

EMMA ANDERSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL NEWS

October 2015

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The 2015 Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, September 20, at the close of Worship. The purpose of the meeting was to vote on the slate of five new Board of Governors and one new Trustee. The slate was unanimously selected and we welcome these new members: Macon Bassinger, Debo Bell, Tommy Daniels, Greg Miller and Pat Weyher to the Board. They will serve for four years beginning January 2016. Frank Sherron will serve for Trustee for three years beginning January 2016. We welcome their service to Emma Anderson Chapel!

Submitted by Diane Barnes

MINISTERIAL SELECTION COMMITTEE--September 2015

The Ministerial Selection Committee will continue to receive 2016 ministerial applications through October 16th. The Committee, comprised of members Jane Autry; Pat Braxton; Larry Combs; John Hauser; Freddie King; Jeri Mills; Brenda Price; Michelle Reynolds; Julia Sherron; Jac ReVille; Mildred Wilson, and Dan and Hope Longest, will hold its annual meeting on October 27th to select ministers for the upcoming year.

In the next few weeks, we look forward to receiving many of the 100+ applications that have been forwarded by sponsors! Thank you for your interest in this process of EAMC's ministry.

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

- October 4: Rev. David Hughes, Executive Director, Transforming Center, Wheaton, IL
 - October 11: Rev. Russell Williams, Moravian Pastor, Southern Province, Oak Ridge, NC
 - October 18: Dr. Robert Brown, Chief Encouragement Officer, Capital Community Church, Raleigh, NC
 - October 25: Rev. Dan Sellers, Pastor, Magnolia Baptist Church, Magnolia, NC
 - November 1: Rev. Roy Smith, Retired Baptist Minister/Exec. Dir. Emeritus, Baptist State Convention
 - November 8: Chaplain Mark Thomas, Wing Chaplain, Patrick AFB, Satellite Beach, FL
 - November 15: Dr. Jerry Harper, Pastor, Oriental First Baptist Church, Oriental, NC
 - November 22: Rev. Lee Strange, Retired Methodist Minister, Western NC Methodist Conference
 - November 29: Rev. Dr. Jim Ferry, Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Garner, NC
 - 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.

Submitted by Hope Longest

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

The first Sunday in October is designated as Communion Sunday throughout the Christian world. Christian churches of all denominations celebrate the Lord's Supper on this day. It is truly one day that we as Christians can say we acknowledge one Lord and one faith.

If you are on the island and for some reason you cannot attend our chapel service on this Sunday, but would like to receive Communion at your home, please call Michelle Reynolds at 910-328-1288.

Submitted by Rich Pollock

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR EAMC

EAMC has been truly blessed and we thank God daily for the generous outpouring of contributions allowing us to draw nearer and nearer to totally paying off the debt for our Fellowship House. God has been faithful and miraculously we have reduced our debt from \$1,800,000 to just \$250,000 in only eight years! Money has come to us from weekly, monthly and annual givers as well as Jubilees, homecomings, cookbook sales, Independence 5K Run proceeds, memorials and honorariums and other generous sources. One of the most precious gifts of all is a child's weekly \$3.00 donation specifically marked for the "Fellowship House". As a Body of Christ at Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel, we would like to enter 2016 as a debt free fellowship turning our attention to other important missions and programs of the church. If you are able, led and feel the tug to help us achieve the goal of BURNING THE MORTGAGE for the Fellowship House by the end of 2015 please send your contribution of money to EAMC Capital Campaign, P O Box 3071, Topsail Beach, NC earmarked for "Fellowship House". If it is appreciated equities, Herb Ormond can facilitate the proper transfer through his company and can be reached at 1-877-343-3576. Or you can simply call me at 910-690-2194 or Dee MacMillan at 910-328-0053 and we will be happy to steer you in the proper direction. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of a contribution as we give God all of the glory!

Submitted by Frank Sherron, Chairman of the Capital Campaign, and Dee MacMillan, Treasurer

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

This is an exciting time of year for our committee! Beginning Sunday, October 18th, we will start collecting non-perishable food items. The food donations will provide meals to many families in our community for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Please bring your items to the north wing of the chapel.

After the Thanksgiving holidays, the Angel Tree will be available so the children of these families will have a truly special Christmas. Thank you so much for your support in this wonderful project!

Submitted by Lorraine Hayleck and Beth Holder

EVANGELISM/MISSIONS

The kingdom crafters have been busy making items going from Hampstead to Haiti, from Raleigh to Rwanda, and from Wilmington to world vision mission sights all over the world. Join the group in the fellowship house every Wednesday morning at 9:30 to have fun and see how you can help.

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!

September has been a busy time at the EAMC fellowship house missionary apartment as we have hosted families who are serving in India, China and Germany. They all leave so relaxed and moved by this blessing from god and the generosity of our chapel in providing such an opportunity. Submitted by Sandra Davis

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ALOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITY!

Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel will be a Relay Center for Operation Christmas Child. During National Collection Week, November 16-23, the Fellowship House will be open to collect packed shoeboxes from area churches and organizations. Volunteers are needed to work one or two hours each day. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the south wing. For more information, contact Debo Bell at 910-590-9001.

Submitted by Debo Bell

A HEART FOR THE G.A.I.N. MISSION

In just a few weeks – November 9th -15th – we have an 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. These servants and their families will be joining Chris and Rachel Embler and others dedicated to the G.A.I.N. ministry (God’s Anointed In Need) .



Affiliates of EAMC will host seven families in their homes here on Topsail Island, and the Fellowship House will be used as a central gathering place. This will be a week of true rest and renewal for these servants of God, their spouses and their families at an all-inclusive retreat designed to allow them to experience Jesus’ love and grace at NO COST to them. The blessings are boundless.

The families who attend this retreat will experience a tranquil environment, free from pressures and distractions, which encourage their servitude and allow them to refocus on God’s plan and direction in their lives. In 2014, John and I had the opportunity to be servants for G.A.I.N. We spent the week on Ocracoke Island and it was an amazing time. We cooked breakfast with other volunteers, help arrange transportation to Island events, shared our boat through rides and fishing, loved on the children, shared in God’s word, and most importantly – made new Christian friends. Our group was one of the smallest to ever attend G.A.I.N., but we never stopped sharing each day until we dropped in bed at night. It was an amazing time of worship and giving. It was a blessing for both of us!!!

There are so many opportunities available for you to share your gifts and experience God’s grace. You can volunteer to help with breakfast, provide transportation for a special event, be available to babysit so that the adults can have a night out, bring by some of your homemade goodies, provide a casserole to be shared, lead the singing, play music, play a round of golf, and offer a boat ride or fishing experience. Use your time, talent, and imaginations, and I promise that your reward will be far greater than anything that you could imagine.

Chris Embler will be here on Thursday and Friday - October 23rd & 24th to discuss the G.A.I.N. experience and to answer any questions that you might have. There is a video link for the G.A.I.N. retreat – about a five minute snapshot. <https://vimeo.com/95168272>. Contact Janie Hauser with questions or to volunteer to assist with this ministry at Emma Anderson.

Janie and John Hauser 910-620-8720

Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11: 28

Submitted by Janie Hauser

EAMC COOKBOOK

Our beautiful red, conversation piece, cookbook is still available. The cost is \$20.00 and can be purchased at any of the Chapel services, just ask the ushers for assistance; or three local stores The Gift Basket, The Quarter Moon or The Topsail Island Trading Co. in Surf City; or for home delivery call Reenie Pegram at 910-520-5676. This book can make a keepsake for anyone’s Christmas gift. The purchase continues to help pay down the debt of our Fellowship House plus keeps the fellowship of our friends and family alive in our hearts. God Bless our sweet Chapel and all of His children.

Submitted by Reenie Pegram

NURSERY NEWS

Heather and her helpers continue to do an excellent job in our nursery on Sundays. At our last Board meeting the decision was made to offer the nursery during the Sunday School hour. All kids 4 and under are welcome starting at 8:40 am.

Submitted by Gerry Horner

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.

Submitted by Judy Teachey

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Chancel and Bell Choirs joined to welcome Dr. Chris Haire, with his bell choir from First Baptist Church in Cary on September 20. The congregation's reception of the program was outstanding. The handbell choir will be playing a short program on Sunday, October 25 at 4 pm. Please join us for an afternoon of delightful sacred music.

The Chancel Choir is looking forward to presenting the Christmas cantata, Joel Raney's "The Promise of Light" on December 13. The musical service 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. We sing, laugh and share our concerns each week. Come join the fellowship.

Submitted by Merle Morris

KINGDOM CRAFTERS

The Kingdom Crafters have met their goal of 100 dresses for Haiti. We hope you can join us in church October 25 as we will have a short blessing before Pat Gunter takes them to Haiti. We will display a collection of them

people's Operation Christmas Child boxes. Additionally we have other small items for people to choose from to add to their boxes. Our goal was that every OCC box from EAMC would have a homemade love gift in it.

Submitted by Julia Pollock

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Emma Anderson social committee has had a very good summer turnout for the Wednesday night suppers. A big thank you to all for helping make these events successful.

Submitted by Bettye Benton and Jeannie Daniels

FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS SUMMER COLLECTION

The 2015 summer food collection concluded Labor Day weekend. The twelve week collection totaled 2900 pounds of food and \$220.00 in donations, all given to the Share the Table Food Pantry. Dawn Ellis, director of the pantry, has already extended her appreciation for these contributions to be shared with those in need right here in our community.

The magnets purchased by the church last spring and distributed by many of the local rental agencies proved to be a great way to get the word out to those vacationing on the island.

Sincerest thanks to all the volunteers who willingly and excitingly donned their yellow tee shirts and made their way to Max's parking lot on Saturday mornings at 8:00am to greet donators, collect, sort and weigh food, and to be wonderful ambassadors for Emma Anderson!

If you have unopened food items left as you clean out the pantry this fall, please dropped them by the new warehouse location at 12394 NC Hwy 50, Hampstead, NC (on Hwy 50 between Surf City and Holly Ridge) or call 910-616-8897. To God be the glory!

Team Captains: Teresa and Durwood Johnson, Lisa and Bryant Mende, and Julia and Frank Sherron

Submitted by Julia Sherron

LIBRARY NEWS

As the fall fishing 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, 328.7687, Grayson ReVille, 328.1244 and Brenda Teachey, 910.200.8335.

Submitted by Nancy Green

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.