



The Duck Call

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But do They Believe You?

When Helen Keller was 19 months old she contracted an illness that left her blind and deaf. When she was ten, she began working with the brilliant teacher Anne Sullivan, who taught her to communicate by spelling words on the palm of her hand.

Later, Helen was able to receive religious instruction from the eminent clergyman and educator, Phillips Brooks. As he told her about God and the One who gave his life for her, she said something quite interesting: "I knew about God before you told me, only I didn't know his name."

There are many people in the world today who know about God ... they sense his presence, they can even understand something of his nature... but they don't know who he is. It's our job to tell them. Or better, to show them.

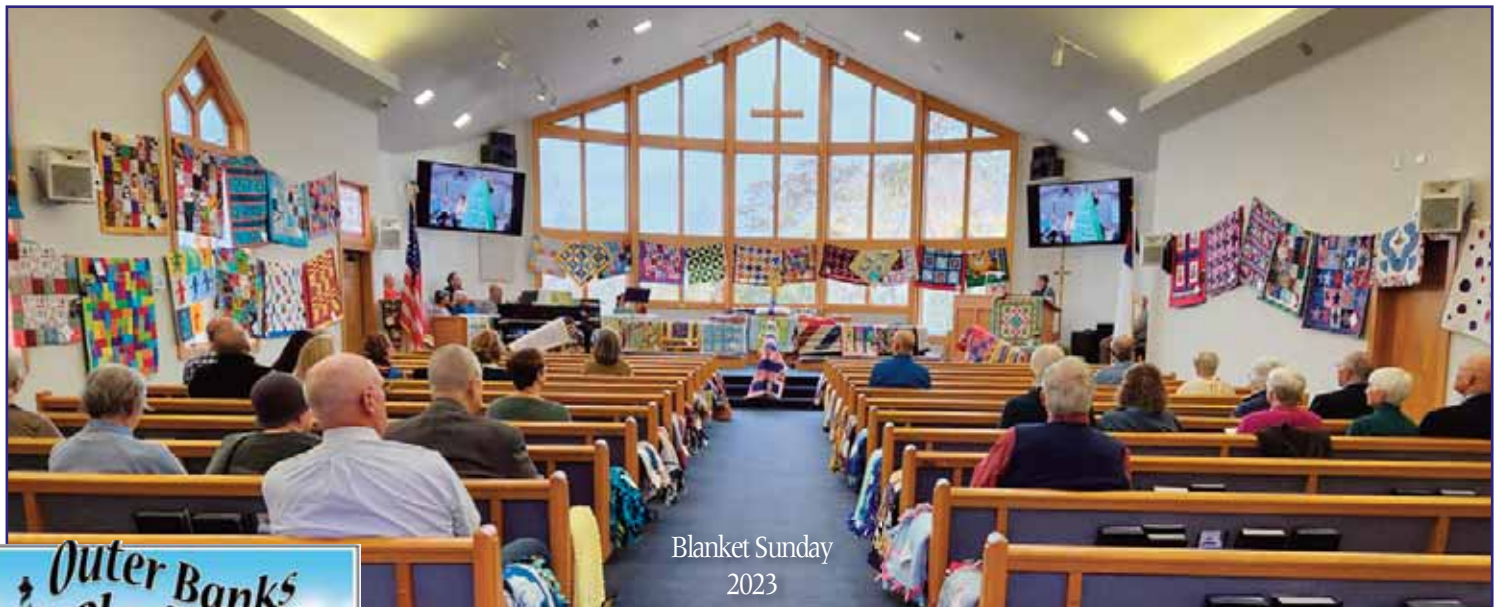
Do you want those around to know about the God we serve? Do you want them to believe you when you say that he is loving and good and

merciful? Then show them his love and mercy and goodness. Do you want them to believe you when you say that he can make a difference in their lives? Then show them the difference he has made in your life.

I believe that the God of the Bible is the God everyone is looking for. I believe that everyone, in the deepest part of them, has a sense of His presence. But they do not know His name, and they do not know He is real - that is, until we tell them and show them.

"Now what you worship as something unknown, I am going to proclaim to you." (*Acts 17:23*)

I love you all,
Chris
Pastor Chris



Blanket Sunday
2023

The annual Exhibit of quilts made by the Blanketeers will be on Saturday, March 9th from 10AM to 3PM.

The quilts will also be displayed for all church services on Sunday, March 10th. They will then be taken down and distributed to needy folks in the community. We expect to have about 400 quilts made by 35 local women. The Methodist women involved this year are Kathy Batenic, Brooke Bowser-Naser, Lorraine Elkerton, Margie Fields, PJ Hall, Kristen Kessler, Sally Kole, Sally Meagher, Suzanne Palmer, Carol Powell, Angie Rindge, Kay Ross, Marion Schmitt, Denise Skinner, Paige Spruill, and Ann Stafford.



MEN **Duck** MARCH MONTHLY MEN'S MEAL (Breakfast!)

Our monthly men's breakfast meeting for March will be on Saturday, March 16th at 8 AM in the fellowship hall. Besides a special menu, we'll tell stories, laugh, and have fellowship around God's word as we watch a video teaching by Vince Miller on "James for Men." This series has provided challenging thoughts and good discussions so far, and it promises to continue. Men gathering around God's word to help us connect and grow...

It doesn't get any better than that!

**The Duck
Methodist Women**

**Thursday,
March 7th
9:30AM**

"Ladies, it is March already!" The weather should be getting better so it is easier for all our members and new ladies curious about our group to come on out on Thursday, March 7th at 9:30 AM. Co-President, Angie Aydlett, will continue our program on Connecting in the New Year with a lesson on how God wants to connect with our finances...Managing our Finances God's Way. We will also be talking about upcoming community activities. Looking forward to seeing you.
Lynda Park, Co-President"

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March **BIRTHDAYS!**

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| 3/2- Lorraine Elkerton | 3/14- Paige Spruill |
| Tony Schiano | 3/17- Pam Cotter |
| 3/3- Cynthia Ahrens | 3/18- Cathie Lucast |
| Larry Milburn | 3/20- Pat Garrett |
| 3/4- Allie Stafford (Jacob) | 3/21- Lee Morrison |
| 3/6- Jason Denson | 3/23- Liam Minnich |
| David Kirkland | 3/25- Abigail Wallace |
| 3/9- Sue Beaulieu | 3/27- Shelby Hines |
| Heather Kirkland | 3/28- Don Sowder |
| 3/12- Tom Davidson | 3/29- Malikye Naser |
| Marion Schmitt | 3/30- Caton Vincent-Joyce |
| 3/13- Regina Harris | |

*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.



Looking for a Great Way to Give with Ultimate Rewards...?

Give Your Time... Your Energy,
Your Encouragement,
Your Prayers...
Your Heart.





SEEDFUL THINGS

It's March. Not quite spring, not quite winter. Growing up, this was the time when the snow started to melt away and some early plants would start to emerge from the snow.

The drainage ravines were starting to run with very cold water from the melting snow.

Life emerges from the long winter. I spent endless hours leaning over the culverts that carried all that cold water downstream to Skunk Creek and into the Big Sioux River. I'd start to see tadpoles in that water and I wondered where they went during the winter!

At my school one spring, we were to bring some soybeans for an experiment. We placed the beans in a cotton-lined tray that was soaked with water and covered it with plastic wrap. In a couple of days, those beans would swell up and a tiny green shoot would emerge.

As a kid growing up on a farm, at first I was given the easy jobs so that I could be helpful. One of those jobs had to do with sowing oats. No - not wild oats! Wrong kind of sowing! If you've fertilized your lawn, you may have used a broadcast spreader that uses a propeller-like apparatus that flings the fertilizer out into a wide swath.

Our broadcast spreader was attached to the back of a wagon and it was my job to keep the hopper full of oats and not let it run dry (see picture). Some of those oat kernels fell on good tilled soil and some got flung

onto the road when we turned the corner. The oats that fell on the road in the field would sprout but not last long because it's roots couldn't penetrate the hard-packed soil on the approach leading into the field. Just like the parable of the sower.

Mark 4:3-8 "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun came up, it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root, it withered away. And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprung up, increased and produced; some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

Talk about being packed with symbolism! I love the first word - LISTEN! Pay attention! Here's something we kids observed at school with our bean experiment. The bean supplies food for the growing plant until it is used up and then the original bean dies off - it's done its job. How is the soil of your heart? Are you growing in your faith? Are you serving others to help them grow? Are you in the biblical fertilizer and watering business? We all should be.

The parable of the sower is about who is fruitful (spiritually) and who is not — and what hinders fruitfulness.

Or are you stony-hearted? Are you the type who can't be satisfied and so you find fault (except in yourself) with your church, pastor, the music, — just fill in the blank.

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." - Robert Louis Stevenson

If you think you're stony-hearted, ask God for forgiveness and ask him to soften and water your soul with the Word and the desire to think of others more than you think of yourselves. And start being fruitful Rocky! With your family, your community, and your church. It's never too late to start.

Amen? Amen.

Jim Cotter
Serve Chair



Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1:29







Happy March! The days are getting longer, there is more sunshine and of course, warmer weather. It makes me want to “spring out” in song. I am sure you know how important music and songs are in the Bible, but do you know the answers to these questions?

1. Why are hymns called hymns?
2. Who is the first female singer in the Bible?
3. Who was the best singer in the Bible?
4. Which of Jesus’ disciples was a singer?
5. What is the oldest hymn in the Bible?
6. What hymn was sung at the Last Supper?
7. What is the shortest hymn in the Bible?
8. What was sung at a Passover meal?
9. What was the first and last song in the Bible?
10. What is the most famous hymn?

Music, hymns and singing are a way we can give thanks to God for the many blessings he has given us.

Ephesians 5:19-20 “Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.”

May we sing from the bottom of our toes with everything we have in our heart, soul and mind, to our awesome God for all he has done!

Soli Deo Gloria,

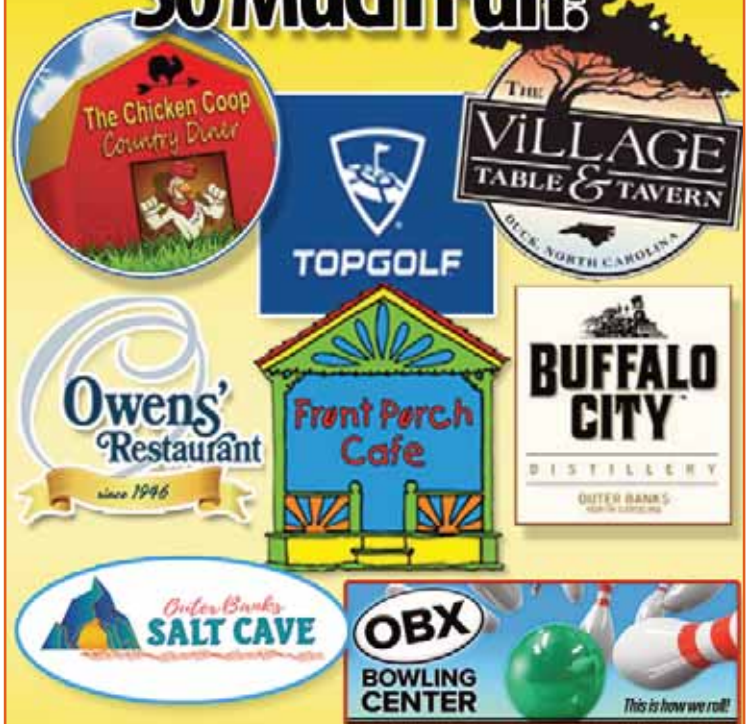
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Answers:

1. The word hymn comes from the Greek word “hymnas” which means song of praise. These were written in honor of the gods.
2. Miriam
3. Jubal
4. James, son of Alphaeus, the Just. He sang in Jerusalem at the first mass ever sung and was first bishop of Jerusalem.
5. Oxyrhynchus. The earliest known manuscript (1786) of a Greek hymn with both lyrics and notation.
6. Psalm 118. (The last of the Passover hymns). The refrain of this psalm is “His steadfast love endures forever.”
7. Psalm 117
8. The Hallel, which was Psalms 113-118.
9. The Song of Moses (Exodus 15). In Revelation 15, John sees the Christians who are victorious over the beast singing a new version of the song of Moses,
10. Amazing Grace

A Big Thank You!

to All Who Made Our Fun February So Much Fun!



We would like to say **Thank you!** to Buffalo City Distillery, The Chicken Coop, Owen's Restaurant, Front Porch Cafe, OBX Bowling, Village Table and Tavern, Top Golf, John Park, and The Outer Banks Salt Cave for making February so much FUN!

Thank you to all that came to the events!





FUN FEBRUARY!

March 2024 Honor Your Lord in Songs of Praise

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Pray For Me Bingo 5:00-6:30 PM 	Joshua's Men 6:30 PM Duck Call Deadline March 11th	Ruthie's Kitchen	EVERY WEDNESDAY Pastor's Bible Study 10:30 AM Ladie's Bible Study 1:00 PM	Duck Methodist Women Meeting 9:30 AM	Blanketeer's Annual Exhibit Friday & Saturday 10 AM - 3 PM 
Blessing of the Quilts (all 3 services) Youth Group 5 - 7 PM	Last Joshua's Men 6:30 PM	EVERY TUESDAY Knitting Ministry 9:00 AM Circle of Friends 3:00 PM	Silver Link Planning Meeting 9:30 AM		Men's breakfast 8:00 AM
Youth Group 5 - 7 PM	EVERY MONDAY Prayer Group in the Chapel 8:00 AM	Couple's Bible Study 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM	Silver Link luncheon - noon  Join Us!	EVERY THURSDAY Choir Practice 6:00 PM	
Palm Sunday Children's Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt 12:15 Youth Group 5 - 7 PM	Mom's Bible Study 9:30 AM			Maunday Thursday Service 7:30 PM	<i>Good Friday Service</i> 7:30 PM 

Easter Sunday
No Youth Group

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The Care Ministry Contact Person for March is Katie Frampton. Please contact the church for her number.
Be well in Christ.





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

MARCH 3RD: PRAY FOR ME
INTERGENERATIONAL BINGO NIGHT

MARCH 10TH: JOSHUA: LIFE'S MILESTONES

MARCH 17TH: JOSHUA: THE WAR IS ALREADY WON

MARCH 24TH: JOSHUA: ARE YOU IN, OR ARE YOU OUT?

MARCH 31ST: EASTER SUNDAY, NO YOUTH GROUP



DURING THE SEASON OF LENT, WE OFTEN FOCUS ON THINGS WE WANT TO GIVE UP TO FOLLOW JESUS MORE CLOSELY. THAT TAKES COMMITMENT! THIS LENT, OUR YOUTH WILL LOOK AT JOSHUA'S STORY, A MAN WHO LEARNED TO BE FULLY COMMITTED TO GOD BECAUSE GOD WAS FULLY COMMITTED TO HIM. AND WE'LL CHALLENGE EACH OTHER TO READ THROUGH PORTIONS OF JOSHUA'S STORY IN THE BIBLE.



"LET US THROW OFF EVERYTHING THAT HINDERS AND THE SIN THAT SO EASILY ENTANGLES, AND LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US."

(HEBREWS 12:1)

OUR YOUTH COMPETED IN A CLOTHING RELAY RACE WHEN THEY LEARNED ABOUT RUNNING FREE AND FIXING THEIR EYES ON JESUS.



MARCH 3RD
5 - 6:30 PM

JOIN US FOR AN INTERGENERATIONAL EVENING WITH EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH THE PRAY FOR ME GROUP. BINGO, PIZZA, GREAT PRIZES ... A NIGHT FULL OF LAUGHTER AND A BUNCH OF FUN.

WE'LL SEE YOU THERE!





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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 April Duck Call is March 16th. 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!