

EMMA ANDERSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL NEWS

August 2015

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUSE--OUR MISSION TO MISSIONARIES

We are so thankful for the use of the Fellowship Beach House. It was wonderful to have a week to rest and reflection as we prepared to return overseas to the Middle East. The setting of Topsail is so lovely and great for our school-age family. The Patio Playground and roller skating were a hit. Also, fishing off the pier with the youth program was a great experience. Mostly, we are thankful to be so loved by the Emma Anderson family. One member gave our kids money for ice-cream, another took us tubing and discovering sea life as well as a golf cart ride, and even we had a homemade cake to welcome us from another member. You really encouraged our family! Thank-you Emma Anderson Memorial Church for investing in us and our kids with opportunities we would never have otherwise.

Blessings, Lance and Lisa

MISSION OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS Lisa and Lance are known to many in the church, and many support them on the field. Now they are in need of a different sort of help: teaching their children. We at EAMC are a unique church with many retired educators, so here is a unique mission opportunity for you teachers as well as others who may want to help in other ways. We will know more specifics in August but here is what we know currently regarding this mission opportunity.

Lisa and Lance have three children, a second grader with special needs (dyslexia), a third grader, and a 6th grader who will be taking BFA on line. That is the school where we Rich and Julia Pollock taught for three years - Black Forest Academy. The school the children were attending in Arabic and English has closed, affecting three or four other missionary families as well. The parents will meet at the end of July to discuss the educational needs of their children. Some subjects (PE, Art, music) will be done jointly - totaling maybe 10 children ages 7-12. The Lisa and Lance have curriculum, but we may need to bring books or added materials to help them.

They live in Aqaba, Jordan a town which has been inhabited since 4000 BC. It had been considered as a junction of trading routes connecting Jordan with Asia, Europe and Africa. Earlier Aqaba was known as Eilat. The literacy rate for Jordan is 97%. A furnished apartment will be rented, and people going will pay the rent while there. There is a volunteer going from Sept/Oct, another Nov/Dec. The Pollocks are slated to go Jan/Feb 2016. So, at the moment, the need for school year 2015-2016 is March through the first week of May. School is not in session any later as it's too hot.

Anyone interested in this opportunity for any length of time, should contact Julia Pollock: jawp2@me.com. We are hoping that we can support them by teaching their children while they are ministering to the Muslim world for Jesus.

Submitted by Julia Pollock

SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM WOW! What a fantastic summer! It's hard to believe that 8 weeks have already flown by. We have made some great memories this summer--playing glow-in-the-dark tag, having our nightly devotions under the awesome bungalow, fishing off the Jolly Roger, dancing with the DJ at Patio Playground--too many to mention here! As the summer draws to a close, we want to say thank you to the church for your support and the impact you all have had on our lives. Thank you all for showing us the love of Jesus! It has been an incredible year and we can't wait for EAMC Youth 2016!

Sarah Stidley, Youth Minister for the EAMC Summer Youth Program 2015

KINGDOM CRAFTERS meet once a week on Wednesdays from 9:30 until 11:30 to knit, crochet, and sew for several great causes. The group has gotten too large to meet in members' homes, so they have transitioned to the Fellowship House, where donated craft supplies can also be stored. Many of the crafted items were on display in the wings of the Chapel from late spring until the middle of July. There are projects that are right for everyone:



- ✦ Dresses and boys pants for Haiti by way of Pat Gunter and her home church, Westminster Presbyterian in Durham.
- ✦ Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes - washcloths, caps, some dresses, school bags



- ✦ Little Dresses for Africa through World Vision
- ✦ 9 caps were delivered to the Wake Med Obstetrics unit by Sandra Davis.
- ✦ 12 dresses have gone to Chocoma, Guatemala with Roger Tims and Jim King on July 23.
- ✦ 7 caps and 7 prayer shawls went to Covered by Grace-Duke Children's hospital
- ✦ Cape Fear Rescue Mission in Wilmington
- ✦ Knit for Kids - World Vision - sweaters, blankets, and hats
- ✦ Seeds of Hope - blankets and hats for cancer patients.



This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and actually being able to really help others with our actions.

HOME COMING FOR EMMA ANDERSON'S FAMILY

The attached picture is of descendants of Emma Anderson who attended the Chapel June 14, 2015. They were visiting from Florida, and some of them had never been to the Chapel before. Our own Mildred Wilson is included in the picture, who at 98 is the oldest affiliate of our Chapel. She has been attending since the early 1950s.

Pictured left to right are Anita Almond, Susan Roberts, Emily Mabry, Mildred, and Mike Rouse. They are all cousins or sisters, and are all Great Grandchildren of Emma Anderson. They referred several times to "Uncle J.G." The young boy, Carson Aiden Coomer, is a grandson of Mike Rouse, making him a Great Great Great Grandson of Emma Anderson.



What a joy it was to meet these family members. Their emotions at being in the Chapel were quite evident as several of them wiped at tears during the service. Submitted by Betsy Johnson

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Come join us for the last summer covered dish supper on Wednesday, August 26th. We will start receiving food at 6:00 and eat at 6:30. Bring a covered dish large enough to feed your family and one more and join us at the Topsail Beach Assembly Building for an evening of good food and fellowship. We welcome visitors and guests. Co-chairs: Bettye Benton and Jeannie Daniels

MINISTERIAL SELECTION

The Ministerial Selection Committee has received only a small number of 2016 ministerial applications at this time. The Committee encourages affiliates who wish to sponsor a minister for 2016 to complete their portion of the application and forward it to their minister soon. The October 16th deadline will be here before we know it! Submitted by Hope Longest

ISLAND INDEPENDENCE 5K RACE SPONSORED BY EAMC

Saturday morning of July 4th, 2015 was greeted by 599 happy runners and walkers as they participated in the Island Independence 5K race sponsored by Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel with a "fast start" at 7:30 a.m. Individuals, families, and groups of friends gathered before the race on the Chapel grounds as the excitement built. Sarah Stidley, Chapel Youth Minister for the summer, delivered the heartfelt and warm invocation for the event.



Volunteers spent many hours prior to the race organizing, preparing refreshments, bake sale items, face painting, and the like. Special thanks are given to the Co-Chairs -Marianne Orr, Maria Hollar and Jeff Bell. In addition, there is a host of other committee members and volunteers who made the fourth annual race a success on all fronts. Our local law enforcement and EMT's were on hand to support and help with the event for which we are grateful. Many sponsors were instrumental in the success of the race; and all proceeds will be used by the Benevolence Committee for local Christian ministries and the Chapel's Capital Cam



paign. We were blessed with wonderful weather and safety for the morning's events. As part of our outreach to the community, the Chapel's programs and fellowship opportunities were shared with participants through a backpack given to each registered runner containing Chapel information and sponsor favors. Thanks to all for making this year's race a huge success for our Chapel.

LIBRARY

As the summer comes to a close it is the time to check out the offerings in the EAMC Library. We have over 1,000 titles of Christian fiction and non-fiction books that will carry you into the cool days of fall here at the beach.

The children's' reading group for ages 4 and 5 will resume meeting in September. Please listen for a church announcement as to the exact date. They will meet each Wednesday in the Library from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The coordinator of the Children's Reading Group is Michelle Reynolds. If you have questions about this program please contact Michelle at 910.328.1212.

Our Library hours will be Sunday 9 AM to 10 AM and by request by contacting any member of the Library Committee. Committee members are: Nancy Green, 328.1092, Gerry Horner, 328. 7251, Nancy Howell, 328.0354, Frances Keir, 919.522.3934, Cheryl Polzer, 382.7687, Grayson ReVile, 328.1244 and Brenda Teachey, 910.200.8335. Submitted by Nancy Green

FLOWER COMMITTEE

What a wonderful way to honor loved ones by giving flowers in their name! The memorial sheet for flowers is posted in the south foyer of the chapel. If a memorial has not been requested, the sponsor of the minister for that Sunday will be contacted by the Flower Committee regarding their desire to provide flowers.

A donation of \$85.00 is requested to cover the cost of two arrangements for the front of the chapel. For your convenience, the arrangements and the delivery of the flowers are handled by a local florist. Any questions, please call Judy Teachey or Lynette Boyd.

HISTORICAL MEMORIES--CELEBRATING EMMA ANDERSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL

How often have you been in a group setting, having a conversation about the Chapel when the next thing you know – the questions begin..... Well, how was this done? Do you remember when we poured the concrete for the basketball court?... When did we acquire this building...that building? ... Who was the Youth Leader when so-and-so did such-and-such?... How long ago was the mission trip to Belize?... Tell me about mission trips... Who was Baptized in the Sound?... Do you remember the first time we did that?... Does any of this sound familiar? We all ask these questions. – and so many more!

Lib Mallard spent countless hours, in her life time, gathering and producing information – some of which is shared in the publication *The Diary of Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel 1949 – 1985*. This publication is out of print; however, you will find a copy in the Library located in the EAMC Fellowship House. The History Committee is working on the next historical publication and we continue to collect information and pictures of the Chapel since the inception of starting “*a church in New Topsail Beach Township*”.

We are looking for Chapel documents and pictures showing events (the history) that many of you have acquired over the years. We could use any items you feel would make the next publication more complete. It can be anything that you think might be beneficial in documenting EAMC history. Do you have pictures or papers (not previously submitted) that you would like to “lend” to the Committee? If you do – please put them in an envelope and send to the Chapel – Attention: Michelle Reynolds. If you would like for this information to be returned – include a self-addressed envelope, and once reproduced – it will be returned just as soon as possible. We will use as much of the gathered information as possible. It is our intention to capture as many words and deeds as possible of all who have generously helped to build and continue *God’s plan for each of us here at Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel*.

THE GOSPEL PROJECT This fall we are excited to announce the beginning of a new church wide curriculum called **The Gospel Project**. It is a 3 year chronological, Christ-centered journey through the storyline of Scripture. Each week, we will encounter God’s plan of redemption beginning in Genesis and ending in Revelation. Everyone from our babies to our adults will be studying the same theme each week in age appropriate formats. Right now we plan classes for this Fall: Adult, Children, and Preschool/Nursery. If you know of someone who needs the Youth age (13-18) class, please let us know.
Judy Brock - judykcorb@aol.com, 919-610-4748 or Julia Sherron - jbsherron@gmail.com, 910-690-2595

You Are Invited

Who: Everyone - adults and children

What: Sunday School Brunch and Open House to preview The Gospel Project - our exciting new Fall 2015 Sunday School curriculum for all ages.

When: Sunday August 16th - 8:50 - 9:45

Where: Fellowship House - Top Floor

BRING A FRIEND

COED WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Coming this September, a six week Coed Wednesday Night Bible Study entitled "Right in the Eye."

This is a study series by Andy Stanley in which he plunges viewers into the moral mayhem of the Old Testament book of Judges and he shows how we can use these biblical narratives as a filter through which to view and evaluate our own 21st century culture. This should be an "eye opening" study. Make plans to join us.

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BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

We have continued to support the Christian community with financial support to various ministries: Topsail Senior Center for Meals on Wheels, Release Ministries, Lower Cape Fear Hospice, and Safe Haven of Pender County. Lorraine Hayleck and Beth Holder

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Chancel Choir debuted "Joy in the Desert" composed by Pepper Choplin, which was commissioned by Frances Keir to honor her parents and the music program here at the Chapel July 19. We are looking forward to a musical service on September 20, which will include bells and singers.

If you have ever enjoyed singing, consider joining the Chancel Choir on Thursday nights at 7:15 for our weekly rehearsals.

Submitted by Merle Morris

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