dive ladder at a time but the life-guard let's my dad come up on top with me for encouragement. "Come on Jimmy, kids are waiting on you" says dad. Thanks dad for the guilt trip.

I inch my way down the board - is it getting narrower at the end? Yes - just like when you look down a set of railroad tracks that seem to converge at the outer edge.

I keep going - slowly - and now I'm at the end of the board looking down at the water and frozen with fear. If my knees were knocking, it would sound like a pileated woodpecker. "Why did I agree to this?" Is running through my mind. Call me Scaredicatus Maximus.

And then it happened - the push. My dad had come up behind me and given me a gentle push - and over the edge I go - feet first. I grab my nose and pinch it closed as I descend to the water. "Whoosh!" Is what I hear as I go under the surface of the water and bubbles rise up out of my swim trunks. Dad jumps in too a few feet away from me and stays with me as I dog paddle to the edge. I felt a little mad about the push but was glad that dad was with me all the way to the ladder.

And do you know what I did then after exiting the pool? Yep - I got back in line to do it again! And again! And again! Probably jumped off that high dive 50 times that day - and all it took was a little push and some encouragement from my dad.

I think this pattern gets repeated in life whether you're 8 or 80. And there are examples in the Bible where God provides the encouragement and the push to do something. God wanted Moses to lead his people out of Egypt and Moses kept making excuses. I count roughly 5 times

he did this! How many times can you tell God no? God gets a little ticked off at Moses.

Exodus 4:10-14

10 Then Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, slow of speech and slow of tongue." 11 So the Lord said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord?" 12 Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say." 13 But he said, "O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send." 14 So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and He said: "Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And look, he is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart."

Jonah is another example of getting a push from God because he wanted Jonah to preach to the people of Nineveh (modern day Mosul, Iraq). God said "Go" - Jonah said "No" - God said "Oh?" Then God arranged for Jonah to be swallowed by a big fish - and stay there for 3 days! Talk about a fish story!

Jonah 3:1-3

1 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." 3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

Jonah finally stopped carping (yes - I went there) to God and got to work according to the story. And he preached to and saved Ninevah.

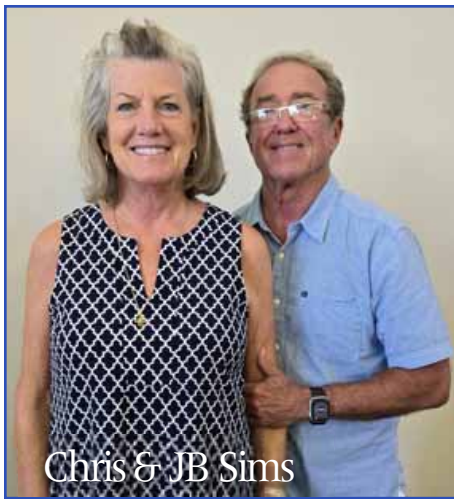
About 7 years ago I got the overwhelming feeling that I should visit Rwanda and the ZOE kids. I resisted and tried to forget the feeling. But I couldn't - it got worse. I didn't sleep well for 2 nights and the pressure kept increasing. I believe the Holy Spirit was working on me - giving me a push. So, on the 3rd day of this, I relented and said out loud "ok!, I'll go". Immediately this pressure feeling (I don't know how else to describe it) lifted - and I got some sleep. I learned that God doesn't like to take no as a answer. That trip to Rwanda changed me - for the better.

Therefore, ask yourself: "Is God tapping me on the shoulder and asking me to do some job within the church? Is there a ministry opportunity that the Holy Spirit wants me to try? Do you need a little push there buttercup?"

Don't ignore those feelings. They're real. Pray about it. Jump off the board. Let's cowboy up and get to work.

Amen? Amen.

Jim Cotter
Serve Chair



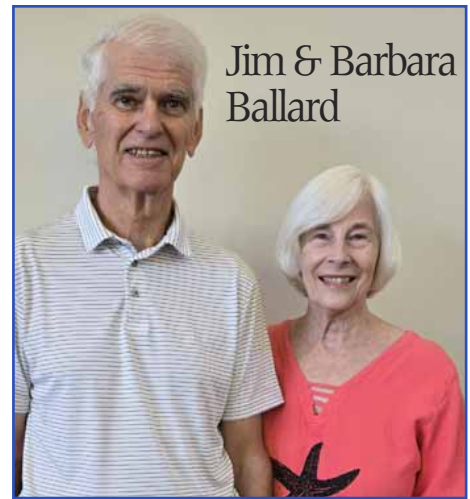
Chris & JB Sims

Chris and JB co own their construction company. Chris enjoys reading, gardening and cooking. JB enjoys working out. They have been attending Duck Church for several years and recently joined. They have two grown children.



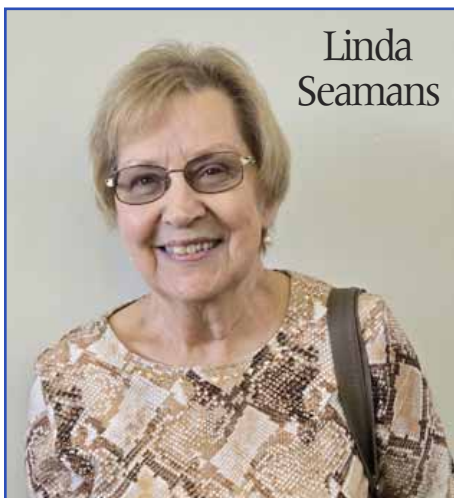
Ruth Ellen McCulloch

Ruth Ellen McCulloch joined Duck Church in September. She enjoys caring for her dog, Beau, and visiting with neighbors. Ruth Ellen is a retired teacher and a retired stewardess. She retired from Continental Airlines, became an elementary and middle school teacher, and then returned to work as a stewardess. She enjoyed traveling but stopped when her husband became ill.



Jim & Barbara Ballard

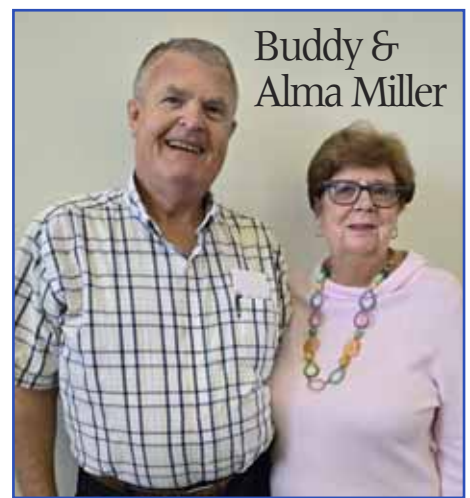
Barbara is a retired teacher who enjoys knitting, reading, gardening and is a new adult Sunday School teacher at Duck Church. Jim is retired from retail management. He enjoys fishing and gardening. They are the parents of two grown sons.



Linda Seamans

Linda enjoys reading. She has taught preschool VBS and the preschool Sunday School class as well as helping other facets of VBS. Linda has three grown children who all live in North Carolina. Her husband, Randy, is deceased.

(drum roll please...)



Buddy & Alma Miller

Charles, or Buddy as most know him, is a retired naval aviator. He enjoys flying, fishing and woodcraft. Buddy also started the new adult Sunday School class which he co-teaches with Barbara. Alma is a retired pre-K teacher. She loves to travel, do crossword puzzles, paint and read.

Our Worship Support Committee Would like to Enlist Your Help.

Are you looking for a way to serve? Have an extra hour or two? Just love Christmas? Then we have an opportunity for you. Each year we decorate the sanctuary, fellowship hall, front deck, front doors, hallways, and any spot that needs a little Christmas. Consider coming on **Monday, November 25th at 9:00AM** to help with this labor of love.

You will be rewarded with coffee, hot chocolate and goodies! Remember, many hands make light work and we promise you will have a great time and leave full of the spirit.

Thank you for serving. Call Kristin Kessler or the church and let us know you can help.

Worship Support Committee



Choir Notes

from Deb Benton Music Director

During the month of November, people often think of the many ways to say “thanks” leading up to Thanksgiving Day. The word “thanksgiving” is mentioned many times in the Bible. A very familiar passage is *Psalms 100:4*. “Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.” There are many great hymns connected with giving thanks to God: “Ode to Joy, Now Thank We All Our God, Count Your Blessings, Come Ye Thankful, For the Beauty of the Earth” and many more. If we fill our minds with thankfulness, then there is less room for complaints. Singing is a wonderful way to praise and thank our God for His faithfulness and constant care. Singing is an act of self-expression and a great way to connect and worship with others. When we sing, we personally express our gratitude openly to God. When we sing as a congregation, we join our hearts and voices in unity. Singing and praise uplifts the soul and brings a sense of peace and joy. Each day during the month of November, make a list of hymns that you are thankful for. Soli Deo Gloria,

Deb
PS I am thankful for each one of you!



DELTA club just finished their first of six units. Each night the kids work on three things- Bible Lessons, Life Skills, and Games. We are learning to live like Jesus in the Bible lessons. In Life Skills the kids learned about orienteering and how to properly use a compass. For Games we did games from around the world- specifically from France, England, Africa, the US, Mexico, and Brazil.

As we begin the next unit our children will be learning about the Fruits of the Spirit for Bible, Videography in Life Skills, and Bowling in Games.



November 2024 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart...

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



Collecting Christmas Gifts for Aulander

Starts November 24th
Date Due: December 10th

All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Ends D-6 5-7 PM	Duck Call Deadline November 11th	EVERY TUESDAY AA 7:00 PM	EVERY WEDNESDAY Pastor's Bible Study 10:00 AM Ladies's Bible Study 1:00 PM Couple's Bible Study 7:00 PM (no Bible Studies on the 27th)	Duck Methodist Women Meeting 9:30 AM EVERY THURSDAY Choir Practice 5:00 PM Except Thanksgiving Join Us!	Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Duck Church Youth's Nov. 9th FALL RETREAT @ Triple R Ranch
New Member Class 3:00 PM Beach Food Pantry Collection Starts No D-6	EVERY MONDAY Mom's Bible Study 9:30 AM Prayer Ministry 11:00 AM Joshua's Men 6:30 PM		Silver Link luncheon - noon	Random Act of Kindness Thursday Do Something Nice for Someone	Beach FOOD PANTRY Thanksgiving Collection Starts November 10th
Aulander Tree Pie Orders Due D-6 5-7 PM	Decorate the Church 9:00 AM (No Mom's Bible Study)		Church office closes at noon (we gotta' get cookin'!)	Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving	A Good Day to Rejoice in God's Goodness. (indeed)

WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Sunday Worship Services - 8 & 9:30 AM

Contemporary Sunday Worship Service - 11AM

Sunday School - 9:15, 9:30 & 10:45 AM

You Better Watch Out... Better Not Cry... Hope You're Hungry...

The Big Man is Coming for Breakfast!

The Care Ministry Contact Person for November is Paige Spruill. Please contact the church for her number. *Be well in Christ.*





CHECK OUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUTH GROUP THIS MONTH: SUNDAYS 5 - 7PM

THIS FALL, WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THE "ONE ANOTHERS" OF SCRIPTURE. IN EARLY OCTOBER, OUR YOUTH TALKED ABOUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER. EACH SMALL GROUP WAS TASKED WITH CHOOSING SOMEONE WHO NEEDED ENCOURAGEMENT AND DECIDE ON A WAY TO ENCOURAGE THEM. THE BOYS HEADED TO WALMART AND FOOD LION TO HELP PEOPLE LOAD THEIR CARS WITH GROCERIES, AND THE GIRLS WENT TO TARGET TO HAND OUT CAKE POPS. LOTS OF REAL LIFE DISCIPLESHIP LESSONS WERE LEARNED IN THE PROCESS!



WE LOOK FORWARD TO "SERVING ONE ANOTHER", "UNITING WITH ONE ANOTHER", AND "SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE TO ONE ANOTHER" IN NOVEMBER!



From Transitional to Global Methodist Church North Carolina



With the completion of the Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church, many transitional labels came off such things as the Book of Doctrines and Discipline and the Global Methodist Church North Carolina. The Convening General Conference solidified much of the governance and leadership for the new denomination to move forward in the Holy Spirit. Six new bishops were elected to join the two already in place, but instead of administering the church as an institution, they will be shepherding churches. Instead of being assigned to an annual conference, the eight bishops, who are interim until full elections take place at the 2026 General Conference, will focus on teaching, preaching and spiritual leadership. Instead of being elected for life, they will serve (at the most) two six-year terms. The new bishops joining the two current bishops, Scott Jones of East Texas and Mark Webb of Upstate New York, are Kimba Evariste from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Carolyn Moore from North Georgia, Leah Hidde-Gregory from Mid-Texas, John Pena Auta of Nigeria, Jeff Greenway from the Ohio/Pennsylvania area, and Kenneth Livingston, from Houston, Texas - two African men, two American women, one Black American man, and three white American men. Conference superintendents will be responsible for administering annual conferences.

Please keep praying for the movement that is the Global Methodist Church.





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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.*

Office Hours: **OPEN**

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

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The deadline for the December Duck Call is November 11th.



**COLLEGE CARE
PACKAGES**

THANKS FOR ALL THOSE WHO DONATED ITEMS AND SHIPPING MONEY TO SEND CARE PACKAGES TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS! EACH COLLEGE STUDENT WAS ASKED FOR SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS, AND OUR YOUTH WROTE OUT PRAYERS TO INCLUDE IN THE PACKAGES.