



For we have seen his star in the east,
and are come to worship him.

Matthew 2:1

Dear Friends,

As 2018 draws to a close, we have much to celebrate.

20 people joined our church in the past year, and each one is incredibly special. Some of these are youth who grew up here, like Abby, Foster, Sydney, and Sammy. Others were adults who were either new to the area or simply new to Duck Church.

See how many names you recognize: Foster Guns, Sydney Guns, Kate Hamilton, Maggie McNinch, Kelly and Don McGriff, Anna Parsons, Sammy Steward, Nancy and Michael Terry, James Watson, Ann and Joel Billingsley, Jessica Cecco, Colby Boone, Melissa and Jim Gibson, Don Tyler, Abby Wallace, and Joyce Wells. When you see them, be sure to tell them again how glad you are that they are with us.

We celebrate all who supported Duck Church on Consecration Sunday by offering an estimate of giving for 2019. This is an important way of honoring the Lord and putting him first in our finances. As of this writing, we have estimates for 2019 which equal those of 2018, and the year is not yet over. We continue to receive estimate of giving cards each week. If you have not had a chance to turn yours in yet, let me encourage you to do it this week. It is an important growth point for your personal stewardship. Even if your estimate is smaller for 2018 than for 2019, please do send it in. Feel free to call the church office if you need another card, or just pick one up in the entryway to the sanctuary.

Our meetings on "The Way Forward" were beautifully attended and well presented. Lynn Usher, Lynn Blackburn, and Nicki Johnson did a magnificent job. We learned about the proposals which will come before General Conference in February, and we learned that we have a real mix of views on this topic. The most important thing is that we treat one another with loving kindness and respect. We may not see eye to eye on theology, but we can see Jesus in one another.

Please do invite someone to come to church with you during December. Our Lessons and Carols service at 8am and 9:30am on Dec. 9th will be beautiful and inspiring, with our own very talented musicians and professional instrumentalists. The same will be the case at our candlelight Christmas Eve services at 4:30pm, 6pm and 7:30pm.

You have been a wonderful congregation to pastor in 2018, and I wish you and yours a very merry Christmas.

Grace and peace,


John

*Christmas Eve
Candlelight Services*

4:30 • 6:00 & 7:30pm



Our Mission – To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.



All God's Children TIME!
Angel Tree

Here's How You Can Help:

Head to the Fellowship Hall today to pick up an Angel Tree ornament.

This year, you have 2 different giving options:

- 1. Purchase a toy, hats/gloves or a blanket**
for one of the Place of Possibilities After School children
- 2. Provide items for the Red Wagon Ministry.**

The Place of Possibilities will be pulling Red Wagons on Christmas Eve filled with hygiene items, and inviting folks to come back to church for dinner and a time of celebration and community. The toy gifts need to be wrapped, but the gifts for the Red Wagon items do not need to be wrapped.

All items are due back to the Church by Sunday, December 9th.

Thank-You.

Name Tags for the Holidays...

Those fun blue magnetic name tags are truly the rage this Holiday Season. Please be sure to wear yours every Sunday!



December
BIRTHDAYS!

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 12/1 - Ginger Endreson | 12/20- Rox Corbin |
| 12/6- Jim Nast | John Minnich |
| Carol Powell | Don Tyler |
| 12/8- Mike Harris | 12/23- Cathy Apple |
| 12/10- Kay Stephenson | Jim Heinrich |
| 12/11- Susan Miller | 12/25- Christy Steward |
| Frank Spruill | 12/28- James Cerza |
| Debbie Stanchina | John Park |
| 12/13- Hilda Burdick | Sherman Pierce |
| Louanne Nast | 12/29- Ellen Davidson |
| 12/16- Laura Fitzpatrick | Suzanne Palmer |
| 12/18- Pat Fields | Lisa Walker |
| 12/19- John Clark Minor | 12/30- Bet Sager |
| Lynda Park | David Thompson |

Happy Birthday & Merry Christmas to All Y'all!

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

Take The Time to Welcome Our Guests.

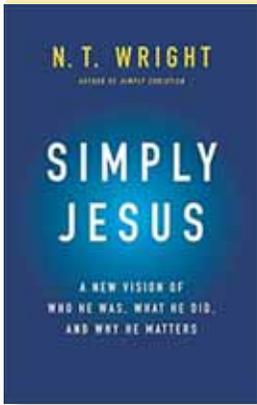
Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.
Hebrews 13:2

Wear a smile for everyone you meet... your Christian heart will do the rest.

Silence is often more powerful than having the last word. ☺



B O O K R E V I E W



N.T. Wright,
*Simply Jesus: A New Vision of
Who He Was, What He Did,
and Why He Matters,*

(Dimensions for Living Publishers, 2004), 104 pages.

“Simply” doesn’t mean “simple”. In this book it more likely means “only”; that is, a book focused simply or only on Jesus. It is most definitely not simple. Historian, pastor and former bishop in the Church of England, Wright writes of Jesus in three sections. First a historical look at some of the oldest questions about Jesus – human or divine, miracles. The second part examines anew Jesus’s life, ministry, death and resurrection in the context of first century Jewish civilization. Part three addresses the meaning of Jesus’ teachings for us today – God’s rule through us, the centrality of worship, and the role of the church.

Reviewed by Doug Brook

Book and CDs are available in the DUMC library.



Advent Devotion

by the Rev. Jerry Chism

Oh Immanuel, God with us, truly in this Advent season we celebrate that you are not hidden in some faraway cloud, but you chose to be with us in the blur and mystery of our lives.

In the midst of lists and rush, you are with us as a song that echoes in our minds, as the light of a candle, as a card from a friend. They are signs of your presence.

We turn to you this season and pray that you would birth joy and healing, blessing and hope in us.

Let something wonderful begin in us — something surprising and holy.

May your hand be upon us. Let your love fill us. Let your joy overwhelm us.

Let our longing for you be met on a coming holy night. Immanuel with us once again.

Amen.



Come Make a hand tied Wreath
Sunday, December 2nd at 3:00 pm
 Bring your fresh greens and berries from your yard along with clippers and ribbon for bow. We will supply the wire wreath and waxed string, holiday music and light refreshments
 To reserve your spot, sign up in the Fellowship Hall or Call Debbie Breit 252-202-1042

DUMC to Host Ruthie’s Kitchen

DUMC will again be providing and serving dinner at Ruthie’s Kitchen Tuesday, December 11th, 2018. Volunteers are needed to help with setting up, serving and cleaning up after dinner.

- Ruthie’s Kitchen volunteers are asked to be at Son Rise Church of Christ on 1311 Goldie Street in Kill Devil Hills around 4:15 PM.
- We serve buffet style from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.
- We will eat in shifts with our guests.

If you are interested in being a Ruthie’s Kitchen volunteer or have any questions, please call Sherman Pierce at 261-2034 or e-mail at seagull@charter.net.

Thank-You.



T • H • E LOUISE ALTHOUSE BOOK CLUB...



will meet on December 10th at 9:30 am at Shirley Ruff’s, 100 Chicahawk Trail, Southern Shores. The King Who Made Paper Flowers by Terry Kay will be reviewed by Suzanne Palmer. Join us!

**Guests are Always
Welcome.**



Silver Link Luncheon Wednesday, December 12th 11:30 AM

Mark your calendar for our social gathering and a delicious lunch to be held on December 12th at 11:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. Don Sowder will lead us in singing some of our favorite Christmas carols with the accompaniment of his wife, Mary, our pianist. If you are a senior who would enjoy fellowship but have never attended one of our luncheons, please call Lyn Shields at 252-261-1858 to make a reservation. Transportation will be provided if needed.



**You're invited to join us
for Breakfast with Santa**

**Saturday, December 8th
From 8:30-10:30a.m.**

**Get your picture taken
with Santa**

**BREAKFAST
WITH
Santa**



You are cordially invited to participate in our
Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 9th at 4:00 pm

Come watch the Christmas Story and join us for
Happy Birthday Jesus Cake in the Fellowship Hall





Festival of Lessons & Carols

in Story and in Song

Sunday, December 9th, 2018
at the
8:00 AM & 9:30 AM services

The Festival will involve a narration of the Christmas story, enhanced by carols, special songs and solos sung by the choir.

The accompaniment will be provided by resident instrumentalists and guest instrumentalists from the Norfolk Symphony.

Please plan to join us and bring your family and friends.

You will not want to miss this special opportunity to celebrate the season with the beautiful sounds of Christmas.

*Join Us for This Very Special
Occasion of Worship*

Check Out DUMC on the World Wide Web

Have you visited our web site lately? Go to www.duckchurch.org. You will find the Pastor's sermons, opportunities to serve, Mission activities, ministry for children, youth and adults, the latest newsletter, and you can even donate on line. Check it out!

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A SEED FOR THOUGHT

²¹ AND SHE SHALL BRING FORTH
A SON, AND THOU SHALT CALL
HIS NAME JESUS: FOR HE SHALL SAVE
HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS.

²² NOW ALL THIS WAS DONE,
THAT IT MIGHT BE FULFILLED
WHICH WAS SPOKEN OF THE LORD
BY THE PROPHET, SAYING,

²³ BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL BE
WITH CHILD, AND SHALL BRING
FORTH A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL
HIS NAME EMMANUEL, WHICH BEING
INTERPRETED IS, GOD WITH US.

MATTHEW 1:21-23

*This is
the story of
Christmas.*

December 2018 'tis the Season of Love and Joy...

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

DUMC WORSHIP SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Traditional Sunday Worship Services - 8 & 9:30 AM
 Contemporary Sunday Worship Service - 11AM • Sunday School - 9:15 & 9:30 AM
 Christmas Eve Services - 4:30 • 6 & 7:30PM

Decorate Church
9:30 AM

Wreath making 2 3 - 4:30 PM Youth Group 5:00 PM	Prayer Ministry 3 1:30 PM	Mom's Bible Study 4 9:30 AM Grief Share 2:00 PM Circle of Friends 6:45 PM	Special Needs 5 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study Christmas Gathering 5:30 PM Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM	United Methodist 6 Women Holiday Luncheon - 11:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM	EVERY FRIDAY AA 7:00 PM	BREAKFAST WITH Santa 8 Breakfast with Santa 8:30 - 10:30 AM Children's Christmas Program Practice 10:30 AM
Lessons and Carols 9 8:00 & 9:30 AM Services Children's Christmas Program - 4:00 PM Youth Christmas Party 5:00 PM	The Louise Althouse 10 Book Club - 9:30 AM Prayer Ministry 1:30 PM	Mom's Bible Study 11 9:30 AM Youth to Aulander 12:00 PM Grief Share 2:00 PM Ruthie's Kitchen 4:15 PM Circle of Friends 6:45 PM	Silver Link Lunch 12 11:30 AM Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM	Prayer Shawl 13 Ministry 1:00 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM & 6:30 PM Duck Call Deadline		
Family Christmas 16 Caroling - 5:00 PM	Prayer Ministry 17 1:30 PM	Grief Share 18 2:00 PM Circle of Friends 6:45 PM		Prayer Shawl 20 Ministry 1:00 PM Choir Practice 6:00 PM & 6:30 PM		
	Christmas Eve Services 24 4:30 • 6:00 & 7:30PM	Merry Christmas! 25 Christmas Day Office Closed				

Happy New Year!



Events Not to Miss...

- Dec. 2nd Wreath making • 3pm
- Dec. 8th Breakfast with Santa • 8:30 - 10:30 am
- Dec. 9th Children's Christmas Program • 4:00 pm
- Dec. 9th Festival of Lessons & Carols • 8:00 & 9:30 am services
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Services • 4:30 • 6 & 7:30pm

DUCK UMC YOUTH

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

AND THEY WILL CALL HIM IMMANUEL, WHICH MEANS "GOD WITH US." (MATTHEW 1:23)



IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, WE CELEBRATE THAT WE HAVE A GOD WHO LOVES US SO MUCH THAT HE WANTED TO BE "WITH US", IN THE FLESH. HE WALKED OUR STREETS AND BREATHED OUR AIR. HE EXPERIENCED ALL THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF BEING HUMAN. AND HE SHOWED US THAT HE'S WITH US THROUGH EVERY SEASON OF OUR LIVES. DURING DECEMBER, WE'LL BE SHARING THIS MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS WITH FOLKS BY LETTING THEM KNOW WE'RE WITH THEM IN THIS PERIOD OF LIFE - WITH THE "SEASONED CITIZENS" OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY, NEEDY STUDENTS IN OUR SCHOOLS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN AULANDER, AND EVEN OUR NEIGHBORS RIGHT DOWN THE STREET. **COME JOIN US!**

- DECEMBER 2ND** **GOD WITH US**
MAKING CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR MEMBERS OF OUR SILVER LINK MINISTRY
- DECEMBER 9TH** **YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY**
PACKING CANDY BAGS FOR FOOD FOR THOUGHT
- DECEMBER 16TH** **FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING**
LETTING OUR NEIGHBORS KNOW THAT GOD IS IN THEIR MIDST AS WE SPREAD THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS & INVITE FOLKS TO OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR OUR SEASONED CITIZENS! DECEMBER 2ND

THE SILVER LINK MINISTRY AT DUCK CHURCH KEEPS OUR OLDER MEMBERS CONNECTED WITH OUR CONGREGATION. FOR CHRISTMAS, WE'RE HELPING THE SILVER LINK MINISTRY BY PUTTING TOGETHER CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKETS.

ON DECEMBER 2ND, BRING A FEW OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN THE BASKETS:

- INDIV. PACKAGED BAGS OF NUTS, HARD CANDIES, YORK PEPPERMINT PATTIES, TRAVEL-SIZED LOTIONS, BAGS OF COUGH DROPS, TEA BAGS OR HOT CHOCOLATE MIX, LARGE PRINT GAME BOOKS (CROSSWORD, SUDOKU, ETC), LIP BALM, POCKET TISSUES, INDIV. PACKAGED CRACKERS OR SNACKS



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 9TH, 5-7 PM

JOIN US FOR DINNER, A HOT COCOA BAR, COOKIE DECORATING, AND SOME CHRISTMAS GAMES. **BRING SOME MINIATURE-SIZED CANDY BARS OR MINI CANDY CANES TO DONATE.** AS IN THE PAST, WE WILL BE MAKING GIFT BAGS FOR THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE MEALS THROUGH FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

DELIVER ANGEL TREE GIFTS TO AULANDER, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

THE YOUTH ARE DELIVERING ANGEL TREE GIFTS TO THE PLACE OF POSSIBILITIES IN AULANDER ON DECEMBER 11TH. THE CHURCH BUS WILL PICK UP YOUTH FROM SCHOOL AT NOON, AND WE'LL RETURN TO THE BEACH AROUND 8 PM. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE SEE AMY FOR A PERMISSION SLIP. DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND.



FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAROLING + DECEMBER 16TH + 5PM



THE GUNS' HOUSE, 529 PARKWOOD DR., KILL DEVIL HILLS FOR PIZZA

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S FAMILIES, SPREAD THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS! JOIN US AT THE GUNS' HOUSE FOR A PIZZA DINNER, AND THEN WE'LL HIT THE STREETS IN KDH TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS.

DRESS WARMLY!

BUS SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH GROUP

AS ALWAYS, OUR CHURCH BUS, WADDLES WILL PICK UP AND DROPS OFF.



REACH THE COMMUNITY

LOWES IN KILL DEVIL HILLS

PICK UP 4:30 PM + DROP OFF 7:30 PM

MARKETPLACE BY MATTRESS STORE

PICK UP 4:45 PM + DROP OFF 7:15 PM



POST OFFICE BOX 8010
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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 Friday or

Email anytime at:

office@duckchurch.org

Office Hours:



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

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The Deadline for the January Duck Call is December 13th. Thank-You.

HEARTFELT
Thanks

Beach
FOOD PANTRY



On behalf of the Beach Food Pantry many thanks for the large number of Thanksgiving bags donated by our church members. Approximately 78 families had a pleasant Thanksgiving meal thanks to your generosity.

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The family of Lewis Gregory would like to thank everyone for their wonderful expressions of love, caring, and sympathy during Lew's illness and passing. Your cards, prayers, visits, phone calls, food, flowers, and offers to help are so greatly appreciated and definitely helped during our most difficult time. Thank you so much.

Judy



**Read a Good Book
for Christmas.**

A good book is a great way to broaden your spirituality...Especially for Christmas!

