



THE SECRET TO HAPPINESS

In the movie City Slickers, Curly (Jack Palance) tells Billy Crystal that the secret of happiness is in one thing.

"What's the one thing?" Crystal asks.

Curly says, "You have to find out that for yourself."

Here's how Paul defined the one thing for himself.

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 3:13-14)

His "one thing" was winning the prize - the prize of knowing Jesus. It was the driving force behind all that he did.

A subtle, but crucial, distinction: Paul wasn't driven by the idea of success in the ministry, of building growing congregations, of reaching unchurched people with the gospel. True, he did these things - and he did them well - but he was driven above all by the desire to know Jesus.

His devotional life, not his ambition, fueled his ministry.

Here's how this plays out in our lives today.

When you're driven primarily by the desire to see results, you often end up frustrated. Nothing - not even success - is quite good enough.

But when you're driven by the desire to know Jesus, two things can happen.

One, you tend to work harder.

Two, you have peace in the process.

When your primary motivation is the hope of gaining Christ, as Paul says in Philippians 3:8 ... when your greatest goal in life is to know Jesus and become like Him, as he says in 3:10 ... when your work is fueled by your devotional life and not your ambition ... ministry becomes less of an exercise in frustration, and more of the adventure God intends for our lives to be.

I love you all,

Chris

WORSHIP COMMITTEE



How to be a Happy & Useful Christian:

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Prayerfully determine how you can best serve the Lord and then become a faithful worker for him.

1 Corinthians 15:58 | John 15:16

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE TRADITIONAL BELIEFS OF UNITED METHODISTS

The Holy Spirit

The United Methodist church affirmed the role of the Holy Spirit in continuing to reveal spiritual insights in Scripture and to provide practical daily guidance through prayer. Wesley's heartwarming experience reminds us that the Holy Spirit converts and perfects our lives if we are open, so we can love God and serve our neighbor. The Holy Spirit hovered over the first creation and still grows within us, longing to save the entire creation.

(Romans 8:18-27)





NOTES: FROM THE DUCK UNITED METHODIST CHOIR

We are currently enjoying our online services on Sunday mornings, as well as a 9:30AM outdoor service by the chapel. Many thanks to all who contribute to the music, as well as the readings and messages of hope and faith that we all enjoy and cherish. The efforts of so many are greatly appreciated. We are all in this together and united as one. We will continue to support each other in love and fellowship.

COME ONE... COME ALL... Soon and very soon!

For more detailed information, please call Cezette Barnes -Tyler at 252-619-1517 or send an email @ duckchoirdirector@gmail.com. Stay healthy, safe and keep singing at home! Fortunately, we have many tools at our disposal to enjoy music and conversations from home. Don't forget to check out youtube.com for excellent performances.

Love & peace,
Cezette

Duck Men, UNITE!

It's September, and that means Duck United Methodist Men get "back in the groove" with our monthly breakfast fellowship and meetings. The pandemic era will change the format for us, but we'll have the same opportunity to communicate and fellowship and eat—but you'll be the chef! Yes, we're going to have a Zoom meeting on Saturday, September 19th starting at 8 AM. The menu can be anything from Fruit Loops to Eggs Benedict to Steak and Eggs...it's all up to you! Each attendee will get a chance to describe your breakfast fare and how you went about preparing it. Then we'll vote on who gets bragging rights and a free breakfast at Stack'em High for you and your immediate family. We'll also conduct a little business and have a devotional to encourage everyone. So, mark your calendars, plan your menu, get all the ingredients ready, and let's UNITE!



September BIRTHDAYS!

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| 9/2- Sandy Burgee | 9/16-Barbara Helms |
| 9/3 - Karon Grinnan | 9/17-George Schlagle |
| Dawn Midgett | 9/19-Art Beyer |
| 9/10 -Kelly McGriff | 9/20-Lynne Chase |
| 9/11-R. Gary Moore | 9/21-Kathy Heinrich |
| 9/12-Sue Steward | Kathy Home |
| 9/13-Mary Sowder | 9/24-Nancy Kondash |
| 9/14-Sandra Amoult | 9/27-Judy Gregory |
| Aubrey Kitchin | 9/29-Cheyne Runnells |
| Sheila Williams | 9/30-Marsha Griffith |
| 9/15-Bill Heinrich | |

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.



Thank you to everyone that helped out at the Beach Food Pantry the week of August 10th! We are scheduled to help out again October 26th through 30th from 2 to 4 PM. Please call Morag 252-255-1436 if you are available to help. Even though we are not able to get together in person, we will hold our very first "Zoom" meeting on Thursday, September 3rd, at 10 AM.

Betty Corbin is arranging the meeting, she has everybody's email and will send you an invitation to join the meeting. Betty's e-mail is VAthenNC@gmail.com, please contact her if your email has changed or you on not on the mailing list. Keep well dear friends, looking forward to our Zoom meeting .

"Trust in the Lord with all your Heart." Proverbs 3:5.

Love and Peace,
Jackie



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ZOE: UPDATE

Latest picture of some of our ZOE orphans social distancing and wearing mask to protect themselves and others from the COVID virus.



HELP WANTED: PRAYERS

Here's an expression that I bet you've heard before: "Well, I guess all we can do now is pray".... followed by a dramatic heartfelt sigh with folded hands looking to the sky. How melodramatic! I hope you agree that its a short-sighted and frankly wimpy thing to say. Prayer isn't a last resort, it should be our first thought. We need to serve the most vulnerable among us who are desperately needing your prayers. I'm talking about the folks living in long term care homes who cannot see and hug their friends and family. And if you're living by yourself at home, I know you feel the same - a bit isolated. My mother-in-law is a resident

at Spring Arbor and it's hurts Pam and I to not be able to give her a hug or even have lunch with her. We are separated by a virus. Those of us on the outside are hurting too but at least we can get out and run errands, etc.

I've been told recently of some heartbreaking incidents of suicide of people living in long term care homes. Loneliness is deadly. Please visualize someone living in a long-term care home and pray for them and their families. Let's give them the best we have to offer - our prayers.

I'll end with a quote from Martin Luther: "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing". Amen.

Jim Cotter
Serve Chair

An Open Letter of Clarification to the Members of Duck Church

I'm writing because in last month's Duck Call I read an article from the Worship Committee that said, "...we are compelled not to follow those biblical teachings..." (emphasis added). The implication is that the Scriptures are sufficient for salvation, but in non-salvation areas, we are to test its validity...and that this is John Wesley's stance on the Bible. The article also said that certain "biblical mandates...are not essential to the Gospel." I suspect this thinking came from somewhere higher up, not from one of our faithful and devoted Worship Committee members—probably a blog or a newsletter from the larger UMC. However, in a little personal research, I found that Wesley actually said, "We believe the written word of God to be the only and sufficient rule, both of Christian faith and practice" (Sermon, "The Character of a Methodist"). In other words, John Wesley believed that the scriptures give us truth for every area of faith and every practice of life, not just for salvation. I also believe that when Paul said, "Slaves, obey your earthly masters," he wasn't supporting slavery (just look at his letter to Philemon to see that Paul's focus was solely on Christian behavior, not social practices), but he was teaching the Colossian believers how to conduct themselves for the very purpose of spreading the Gospel.

The bible itself says in 2 Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is God-breathed, and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness" (emphasis added). The scriptures - the God-breathed word for us - is for far more than salvation, though that, in itself, is an immeasurable gift! It gives us history,

theology, doctrine, poetry, encouragement, and so much more for living an abundant life here, and certain hope for eternity, as we become obedient followers of Jesus Christ. We know from John 1:14 ("The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us") that Jesus Christ is the living Word. Like Jesus Christ, who was fully God and fully man (beyond our human understanding), so the God-breathed word is fully God and fully human. In Jeremiah 1:4-5 we see how God tells Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart." Isn't it reasonable to assume that God could develop (from the womb) men like the prophets, the gospel writers, Paul, Peter, John and others—to guide their lives so powerfully that they would write His perfect words for their audiences, and that it would have application for us today? God's breath created the universe, so surely the "God-breathed" word is powerful! And if you think that "all scripture" doesn't mean ALL scripture, look at 1 Timothy 5:18 where Paul quotes "Scripture" from the old and the new testaments, or look at 2 Peter 3:15-16 where Peter talks about Paul's writings along with "the other scriptures."

I encourage each reader to think of the scriptures "as having sprung from heaven as if there the living words of God were heard." (John Calvin)

John Park
(Further acknowledgments to Alistair Begg and John MacArthur)



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

AFTER AN END OF SUMMER BREAK, YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!
WE'LL CONTINUE TO MEET OUTDOORS FOR NOW, SWITCHING
OFF LOCATIONS LIKE WE DID THIS SUMMER.
SO, PAY ATTENTION TO OUR WEEKLY EMAILS AND REMIND
UPDATES SO YOU KNOW WHERE WE'RE MEETING.

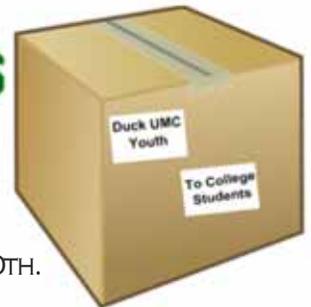
SEPTEMBER 6TH NO YOUTH GROUP
SEPTEMBER 13TH 6TH GRADE WELCOME
SEPTEMBER 20TH THE SECRET TO BEING HAPPY: JOY
SEPTEMBER 27TH THE SECRET TO BEING HAPPY: CONTENTMENT
OCTOBER 4TH COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

WE ALL WANT TO BE HAPPY, RIGHT? BUT HOW DO WE BECOME HAPPY? WE TRY TO
FIND HAPPINESS IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PEOPLE WE LOVE, OR MAYBE EVEN
THE STUFF THAT WE HAVE. BUT THE TRUTH IS, NONE OF THOSE THINGS PROVIDE
LASTING HAPPINESS. SO WHERE DOES HAPPINESS COME FROM?
THIS MONTH WE'LL LOOK TO THE APOSTLE PAUL TO SEE HOW HE, A MAN STUCK IN
PRISON, STILL EXPERIENCED JOY.



SEPTEMBER 13TH, 5:30-7:30 PM - TOP SECRET MISSION: TAKE 2
LAST MONTH, WE NEEDED TO POSTPONE OUR SECRET MISSION, BUT IT'S BACK ON...
SEPTEMBER 13TH. PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR EMAIL AND TEXTS FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES



OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS NEED SOME LOVE FROM HOME, ESPECIALLY THIS YEAR!!
ON OCTOBER 4TH, OUR YOUTH WILL ASSEMBLE COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES.

HERE ARE 3 WAYS THE WHOLE CONGREGATION CAN HELP:

1. **DONATE SOME OF THE ITEMS BELOW.** WE'LL BEGIN COLLECTING ITEMS AT WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 20TH.
WE'LL ALSO SCHEDULE TIMES DURING THE WEEK FOR DONATION DROP-OFFS.
2. **MAKE A MONETARY DONATION TO HELP PAY FOR POSTAGE!** JUST DESIGNATE YOUR GIFT ONLINE TO COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES.
3. **WRITE A NOTE TO ONE OR ALL OF OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS.** DROP THEM OFF IN THE DONATION BOX BY OCTOBER 4TH.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

PACKAGE DONATION IDEAS: RAMEN NOODLES, INSTANT OATMEAL, EASY MAC PACKS, POP-TARTS, PROTEIN BARS, BEEF JERKY,
INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY/GUM, RICE CRISPY TREATS, INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED DRINK MIXES, HIGHLIGHTERS, PENS, PENCILS,
TAPE, STICKY NOTES, CHAPSTICK, BANDAIDS, INDIVIDUAL PACKS OF KLEENEX, COFFEE/TEA BAGS, STAIN REMOVING PEN.

PLEASE BRING BOXES OF EACH ITEM WITH INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED PIECES, AND WE CAN DISTRIBUTE THEM BETWEEN THE BOXES.

WRAPPING MATERIALS: SHOE BOXES/PLASTIC CONTAINERS, NEWSPAPER FOR FILLER, PLASTIC SANDWICH BAGS FOR CANDY.

HANDWRITTEN NOTES: WRITE ALL OF OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS OR JUST A FEW. PLEASE PUT YOUR COMPLETED NOTES IN AN
ENVELOPE MARKED WITH THE STUDENT'S NAME, AND THEN PUT THEM IN AMY'S BOX BY OCTOBER 20TH.

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS TO AMY'S OFFICE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO **DONATE MONEY** TO HELP US PAY FOR POSTAGE,
PLEASE SEND A CHECK TO THE CHURCH OFFICE MARKED "COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES" IN THE MEMO.

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

SCOT BROWN, ISABEL CAMPBELL, NATALIE EMORY, PAYTON GADDY, KADE KEPLER, CHARLIE KITCHIN, SAMUEL KITCHIN,
JAMES LACROIX, ZANE LIVERMAN, THOMAS MILLER, REESE RUPERT, TOMMY SCOTT, LAUREN SHELTON, CHARLOTTE TYSON,
VICTORIA TYSON, MARY PAT THOMPSON, JARED WHITE, ELIJAH WHITFIELD, SAM WILLS.



We're Serving Up Zoom Bible Studies!

Come Join Us!

Couple's Bible Study - Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm
 Study will be "Growth: Everyday Training for Extraordinary Living"
 Starts Tuesday September 1st • Contact John Park at 703-508-6826

Pastor's Bible Study - Wednesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:00 am
 Studying **The Gospel of John**
 Starts Wednesday September 9th • Contact Pastor Chris at 910-581-8253

Women's Bible Study - Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 – 3:00 pm
 Course of Study: To Be Announced
 Starts Wednesday September 9th • Contact Debbie Breit at 252-202-1042

For more information on joining one of our Zoom Bible studies please contact the Zoom Leader!



Duck United Methodist Church
 and the NC Conference
**Christmas Boxes
 for Armenian Children**

It is time to begin filling Christmas boxes for Armenia. For several years, the NC Conference has adopted Project AGAPE Christmas boxes as a conference-wide mission project. Please join us in 2019, as we fill plastic gift boxes with expressions of Christ's love to send to Project Agape for the children of Armenia.

Pick up your plastic shoe box at Sunday Worship or Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 2:00pm. Please mark the age, gender and items in your box on the information sheet.

Please have your shoe box back to the church by September 29th!



**If you need additional information,
 please contact
 Debbie Breit 252-202-1042**



ZOE: UPDATE

Thank you for your continued outpouring of generosity for our ZOE orphans! Since July, 27 new orphans have been sponsored. This brings our total year to date to 136 lives changed forever. We still have 89 more to be sponsored before the end of 2020! If you would like more information about the ZOE empowerment



program please reach out to Debbie Breit at 252-202-1042 or by email education@duckchurch.org



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 DUCK, NORTH CAROLINA
 27949-8010

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:



Monday through Thursday – 9:00 to 5:00 PM

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The deadline for the October Duck Call is September 15th. Thanks.



Dear Duck UMC members,

On behalf of my remaining family and I...

We would like to thank the members of Duck Methodist Church for all the kind words, cards, and condolences during my Fathers passing. I would also like to thank the Care Ministry and Caring Hands for present and past assistance. My Father was unable to attend church in person during the last 3 years of his life but he did think the world of the church and all it's members. He had many fond memories of singing in the choir and going to church with his beloved wife, Joy Jenkins, who passed away a few years ago. My Father, John S. Jenkins lived a good, long life of 93 years and passed away in his home on July 24th in the morning. Thanks again to the Church and its caring members for everything that was done to assist me after his passing.

Regards,

John B. Jenkins

Dear Duck UMC family,

Angie and I want to thank this wonderful church for the incredible outpouring of support following my Dad's unexpected death on August 4th. We are amazed and grateful for the mountain of cards, letters, emails, calls, and texts. You prayers and concern for us in this time just underscores what we already knew...there is no other church like Duck Church. We love you all so much. Thank you!
 Grace and truth,

Chris

Dearest Friends and Family of Duck Church,

Words cannot express the heartfelt thanks we have for all the love given to us in the form of Prayers, Cards, Phone Calls, Meals and Financial Gifts for our family. It will go a long way to help defray our medical costs.

God's love is everlasting!

Barry and Debbie Breit



The Care Ministry contact person for the month of Setember is Pat Fields:
 Her number is 252- 261-2857
Be well in Christ.