

EMMA ANDERSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL NEWS

February 2016

2016 Greetings from the Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel Capital Campaign,

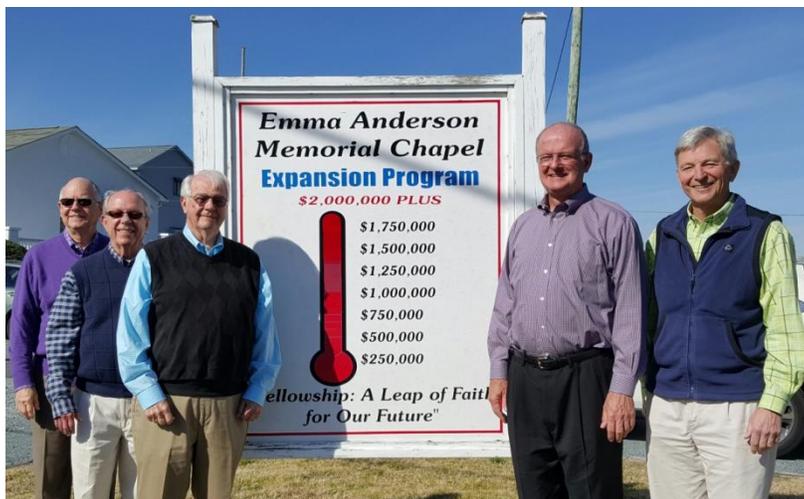
The Debt of Fellowship House HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL!

We could see the destination... You saw it too!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

We started with a vision in 2006....

The bold journey started with a loan putting our Chapel in debt as we purchased the Fellowship House. It was a vision of faithfulness in how we believed God wanted our Chapel's ministry to grow. The fulfillment of that vision brings us to this point of celebration. Under the leadership of Jac ReVille, who was our board chairman at the time, and Mike Harris, who led our initial Capital Campaign for many years, as well as countless volunteers and donors, we have many reasons to celebrate as a body of Christ today.



And we are beginning 2016 DEBT FREE

With your help, this is now a reality!! We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of our affiliates and as of January 7th, 2016... **WE ARE DEBT FREE!** Now we can utilize our gifts, tithes and offerings in 2016 and beyond for the other important programs and missions of EAMC. We thank God every day for what He has done for our Chapel. We pray for His continued blessings as we complete the journey and *burn our mortgage!*



We invite you to help us ignite that flame at a time to be announced later this spring when our congregation swells with many of our affiliates returning for the season. Please watch our website and listen for future announcements as we set the date and plan for the **CELEBRATION!**

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

Sincerely,
Frank Sherron, Capital Campaign Chair
John Hauser, Chairman
Dee MacMillan, Treasurer

TIMES FOR EASTER SERVICES & MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Maundy Thursday Service in the Chapel - March 24, 2016 - will be at 6:00 p.m.

Easter sunrise service will be on the beach at the Crews Avenue beach access at 6:30 a.m. rain or shine. If it is thundering or lightening the sunrise service will be cancelled.

We will have the usual 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. worship services in the Chapel.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2015 SHOEBOXES

Good News! Great Joy! Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel had a very successful shoebox drive for a Operation Christmas Child 2015. We collected 139 shoeboxes, an increase of 34 shoeboxes from last year. EAMC was also a Relay Collection Center and we collected 50 additional shoeboxes from the community. Many thanks go to our affiliates who worked as volunteers at the Relay Center during National Collection Week and to the drivers who delivered the 189 shoeboxes to the Wilmington Collection Center.

These shoeboxes are more than just the toys, school supplies and hygiene items you packed. They are a chance for an unloved child to feel love. They are a chance for a poor child to feel rich. But most importantly, after receiving shoebox gifts, many children are taught the Samaritan's Purse Bible study course, The Greatest Journey. During this course they learn to become faithful followers of Christ and share their faith with others.

7TH ANNUAL OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD TRIP

December 7-9, 2015, forty-four EAMC affiliates met in Charlotte to work at the Operation Christmas Child Warehouse. Those returning from one of the previous

six trips to Charlotte or Boone were Tim and Gerry Horner, Dick and Penny Burrell, Debbie Hill, David and Dianne Barnes, Kay Grady, Jim and Freddie King, Rich and Julia Pollock, Norfleet Herring, Karen Roberts, Butch and Margaret Parrish, Rick and Bettye



Benton, Frank and Julia Sherron, Roger Tims, Ginny Barnett, Marilyn Sides, Woody and Bev Woodruff, Dwight and Sandra Davis, and Dick Holder. First time participants were Bob Barnett, Rod and Laura Dillman, Jeff and Debo Bell, Dennis and Vickie Sovel, James Ormond, Jay, Julie, Jessie and Jenny Ellis, Marsha Lewis, Janet Blair, and John and Pam Burke. The first night after dinner we were treated to a beautiful dessert party at the Ormonds'. This annual trip is a highlight of the Christmas season when we volunteer to do something we strongly believe in and get to be together with new and old friends. Check out the website at eachapel.org for more pictures. We hope you will make this trip a priority for next year!

MUSIC MINISTRY

The choir will resume their evening rehearsals Thursday, February 18 at 7:15 pm. Please consider sharing your musical gifts and join them! Tenors and altos are especially in demand. They will be preparing for special music for Easter Sunday, and then the all music Sunday that they and the Hand Bell Ringers will present in May.

Submitted by Merle Morris

MINISTERIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Ministerial Selection Committee is pleased to report that invitations have been sent and confirmation has been received for all ministers for 2016. Sponsors have also been notified. A complete list of the year's schedule is posted on the south wing bulletin board.

2017 applications can be found in the vestibule. The first page of the 2017 application contains sponsor instructions and information only. Affiliates wishing to sponsor a minister should **review and remove** the first page, and **complete all required information on the application before forwarding the application to the minister**. The deadline for 2017 applications is October 17, 2016. The selection committee will meet in October, so start your minister's application process soon.

Ministers for the first few months of 2016 are listed below:

February 7: Rev. James Hodge, Pastor Emeritus, St. Giles Presbyterian, Raleigh, NC
February 14: Rev. Dan Sellers, Retired Baptist Minister, Wallace, NC
February 21: Rev. Charles Turner, Jr., Pastor, Bailey's Chapel UMC, Advance, NC
February 28: Rev. Chris Thore, Senior Pastor, First Wesleyan Church, High Point, NC
March 6: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Clark, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Sanford, NC
March 13: Rev. E.C. Mattocks, Pastor, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Clinton, NC
March 20: Rev. Roy Smith, Retired Minister, Winston-Salem, NC
March 27: Rev. Kenneth Dillman, Chaplain, Church of the Nazarene, Dublin, OH
April 3: Rev. Dr. Charles McGathy, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Madison, NC
April 10: Rev. Will Davis, Pastor, Burgaw Presbyterian Church, Burgaw, NC
April 17: Rev. Phillip Qualls, Pastor, Momeyer Baptist Church, Momeyer, NC
April 24: Rev. Margaret Hockett, Retired Pastor, Castle Hayne, NC

If you have questions, please call Dan at 305-301-3388, Hope at 305-342-3902 or email hopeglnc@gmail.com.

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for our holiday assistance program. We were able to provide food for 11 families at Thanksgiving and Christmas and Christmas gifts for 28 children.

We will be collecting cans of soup until February 21st. The soup will be taken to Share the Table, the local food pantry. We appreciate your support in this project. Submitted by Beth Holder and Lorraine Hayleck

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.

COOKBOOKS FOR \$10.00

Praise God from Whom all blessings come and congratulations to all for paying off the Fellowship House debt, but guess what we still have cookbooks! Now's the time, while they last, to buy yourself a stock pile of gifts to give away. If you are headed to the beach for Easter, Spring Break, or just a retreat from your winter weather, don't forget to pick some up. The cookbooks are always available at the Chapel. Just ask the ushers before or after the services for assistance. If you need multiple books, you can call Reenie at 910-520-5676 and she can make arrangements to get the books to you. Thank you again for your continued support with Emma Andersons first cookbook, [A Taste Of Fellowship](#).

LIBRARY NEWS

It is hard to believe, but the EAMC Library will celebrate 6 years of service to the EAMC church community this January. With the help of many individuals and the hard work of the Library Committee, the library has grown to 1,400 items in the collection. The committee continues to explore new ways to integrate the library into the mission of the greater EAMC community.

From the beginning of the library continues to provide year round and summer residents a learning environment that will allow personal Christian growth through study and enrichment. We hope that as the winter months approach, each of you will take a few minutes to visit the wonderful things that the EAMC Library has become over the past five years.

Our Library hours are 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, and Grayson ReVile, 328.1244. Submitted by: Nancy Green

PASTORAL CARE

For the past 15 years, Kat Boyce and Lee Bryan have served our congregation as chairs of the Pastoral Care Committee. In this capacity they have coordinated receptions for families following memorial services at our church. On behalf of everyone they have served, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks. I also want to thank the many of you who so generously supported their efforts with food and help.

Nancy Green, Vicky Faris and I will be taking over the coordination of these receptions. In order to reach everyone with information about these events, we would like to offer people the opportunity to let us know if you prefer to hear from us by email or phone. We will still continue to post information in the Post Office and to inform the members of the various church groups at their meetings.

Please let us know of your willingness to help and your preference for being informed of these receptions.

Thanks again to Kat and Lee, and to everyone else who has participated.

Gerry Horner, 328-7251, ghorner1@charter.net

Nancy Green, 328-1092, ngreen1234@charter.net

Vicky Faris, 328-1387, vickyfaris@yahoo.com

Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel

Invites you to attend our

2016 Lenten Luncheons

Tuesdays from 12 noon to 1:00 pm at the Assembly Building in Topsail Beach

Feb 16, 23, and March 1, 8, and 15

Cost \$5 at the door

Let us know you are coming by

Signing up on the bulletin board in the South Wing of the church

or

Call or text Julia Sherron @ 910-690-2595.

Come enjoy lunch and the encouragement of a different lay speaker each week reflecting on
"What the cross means to me".

Let us prepare our hearts for the Easter Season!

If you would like to receive newsletters by email please email your request to: newsletter@eachapel.org.



ON A TEACHING MISSION Rich and Julia Pollock are pictured at the Raleigh Durham airport on January 3, as they started their journey to the Middle East. They will be teaching children in several different grades during January and February.

Please pray for Rich and Julia and their students during their stay in the Middle East. Shukran (thanks)

FLOWER COMMITTEE

It seems like winter, but Easter is early this year and it will soon be time to order your Easter lilies. An order form is provided below.

The flower committee welcomes a new member, Macon Basinger. Macon will serve as the co-chairperson and we are looking forward to working with her. Submitted by Judy Teachey and Lynette Boyd

EASTER LILIES—SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016

If you would like to participate in the Easter Sunday Lily Program, please complete the information below and return with payment by March 13 to the Flower Committee, PO Box 2682, Surf City, NC 28445—Attn Judy Teachey; or place the form in an envelope and place it in the offering plate. In either case, please enclose \$12 per lily. Checks should be made payable to Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel. **One form must be submitted for each lily you wish to purchase.**



An insert listing all individuals designated by you will be included with the Easter bulletin. **Please** pick up your lily on Easter Sunday morning at the conclusion of the 10:00 a.m. service. If you have questions, contact Judy Teachey at 328-1834. Submitted by Judy Teachey

Easter Lilly Order Form

Contributor's Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given by: _____

OR

In Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

I understand that I owe \$12.00 per lily and that I can pick the flower(s) up at the conclusion of the 10:00 a.m. service on March 27, 2016.

GROWING A MINISTRY WITH DRESSES

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Durham has yearly mission trips to Haiti. As a part of that mission, they create and send dresses for Haitian girls. Pat Gunter shared that mission with EAMC's Kingdom Crafters.

The Crafters jumped in enthusiastically, producing 116 dresses. In Sunday worship on October 25th, the dresses were blessed, and the children who would receive them were prayed for. They were lovingly packed, and then distributed in Haiti after church on Sunday, November 21st. The rest were distributed to a preschool class later that week. The handiwork of the Kingdom Crafters had brightened the lives of 116 little girls, who looked absolutely precious in the dresses!

Westminster is moving ahead with a long-term partnership with Haiti Outreach Ministries. They are sponsoring eight school children (so far), and have more people who want to go on each mission trip than they can take right now. Their next medical team of 12 signed up to go this coming October, and their youth group will probably go in 2017. The dresses continue to serve a very real, tangible need. They also have provided the catalyst for a new ministry at Westminster. It all started when a few people said "yes", just like the caring, talented ladies of EAMC.

Pat is happy to share what she has learned with anyone who is interested, just contact her or Haiti Outreach Ministries. Pat Gunter pgunter@alumni.unc.edu Haiti Outreach Ministries www.haitiom.org

SOCIAL COMMITTEE The Social Committee is gearing up for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Once again all children ages toddlers through eight years old are invited to hunt for eggs on the grounds of the Chapel on Saturday March 26. We will have refreshments, story time and the egg hunt. The festivities will begin at 11:00. Please plan to come bring the children and their Easter baskets.

Bettye Benton & Jeannie Daniels