

Historic Corolla Chapel

*A preferred location for
weddings on the Outer Banks*

**Part of the Historic Corolla
Village Walking Tour**

*We are looking forward to
your visit!*

Schedule of Services

~ 10 AM Every Sunday ~

Additional 8:30 AM Service:
during season
call for service times



Corolla Chapel

*Located just 1 1/2 blocks north
of the Currituck Lighthouse on
Old Corolla Village Road*

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COROLLA CHAPEL



**“No vacation to the Outer
Banks is complete without
attending a service at the
Corolla Chapel”**

*Found written in a rental house
guide book*

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Built in 1885 Re-dedicated 1989
by
John O. Strauss:
Pastor

Established in 1885 the local community in Corolla formed a congregation. Two carpenters built the original one room Chapel which had a seating capacity of 100. The chapel was in the Baptist Conference from 1885 to 1938. They would send Circuit riding preachers to the chapel fairly regularly.

In those days there were no bridges and access to the Outer Banks was gained primarily by way of boats. Due to the difficulty in getting to the Outer Banks, sometime in 1938 the preachers gradually stopped coming regularly. The chapel continued to be used for Sunday school and an occasional Pastor visiting the area from 1938 to around 1958

It was listed to be sold on a tax sale as abandoned property in 1962. John W. Austin protested and was given the deed to the property with the stipulation that he had to pay taxes as long as there was no schedule of services.

The chapel eventually fell in to disuse. In the early 1980's a variety of groups came to minister at the chapel for a few weeks each summer, but none ever stayed. In 1987 Pastor John Strauss and his wife Ruth came to Corolla Chapel

during the summer season. At the urging of some of the local parishioners Pastor John and his wife started a year round service in 1988.

Growth: A vestibule, restroom, and porch were added in 1992. In the ensuing years the Outer Bank experienced a growing influx of tourism. On January 30, 1995 Ruth Strauss went to be with her Lord. Ruth played a pivotal role in bringing the chapel to where it is today.

Plans were drawn to increase the size of the little chapel to accommodate the area's growth and make room for the growing number of vacationers attracted to the Corolla area. A new structure was envisioned which would accommodate and compliment the little chapel. Included in the vision was a beautiful stain glass window designed and commissioned by Pastor Strauss to honor his late wife Ruth. The congregation needed to obtain property to carry out this vision. In 2001 a lot across the street from the chapel's original location was purchased and construction was started on the present structure.



On October 4, 2002 the old chapel was moved across the street and affixed to the new construction forming a cruciform.

Construction of a new Fellowship Hall on the south side of the structure was completed in 2007. A parsonage was built in Monteray Shores by Mancuso Development on property donated by Tom and Peggy O'Brien.

A twin structure (Education Center) to the Fellowship Hall is envisioned for the future.

Changing of the guard: Pastor Strauss retired on December 31, 2007 and installed Pastor Rick Griffis as his successor January 6, 2008.

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