

EMMA ANDERSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL NEWS

December 2015

GREETINGS FROM THE EMMA ANDERSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We can see the destination..... Will you help us get there?

The Fellowship House at EAMC has been such a blessing to the mission of our Chapel in abundant ways since December of 2006. Miracles of generous donors, various and creative fundraisers, Jubilee celebrations and the tireless hard work of every volunteer has enabled us to reduce our current debt to only \$238,319.26.

We started with a vision in 2006....The large gray structure behind our sanctuary is more than a building. You see, it serves as a center point for many activities outside of our sanctuary. Weekly Sunday school classes for all ages as well as numerous Bible studies are held throughout the year as our affiliate bases grows with more young families. Our library offers a quiet place of respite and an abundance of material to absorb God's word in so many forms. A ladies group meets weekly to sew for various mission needs around the area and world. The full apartment offers a week of respite and renewal for missionary families on furlough. Our kitchen is the genesis of our Friends Feeding Friends weekly ministry providing food to those on the island that are homebound or in need. Our ample space has allowed our facility to become a Samaritans Purse Shoebox Ministry drop off point for the area. The grounds serve as overflow parking and an outdoor gathering place for everyone at the Chapel including our youth program during the summers.

And our present vision is to begin 2016 DEBT FREE as a Chapel...Can you join with me in making this a reality? We gladly accept all forms of donations from cash to appreciated equities as well as marketable real property. It only takes such a small amount now to retire our debt from where it began. We would ask that you prayerfully consider making a year-end donation in order that we may use our gifts, tithes and offerings in 2016 for the many other programs and missions of EAMC. We thank God every day for what He has done for our Chapel. We know that He will be faithful as we complete the journey and *burn our mortgage in January!!* Will you help us ignite that flame?

We are thankful to you for being a part of our fellowship and we will give God the glory for all gifts.

Sincerely,

Frank Sherron, Capital Campaign Chair C: 910-690-2194

Dee MacMillan, Treasurer

For Stock Donations contact H. L. Ormond & Co., LLC 1001 Conference Dr. Suite A, Greenville, NC 27858 (877-343-3576)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE The last covered dish dinner for 2015 will be after the Christmas Cantata, [Sunday December 13](#) at the Topsail Beach Assembly Building. The meats will be catered and drinks will be provided. We ask each family to bring sides and desserts.

The social committee will start receiving food at the Assembly Building at nine [Sunday morning](#) and we will be eating [at 12:00](#).

Submitted by Bettye Benton

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE: We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of food that fed 11 local families for Thanksgiving. Please continue to send non-perishable food items for the Christmas meals. The Angel Tree is set up in the north wing of the church. Please help us provide clothes and toys for 30 children from the same local families. The deadline for all items is Tuesday, December 15.

Lorraine Hayleck and Beth Holder

FLOWER COMMITTEE

The new sign-up calendar for providing flowers in 2016 has been posted on the bulletin board in the south wing of the chapel. Please take the opportunity to sign up early if you wish to donate the altar flowers on a specific date for honorariums and memorials. The local florist will again be handling the selection and delivery of the flower arrangements.

We thank all those who so generously supported the flower program in 2015. May all of our EAMC affiliates have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Submitted by Judy Teachey and Lynette Boyd

G.A.I.N. "14" on Topsail Island



Whew, what a week!!!!

November 9th -15th – Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel hosted the G.A.I.N. mission (*God's Anointed In Need*) on the Chapel's grounds and throughout the Topsail Island community. As reported in the last EAMC Newsletter, this mission allowed us the opportunity to share in a special ministry to surround pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and other full-

time servants of God with the Christian love of Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel.

Over forty Chapel volunteers joined Chris and Rachel Emblar and their four children, along with other dedicated volunteers from Ocracoke Island and around the State, to surround five families consisting of 10 adults and 14 children with Christian love. The families were treated to an all-inclusive "five-star retreat" designed to allow them to experience Jesus' love and grace at NO COST to them. It was an amazing time for all of the many volunteers and participants.

Five Topsail Beach residences were donated for the week as well as the Fellowship House Missionary Apartment. The EAMC Fellowship House was the "central gathering place" for breakfast, daily check-in, and some activities. There was an abundance of giving by so many, including several of the local businesses.



The participant's faces showed wonderment and big smiles as they experienced the many gifts of kindness. But, above all *thankfulness* is what they most often expressed. The many

volunteer's true dedication to the word of our Lord allowed us to experience the Holy Spirit working throughout this mission week and we could feel His mighty hand multiply our earthly contributions. The week was all about *His Love*.

If you would like to volunteer and assist with the G.A.I.N. mission on Ocracoke Island, contact Chris and Rachel Emblar. You can learn more about the G.A.I.N. ministry at <https://vimeo.com/95168272>.

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest"

Matthew 11: 28

Janie Hauser

LIBRARY NEWS As the winter season on Topsail Island begins, 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.

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

MINISTERIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE

Ministers scheduled for the remainder of the year are as follows:

December 6: Rev. Charles Turner, Jr., Senior Pastor, Bailey's Chapel UMC, Mocksville, NC

December 13: Christmas Cantata

December 20: Rev. Tim Russell, Assistant to the Bishop, NC Conference UMC, Clayton, NC

December 27: Rev. Robert Bardin, Pastor, Chapel on the Hill, Lake Geneva, WI

This information can also be found on the EAMC website.

EVANGELISM/MISSIONS

There are 61 spaces reserved for December 7-9 to work at Operation Christmas Child in Charlotte preparing shoeboxes for large cartons to be loaded and shipped to children worldwide. This is a yearly trip and we are thrilled there are some teenage and college age affiliates of the chapel joining us this year!

NURSERY NEWS

Heather and her helpers continue to do an excellent job in our nursery on Sundays. All kids 4 and under are welcome starting at 8:40 am for those attending Sunday School.
Submitted by Gerry Horner

MUSIC MINISTRY The Chancel Choir is looking forward to presenting the Christmas cantata, Joel Raney's "The Promise of Light" on December 13. The musical service will include bell ringers and singers.

There will be no Chancel choir practice until mid February. If you like to sing, please consider joining us then. We would love to have a few more tenors. There's always a chair!
Submitted by Merle Morris

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES The newsletter is published via internet on the first day of February, April, June, August, October, and December. The deadline for articles is always the 29th of the month preceding publication. However, for the February 2016 edition, the deadline will be February 8, with a publication date of February 10.

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