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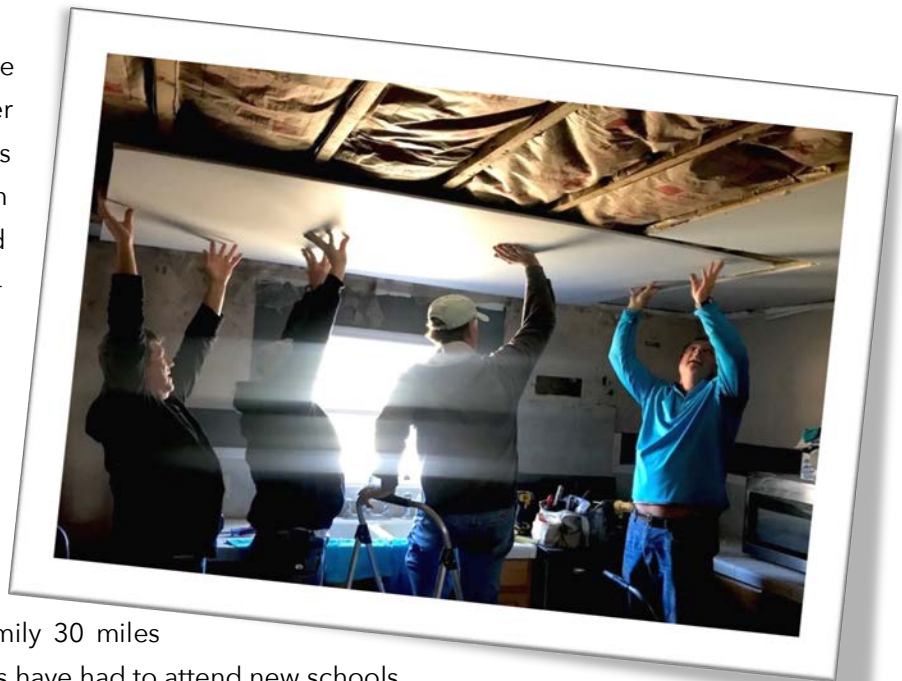
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### A Family Displaced. The Chapel Responds.

For six weeks, 26 affiliates have worked on repairing and renovating the local home of a grandmother displaced by Hurricane Florence last September. Every Wednesday beginning at 9 a.m., our mission team descends upon her home located between Surf City and Hampstead. So far, they've contributed 378 service hours.

Affiliate Freddie King met the grandmother in late October while deployed to Wilmington as a chaplain with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association Rapid Response Team. A devout Christian, the grandmother is raising two granddaughters by herself. Most of their personal effects as well as the home sustained water damage from three days of rain after the roof failed during the storm. They are currently living in close quarters with family 30 miles away in Jacksonville and the girls have had to attend new schools.



The mission team's goal is to finish repairs by March 30 or before so that the family can return home and get their lives back to normal. Remaining tasks on the punch list include finishing roof repairs, replacing fixtures, painting, plus installing insulation, sheetrock, a vapor barrier and flooring.

Additional volunteers to help with this ministry are welcome! Contact Rick Benton (910-604-3835; rickbenton56@gmail.com) for more information.

# HURRICANE RELIEF: Funding Local Needs

In November 2019, the Board of Governors, feeling that EAMC was in a blessed position financially, unanimously approved disbursement of unallocated funds up to \$120,000 for Hurricane Florence recovery efforts in our area. Western Pender County was particularly hard hit. The Benevolence committee with input from the Board of Governors and chapel affiliates recently allocated all of the monies and distributed checks to the recipients listed below.



- EAMC's Local Missions committee was allocated \$25,000 for extensive repairs to a grandmother's home (pictured left), where she's raising two granddaughters by herself. EAMC affiliates are repairing the roof, painting, and installing drywall, flooring and new fixtures, among other tasks.

- Checks in varying amounts were hand delivered to five Pender County churches that were all heavily damaged by Hurricane Florence:

- Sand Hill AME Church, Burgaw
- Mt. Rena Missionary Baptist Church, Rocky Point
- Sharon Baptist Church, Chinquapin
- Hallsville Presbyterian Church, Beulaville
- North East Pentecostal Freewill Baptist, Wallace

Our goal is to help these congregations get back in their sanctuaries to celebrate worship and enjoy fellowship together as soon as possible. John Hauser, co-chair of EAMC's Benevolence Committee has received several thank you letters from recipients who were overwhelmed by the financial assistance.

- A contribution was made to the North Carolina Baptist Men's Association Disaster Relief Team. They have been heavily involved in recovery efforts in the wake of both Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Matthew (2016).
- Based upon recommendations from several affiliates, the chapel also distributed funds to some local families that needed help with home repairs.

Additional monies contributed by affiliates or others that are specifically earmarked for hurricane recovery will continue to be disbursed with input from the Benevolence Committee, Board of Governors, and affiliates.

If you'd like to contribute to hurricane recovery efforts in our area, we welcome your donation. Mail a check earmarked for Hurricane Florence Disaster Relief to EAMC, PO Box 3071, Topsail Beach, NC 28445. Thank you for your generosity and compassion!

# February REFLECTIONS



**As I sit here at my desk** looking over the United Methodist Worship Planning Calendar for 2019 that the Board of Governors gives to various committee chairs each year, I am struck by the fact that there is no special religious day in February. There is no special Sunday like Epiphany or Christ's Baptism in January, or Transfiguration Sunday or Lent in March, or Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday in April this year. Or is there?

Stuck in the middle of the month, and on a weekday this year, is a day called *Valentine's Day*. It's a secular day that celebrates romantic love, right?

Commercially it has turned into the second largest card-selling day (second only to Christmas) every year. In fact, some say it dates back to the early days of the Roman Empire and is a pagan celebration of the founding of Rome. However there are some churches— Anglican, Lutheran and Eastern Orthodox— that celebrate it as Saint Valentine's Day in honor of a bishop from Rome in the 4<sup>th</sup> century who was martyred for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to persecuted Christians.

So whether it's a pagan or sacred day, it is a day that celebrates romantic love. But what is romantic love? Are there other kinds of love? A couple of years ago Cole Ryan, a Christian author, wrote an article entitled, *Figuring Out What Love Really Is*, in which he laid out two very different and contrary views of love. One was passive and the other was active.

"Passive love is the kind of love that happens to you," he wrote. "It's the warm feeling you get when you are around someone you *love*- they make you feel good, ...happy, they complete you. They consume your mind, steal your heart, and you're addicted to them." But he goes on to say that this love "is entirely self-centered. We love this person because they benefit us."

What happens when that other person can no longer do this for us? What happens when this person no longer makes us happy or feel good? This is often when couples give up and break up.

Active love is very different. "It persists despite," says Ryan. Despite how he or she makes you feel, despite how he or she treats you. "Active love chooses to stick around even when it isn't beneficial... when there is nothing to gain."

This is God's love. As I John 4:16 says, "God is love." And "this is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us". (I John 3:16) It is no longer seeking to be loved (passive), but seeking to

love the one you found (active). "The goal," says Ryan, "is to do for them what Jesus did for me—to lower myself to lift them up, to die to myself to give them life." And this is exactly what the rest of I John 3:16 says, "And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."

So there *is* a "religious" holiday in February after all. St. Valentine's Day is God's Love Day. For this is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

***Happy Valentine's Day to you all!***

*Rich Pollock is a retired Presbyterian minister. He lives in Topsail Beach with his wife Julia. Both are active affiliates of Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel. Rich happily fills in at the pulpit when a guest minister is unavailable to lead Sunday worship.*

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## Chairman's Corner

February 2019



It's often stated that God works in mysterious ways. I feel election as the EAMC Board of Governors Chairman for the next two years is reflective of that statement. I have served in leadership roles as a member of several churches, enduring both positive and difficult times. Why me again, I've asked myself since first being asked to consider serving as chairman for the next two years. We have so many talented, spiritual and dutiful affiliates at Emma Anderson, how is it that I should be chairman and not others?

After a whole lot of prayer and deep thought, and encouragement from others, God through the Holy Spirit made the decision easy for me and led me to say, yes, I'll serve.

Frank Sherron did a terrific job during the past two years as our chairman, encouraging us to pray for discernment for God's will for our Chapel, and leading us through sessions to help better define priorities and opportunities to implement His will. As the chairman, my primary interest is in continuing to facilitate implementation of God's will in our Chapel through the priorities that have already been established by the board.

As you know, our Chapel is organized to be "managed" by our affiliates. We have 27 standing committees and a governing body designed to do just that. I am always encouraged by the dutiful work of our affiliates and committees, and I encourage affiliates that aren't yet involved in committees and leadership opportunities to pray for where to share their talents.

Our Chapel is blessed in so many ways, particularly in how we are able to share those blessings with others via various missions and activities. Recently the Benevolence Committee has been able to direct substantial financial assistance to five area churches and four families devastated by Hurricane Florence, as well as to several other groups involved in helping others recover from the storm. Additionally, 686 adults and 697 children were touched with benevolence assistance during the holidays. Our Local Missions Committee has undertaken a project to renovate a local home occupied by a grandmother and her two grandchildren who were displaced by Florence.



Our Kingdom Crafters are always undertaking outreach projects like sending dresses to children in Haiti, or hats, scarves and gloves to local veterans. We collected 103 filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, and 26 affiliates marked our 10<sup>th</sup> year of participation at the Boone, N.C., shoebox processing facility in December sending out blessings from our Chapel all over the world via Samaritan's Purse. And that's just touching the surface.

As you can see, our **little** Chapel does **big** things when it comes to serving our Lord. That's because our affiliates dutifully pray and seek God's will, then go forth and serve. As Chairman, it's such a pleasure to serve the Chapel with affiliates who through prayer and discernment **know the way** of our Lord in service.

It remains a mystery to me why I'm the Board Chairman now, but I know over time the reasons will unfold via God's continuing will and the works of our little Chapel.

I welcome your suggestions, questions or concerns. Drop me an email at rickbenton56@gmail.com or give me a call at 910-604-3835.

**Rick Benton**

EAMC Board of Governors Chairman, 2019-2021

## Projects + Prayers = Happiness

In Julia Pollock's January report to the Board of Governors, she had this to say,

*"The most fun for this group is the happiness we share when we send off our projects with a prayer."*

The Kingdom Crafters must be the happiest group on the planet based on the number of projects they undertake. Here's their tally since November—

For the 9th annual Veteran Community Homeless & Resource Stand Down in Jacksonville, N.C., they crocheted or knitted 26 scarves and 33 hats. The Stand Down will be held on February 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The crafters welcome until February 1 any completed items you donate for this ministry. Contact Julia Pollock (910-398-1923; jawp2@me.com) for drop-off arrangements.



They donated 100 dresses to Haiti Outreach Ministry, through affiliate Pat Gunter, for Westminster Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, N.C., to take with them on their spring missions trip to the island.

For Vigilant Hope (serving the poor and homeless in Wilmington, N.C.), they sent 25 ponchos with hats and scarves in a string bag or recycled vinyl dog food bag turned into durable reusable carryall. Affiliate Laura Bloodworth assisted with this.

The crafters redistributed two car loads of gently-used and brand new clothing from Wilmington to Surf City Middle School, Onslow Women's Center (providing crisis intervention to victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault), Rescue Mission of Cape Fear (offering both physical and spiritual healing to the homeless population of Wilmington), and Vintage Values (a resale store providing shelter and services for victims of domestic abuse).

They gave 20 newborn caps to Wake Med obstetrics and neonatal intensive care units via affiliate Sandra Davis.

The Crafters were thrilled to help affiliate Denise Sanderson pack a box over the holidays for her nephew serving with the Air Force in South Korea. They included one of their red ponchos/hat/scarf sets—he's a North Carolina State University fan— plus a fleece blanket and a scarf from their Operation Gratitude inventory. It's very cold in Korea!

Keep smiling, Crafters!! You make *us* smile with all you do.



**Know how to use a hammer?** Even if you don't, there's plenty you can do to support our local mission project repairing the home of a grandmother and her two grandchildren, which was heavily damaged by Hurricane Florence. See Rebuilding a Life elsewhere in this issue. Our mission team is on site Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact Rick Benton (rickbenton56@gmail.com; 910-604-5004).

**Understand insurance?** Join the Insurance Committee. 3-4 new members welcome. Contact Rick Benton (rickbenton56@gmail.com; 910-604-3835).

**Planned Giving and Endowment more your cup of tea?** Lend your talents to that committee. Contact Eddie Hatch (safehatch@gmail.com; 910-320-2669).

**Have planning experience?** Be the coordinator of the 2020 Lenten Luncheon Series. Contact Julia Sherron (jbsherron@gmail.com; 910-690-2595) or Rich Pollock (rpollock49@yahoo.com; 910-398-5004).



### February OCC Shoebox Tip:

Take advantage of February sales on accessories to fill your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Watches are a great choice for boys or girls!

### Honor or remember a loved one with a lily

in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Pick up an order form (1 per lily) from the brochure racks in the narthex and south wing of the chapel or download one at [eachapel.org](http://eachapel.org).



## FEBRUARY MINISTERS

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3 **Reverend Dan Brubaker**, *Methodist*, Retired Pastor, Banner Elk, NC. Sponsor: Mrs. Heather Horner, Surf City NC

10 **Reverend Dan Sellers**, *Baptist*, Semi-retired Pastor/Preacher, Poston Baptist Church, Wallace NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mr. Karroll Teachey, Surf City NC

17 **Reverend Archie P. Stevens**, *Presbyterian*, Chaplain/Pastor, St. Joseph of the Pines/Priest Hill Presbyterian Church, Carthage NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sherron, Topsail Beach NC

24 **Reverend Chris Thore**, *Methodist*, Senior Pastor, First Wesleyan Church, High Point NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Blackorby, Durham NC

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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Sunday worship: 10am, year round, Chapel.

Sunday School: All ages, 8:45am year round, Fellowship House

14 St. Valentine's Day/God's Love Day

18 Presidents' Day

21 Handbell Choir rehearsal resumes, 9 am, Chapel

21 Chancel Choir rehearsal resumes, 7:15 pm, Chapel

Our annual Lenten Speaker & Luncheon series begins March 12! Watch for info in the March newsletter.

See our website– [eachapel.org](http://eachapel.org)– for info about all our events

## General Information

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**Bereavement Notices:** If you are a chapel affiliate (you've attended services at least once) and would like to have an announcement sent to affiliates regarding a death in your family, please contact Rick Benton or Sandra Davis.

**Chancel Flowers:** Sign up on the calendar in the south wing of the chapel or contact Macon Basinger by email or phone to sponsor Sunday flowers. Cost is \$85. A local florist selects and delivers the flowers for you.

**Church Directory:** You can be included in our online directory at any time. Contact [directory@eachapel.org](mailto:directory@eachapel.org) with name(s), home/beach address (plus 2nd address, if you have one), email address(es), home/beach phone number(s), cell phone number(s), and a photo. Copies of the printed directory are available at no charge for new affiliates. A supplement with updates is periodically emailed (or mailed via USPS, if necessary) to those who are listed. **Note: we do not share your information with anyone at any time for any reason.**

**EAMC Emails:** To continue receiving our newsletter and other email announcements, remember to notify us if you change your email address. To prevent our emails from being snagged by your spam folder, add [newsletter@eachapel.org](mailto:newsletter@eachapel.org) to your address book.

**Gifts of Securities:** If you'd like to make a gift to EAMC of appreciated stocks or mutual funds, contact Dee MacMillan at 910-340-1237 or Herb Ormond's office at 877-343-3576.

**Home Communion:** If you or someone you know is unable to attend Communion service at the chapel on the first Sunday of any month or on special holidays, but would like to receive Communion at home that day, please contact the coordinator Michelle Reynolds by email or phone.

**Library Hours:** Sundays 8:50 - 9:30 a.m. and by request. If you can't visit, a librarian will be happy to deliver a book locally. Librarians: Nancy Green (910-328-1092), Gerry Horner (910-328-7251), Nancy Howell (910-328-0354), Frances Keir (919-522-3934) and Grayson ReVile (910-328-1244).

**Ministerial Sponsorships:** Nominations are being accepted for guest ministers for 2020 until mid-October 2019. Any affiliate-- someone who has worshipped at EAMC at least once-- is eligible to nominate a guest minister. Pick up an application in the vestibule of the chapel or request one via email from Hope or Dan Longest. For more information about the nominating process, [click here](#).

**Missionary Apartment Respite:** If you know of a missionary who is on assignment abroad and will be coming state-side on furlough then returning to his or her assignment, please let him or her know about our Missionary Ministry. A family of six (max.) can enjoy a respite for six nights at no charge in our Missionary Apartment. We especially welcome referrals from affiliates who know of missionaries associated with their home churches. Spread the word! Any questions? Contact Sandra Davis. Read our brochure for more info.

**Newsletter:** Current and previous issues are available on our website. Please let us know if you stop receiving the newsletter.

**Outreach:** If you would like the chapel to send a note of encouragement or sympathy to an affiliate of the chapel who needs uplifting, please let Connie Taylor know.

**Sunday School:** Three-year course of study from Sept. 2018-2021: "Bible Studies for Life". Learn how to connect God's Word to your life in an intentional way. Join us anytime for great teaching and fellowship, 8:50-9:45 a.m., Fellowship House. ADULTS: top floor; CHILDREN: ground floor.



Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel is a nondenominational church that gathers for worship, the preaching and teaching of God's Word, and Christian fellowship.

Our mission is to glorify God and to proclaim Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of all.

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