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Summer Youth Program to Make Some Waves!



Another summer of the Youth Program is quickly approaching! This year's theme is 'Waves of Grace.' We will be using 1 Corinthians 15:10– *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain* – to explore what it looks like to live by God's grace.

We are looking forward to seeing the many ways that God will bless us to guide the youth of the island this summer! Our activities will include fishing, water games, Bible studies and so much more.

The Youth Program starts June 10, with more specific information to come. Check the Chapel's website's Youth page (www.eachapel.org/youth) for updates.

-Devin Wood & Will Teachey

Women's Friday Bible Study

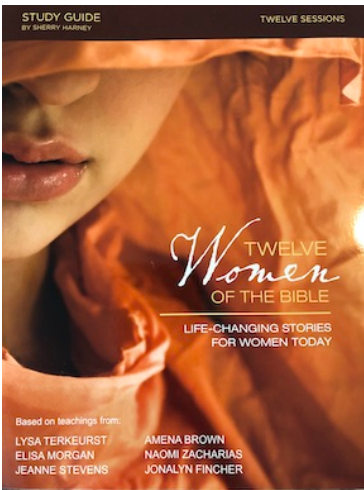
This summer we are studying the fifth book of the New Testament– Acts of the Apostles, also called the Book of Acts, or simply, Acts. After the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ, Acts tells the story of the founding of the Christian Church and the men and women who spread the Gospel to the Roman Empire.

Although we have a schedule, the group is encouraged to feel free to discuss the biblical text and apply it to the current church. That type of study/discussion doesn't always fit neatly in a schedule, so we are flexible.

Come join us each Friday morning at 9 a.m. in the south wing of the Chapel. All are welcome!

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES											
May		June		July		Aug		Sept		Oct	
31	Acts 11	7	Acts 12	5	<i>No mtg.</i>	2	Acts 19	6	Acts 24	4	Acts 28
		14	Acts 13	12	Acts 16	9	Acts 20	13	Acts 25		
		21	Acts 14	19	Acts 17	16	Acts 21	20	Acts 26		
		28	Acts 15	26	Acts 18	23	Acts 22	27	Acts 27		
						30	Acts 23				

If you have questions, please contact Nancy Green (ngreen1234@charter.net).



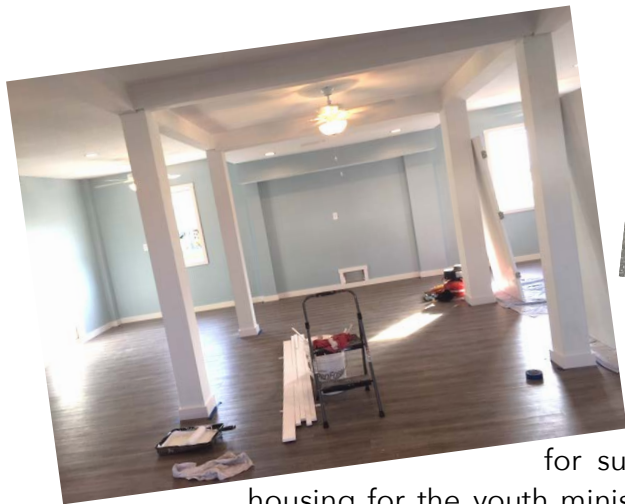
And don't forget...
WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

This summer, meet six incredible women from the Old Testament– Eve, Rebekah, Leah, Hannah, Abigail and Gomer!

Tuesdays, June 18 - July 30 (except July 2)
 9:30-11:30 a.m., Fellowship House upper room

Study books will be available at the meetings. Questions? Contact Julia Sherron (jbsheiron@gmail.com) or Jean Bell (tpslbeach@gmail.com).

Youth Cottage Gets a Makeover



For many, many years the youth cottage has been a blessing to the youth ministry, providing a place for summer program participants to gather as well as housing for the youth ministers. Last fall Hurricane Florence's wind and rains deluged the ground floor. The damage assessment proved what many already knew, that this area needed considerable renovation from the inside out.

In early April affiliate volunteers descended upon the property and demolished the downstairs room to the studs. Since then, everything has been rebuilt with waterproofing in mind- including waterproof sheathing, a wrap of rain and ice shield, waterproof sheetrock, new electrical and plumbing fixtures, new Hardie board (cement board) exterior siding, new interior and exterior paint, etc. New shelving and cabinets for storage are also planned. The finishing touches are underway, and we can all breathe easier with assurance the cottage will be ready for the Summer Youth Program, which begins June 10.

As noted earlier, in looking backwards, the storm was a blessing in that it prompted a complete restoration of the downstairs, making it a much better program area and environment for our youth for years to come.

Plentiful appreciation is due to all the volunteers that have helped in this restoration project. Working over two days each week since April 1, over 600 hours of volunteer labor was devoted to the renovation project. Many meals were prepared and served to the volunteers who worked weekly. David Barnes and Rich Wood served dutifully as project leaders and facilitators, maximizing talent and resources and keeping the project on pace.

The Lord has blessed our Chapel in many ways. Obviously one way has been in providing the talent, leadership, financial resources, and volunteers through Emma Anderson. Because of this, we can assure that our (God's) facilities and the programs they host can continue and thrive so that God's will can be accomplished.

-Rick Benton

Chairman's Corner June 2019

Rick Benton, Chair, Board of Governors



Every year the onset of a new spring season fosters a new emerging and sense of renewal to our lives. Not only do we experience renewal in the physical environment around us, but we also experience it spiritually. Our Chapel offers many events and opportunities to prompt us to renew and enhance our spirituality each and every spring. The Lenten Luncheon series serves to prepare our minds and spirit for celebrating Jesus' resurrection during the Easter holiday. Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services also serve to get us in a spiritual frame of mind for reflection and preparation.

Amazingly, 747 people attended our Easter Sunrise Service April 21- quite a testament to our Lord's presence within our Chapel and community. I hope each and every one of you were touched and renewed spiritually during this past spring season as much as I was. Our Worship Committee members deserve considerable commendation for planning and conducting all these services. I know they worked diligently to make these events possible.

Speaking of renewal, I hope you've had an opportunity to see the "newly renovated" youth cottage. The summer youth program starts June 10th, and affiliates have volunteered weekly since the first of April to get the damaged downstairs renovated in time. Other than installing some shelving, cabinets, etc. the work has been completed just before Memorial Day, giving the Youth Committee time to acquire and set up furnishings, supplies critical to the program.

Volunteers worked two or more days weekly on the project, contributing over 600 hours of service. Special thanks is due to Rich Wood and David Barnes for coordinating and facilitating the effort, to members of the Youth Committee for their input, to all the volunteers who worked so dutifully each week, including those who prepared and served meals for the volunteers.

The repairs to the Fellowship House are also nearing completion. The first missionaries for the season will be visiting the week of June 4, and the missionary apartment has undergone an extensive renovation due to water damage from the storm. Affiliate volunteers will be re-setting up the furnishings and taking care of final cleaning so it will be ready for the first missionary family. Work is also wrapping up in the Library and the Children's Sunday School room.

We've certainly had quite a time since last fall addressing our facility needs and issues. A great deal of time and resources has been committed over recent months to restoring, renovating, and renewing the physical resources of our chapel. Now, with the spiritual renewal of spring- we can begin again to focus on assuring our resources are available for the Lord's will through service to our youth, the Lord's servants, affiliates and others.

I welcome your suggestions, questions or concerns. Drop me an email (rbenton58@gmail.com) or give me a call at 910-604-3835.



2019 Summer Sundays (May 26-September 1)

Children's Nursery, 7:45-11:15am, Chapel north wing. Infants to age four. Adult caregivers provide a safe and entertaining experience for your little ones. An age-appropriate Bible story is shared each week along with prayer and a nut-free snack. No sign up required, just come by!

Worship, 8am

Sunday School, 8:50am, Fellowship House. Adults, children. All ages use the text *Bible Studies for Life* with relevant lessons for each age group.

Worship, 10am. Chancel Choir sings

Children's Church (June 16-August 11), 10am. Children grades K-6 begin in the chapel with their families. After the Children's Sermon, they exit the side door with adult leaders to go to the Fellowship House where they are treated to a time of Bible-based learning and fun with volunteers Ginny Barnett and Jean Bell. *Please pick up your children at the Fellowship House behind the chapel after worship!*

Enjoy Food, Fun & Fellowship at our Community Potluck Suppers



We had wonderful weather for our first covered dish supper in May. All who attended had a good time visiting with friends they haven't seen in a while and savoring the delicious food prepared by the talented cooks of Topsail.

Our next monthly covered dish supper will be June 26 at 6 p.m. Bring one of your favorite dishes to share and enjoy sampling dishes from other good cooks.

See you there! Bettye Benton and Jeannie Daniels

Spring Choir Sunday: Always a Highlight of the Year



Especially stirring on Choir Sunday, May 12, was the hymn "Who Shall Separate Us?" written and composed by Pepper Choplin, and performed by 30 voices strong in our Chancel Choir. Our Handbell Ringers also performed playing both traditional bells as well as hand chimes.

Ministers and Missionaries surprised by special gifts



A landmark in Topsail Beach for more than four generations, the Jolly Roger Pier stretches 850 feet into the Atlantic Ocean and is a popular spot to fish or stroll any time of day or night.

As part of our ministries to our visiting ministers and respite apartment guests, last year the Benevolence Committee began providing them with two gifts:

- A \$250 gift card for them to use however they desire. Some have used them personally. Some have gifted them back to EAMC. And some have donated them to others.
- A pier pass, which allows the occupants of the parsonage and respite apartment to walk on the Jolly Roger Pier as often as they'd like whenever it's open to the public during their stay.

Both of these gifts have been received with surprise and much appreciation by the recipients.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Shoebox Idea of the Month



We've been offering monthly ideas for your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this year. This month we suggest toys— very precious items for most of the children.

"The slinky was fascinating to me. We loved to send it down the steps and we played a lot of games with it. It was a simple toy but it was my favorite in the box." —Devon, Grenada

"Our economic condition is very poor, so my parents cannot afford to buy toys for me. When I heard that I would get a gift box, I was so excited! Thank you to all of my foreign friends who sent me the toys and other amazing things." —Samia, East Asia

It's not really about the toys, though. You're letting the children know about Jesus' love for them and giving them big smiles!

Editor's note: 🙌 Many thanks to Maria McDonald, June's Co-editor, for picking up the baton while I was on vacation! 😊 —Laura Dillman

JUNE MINISTERS

2 Reverend Daniel Cenci, *Episcopalian/Anglican*, Rector, St. Paul's Church, Clinton NC.
Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Charles DuBose, Clinton NC

9 Pentecost Sunday, **Reverend Paul Phillips**, *Nondenominational*, Pastor, Christ Community Church, Wilmington NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. George Poulos, Wilmington NC

16 Reverend Eric Geil, *Presbyterian*, Head Pastor, Christ Church, Presbyterian (EPC), Dalton, GA. Sponsors: Mr and Mrs. Jim King, Topsail Beach NC

23 Reverend Eric Morphis, *United Methodist*, Pastor, Vanceboro United Methodist Church, Vanceboro NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Sanderson, Topsail Beach NC

30 Reverend Mark Fields, *Pentecostal Holiness*, Pastor, Benson Pentecostal Holiness Church, Benson NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Green

JUNE CALENDAR

8 World Oceans Day

9 Pentecost Sunday

10 **Summer Youth Program begins**

16 Father's Day; Children's Church begins

18, 25 Women's Summer Bible Study, 9-11am, Fellowship House upper floor

21 First Day of Summer

26 Community Potluck Supper, 6:30pm, Assembly Building. Doors open 6pm

RESOURCES

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 (rickbenton56@gmail.com) or Sandra Davis (secretary@eachapel.org).

CHANCEL FLOWERS Sign up on the calendar in the south wing of the chapel or contact Macon Basinger (ncsu68@gmail.com) 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 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. If you are in the directory and your information changes, don't forget to login and update it!

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 to your address book.

FELLOWSHIP HOUSE RESPITE APARTMENT If you know of a missionary who is on assignment abroad and will be coming stateside 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 Respite Apartment. We especially welcome referrals from affiliates who know of missionaries associated with their home churches. Spread the word! Any questions? Contact Sandra Davis (sandraholderdavis@gmail.com). Our brochure is located in the racks at the Chapel.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES 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 Janie Hauser (janiehauser@charter.net).

LIBRARY The library will be closed until July 1 for renovations due to Hurricane Florence.

MINISTER SPONSORSHIP Nominations are being accepted for guest ministers for 2020 until October 16, 2019. Any affiliate-- someone who has worshipped at EAMC at least once-- is eligible to nominate a guest minister. Pick up an application from the brochure racks in the Chapel or request one via email from Hope or Dan Longest (ministerinquiry@eachapel.org) For more information, go to www.eachapel.org/MinisterSponsorship.

NEWSLETTER Current and previous issues are available at www.eachapel.org/newsletter. Please let us know if you would like to receive our e-newsletter or if you stop receiving it. You can unsubscribe at anytime. We will not share your email with anyone for any reason at anytime. Contact newsletter@eachapel.org.

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 contact Maria McDonald (mholler@blindhash.com).

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. For more information, contact Jean Bell (tpsbeach@gmail.com) or Julia Sherron (jbsherron@gmail.com).

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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