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Youth Program Making Waves



The Youth Program is off to a fantastic start this summer! From capture the flag to fishing, we've had a blast during our weekly activities. We have been going through the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22) with both age groups and it has been amazing to watch the Holy Spirit move in the youth and in the program. We were most excited to have Bible Study for the older youth at Ms. Mildred Wilson's house during the last week of June.

We are looking forward to **Youth Week, July 22-28**. During the **Community Potluck Supper** on July 24, we will premiere a slideshow featuring the Youth Program in action this summer. We'll also provide musical entertainment. On **Youth Sunday, July 28**, the youth will lead the 10:00 a.m. worship service— always a highlight of the summer! Youth Sunday shows the youth how

...serving can bring joy and also help us become more like Jesus.

Our Youth Ministry Assistant, Will Teachey, and I can't wait to see what the rest of the summer holds! ~Devin Wood, Youth Minister



Devin Wood and Mary Grace Teachey display the plaque they made featuring this summer's Youth Program theme, Waves of Grace.

What Freedom Is and Isn't

Rich Pollock, Worship Committee Chair



This Fourth of July, we as a nation celebrate our 243rd year of declaring our freedom from Great Britain. On June 9 we as a Christian church celebrated over 2000 years of another kind of freedom, freedom from sin in the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (see II Cor. 3:17).

The Apostle Paul said, "you have been set free from sin ..." (Romans 6: 18). So how is this possible? Perhaps we first have to understand what freedom is and isn't.

Some people believe that freedom is the power to do whatever one wants to do without restraint. This is actually a dictionary definition. But according to Scripture this is not true freedom. This is just a license to sin. Perhaps freedom is not freedom from something (like "restraint") but rather freedom to Someone (like Jesus). **It is in our relationship with Jesus Christ that we learn how to be free**, for He said, "if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

Notice the full context of Paul's statement in Romans cited above: "don't you know when you offer

yourself to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey-whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness" (Rom. 6:16-18).

In light of these words, let me amend my definition of freedom. **Freedom is both freedom from sin and freedom to be in Christ.** The reality is that as non-believers we were slaves to sin, but as believers we are slaves to Christ. Jesus said in His Sermon on the Mount that we couldn't serve two masters. Either we will hate the one and love the other, or we will be devoted to one and despise the other (Matthew 6:24).

As you celebrate our nation's freedom this year, continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus and enjoy your freedom in Him!

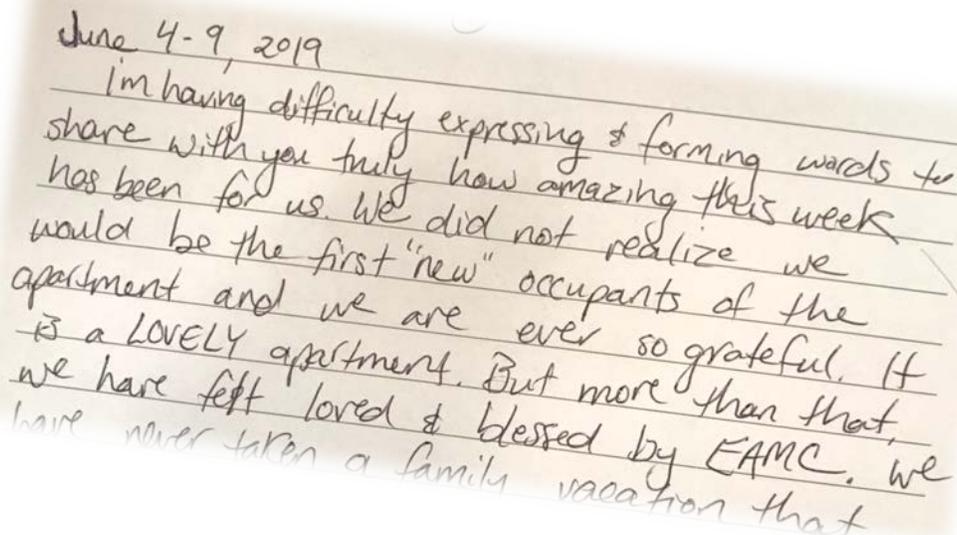
Rich Pollock is a retired Presbyterian minister. He lives in Topsail Beach with his wife Julia. Both are active affiliates of Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel. Rich happily fills in at the pulpit when a guest minister is unavailable to lead Sunday worship.

“We are humbled and blessed by your generosity and care”

Since 2012, the chapel has invited missionary families to use the respite apartment in the Fellowship House when they are back in the U.S. on furlough from their assignments abroad. We

The first missionary family to enjoy the "new" accommodations in early June wrote in the guest book that "the apartment is lovely" and they found it "restful and refreshing". But "more than that, (they) felt loved and blessed by EAMC".

About their stay, "everyone agreed, even the (three) kids, that it was a magical holiday". They learned from the guest book that we've hosted friends of theirs that they served with almost 20 years ago, which made them feel "even more connected to EAMC". This family suffered some trials and tribulations during the past year, and severe illness for four out of the five of them while they were here. Nevertheless, they made it onto the



June 4-9, 2019
I'm having difficulty expressing & forming words to share with you truly how amazing this week has been for us. We did not realize we would be the first "new" occupants of the apartment and we are ever so grateful. It is a LOVELY apartment. But more than that, we have felt loved & blessed by EAMC. We have never taken a family vacation that

were't sure when this ministry would continue after water damage to the apartment last September caused by Hurricane "She-Who-Will-Not-Be-Named". (Actually, "Florence" has since been retired by the National Hurricane Center, and for good reason. Damage losses in North Carolina alone due to Florence's winds, freshwater flooding, and storm surge flooding totaled \$22 billion.)

The plan as approved by the Board of Governors last summer was to upgrade the apartment over the winter. That plan became much more extensive after the storm. The push was on for a June 1 completion date and everybody delivered.

beach every day. They ended their entry saying, "We are humbled and blessed by your generosity and care and feel God's tender touch through you!"

WE were the ones blessed to have these guests and be able to minister to them just when they needed it. We wish them Godspeed as they return to their mission!

Renovations and repairs were performed by private contractors, but the special touches, kitchen details and final decorating activities were completed by Janie Hauser and Julia Sherron. The project was overseen by Wayne Reynolds and Rich Wood. To God be the glory!

See the list of repairs and photos of the "new" apartment on our website..

From the Youth: A heartfelt thank you

The Youth Program cannot express enough appreciation for the work done to the youth cottage and for all the volunteers who gave their time, talents, and treasures to the repairs. The improvements provides



A panoramic view of the renovated activities room on the ground floor of the Youth Cottage.

the program with a comfortable and entertaining activity area to play games, hold events, and so much more. We are sincerely thankful for the servant-heartedness shown by the congregation of Emma Anderson. The Youth Program and participants will benefit from these upgrades for years to come!

Devin Wood
Summer Youth Minister

View more photos of the Youth Cottage on our website.

Library to reopen August 4

The chapel library located in the Fellowship House has been closed since Hurricane Florence damaged the room as she passed through our area last September. Once repairs are complete and the Library Committee has a chance to update its inventory of titles, it is anticipated that it will reopen on Sundays 8:50-9:30 a.m. beginning August 4.

The well-stocked library containing roughly 1300 holdings features Christian fiction and nonfiction, children's, young adult, and reference books. It has some large print fiction and nonfiction titles. It also houses church sermons and educational materials.



Children's Sunday School Room is Ready to Go!



Here's one final story in this issue about damage caused by Hurricane Florence last September. The children's Sunday School room on the ground floor of the Fellowship House had to be completely gutted due to water damage. Private contractors replaced and painted the walls and installed new flooring. The room also sports a new table and chairs. (The old ones found a new home in the activities room in the Youth Cottage.) The room is now a cheery, bright, fresh space for God's children!

Guest Minister Nominations due October 16

The Minister Selection Committee will continue to receive 2020 guest minister applications through October 16, 2019, and will hold its annual meeting in late October.

Applications are trickling in, but the committee is eager to receive many more before the deadline. It will arrive sooner than you think! Many thanks to each of you who has already forwarded an application to your minister. Please encourage them to complete their

section and mail their nomination to the chapel (PO Box 3071) as soon as possible so the committee can begin to compile all the information for consideration.

You can pick an application from the brochure racks in either the narthex or south wing of the chapel or by send a request to ministerinquiry@eachapel.org.

If you're hesitant to nominate a minister, know that we have had them from all backgrounds. There is no one-size, one-way, one-type required at EAMC.

A snapshot of our varied ministers over the years



When the History Committee researched the last 30 years of Emma Anderson's guest ministers in 2016 for our second history book, *God's Grace on a Little White Chapel and Beyond*, no standard profile emerged. Looking back even further to the early years of the chapel confirmed that finding. For almost seven decades, our ministers—hundreds of them—have come in every size, shape and color. That's the beauty and uniqueness of EAMC.

Our Sunday worship leaders have been:

- All ages
- Male, female
- Retired, active
- A surfer turned minister
- A physician turned minister
- A choir director, a music educator
- College chaplains, librarians, ministers, professors
- The founder of Faith and Politics Institute in Washington DC

- The founder of the chaplaincy program at a hospital in Greenville, NC
- Chaplains from the United States Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps
- Ministers (both ordained and not), evangelists, missionaries, seminarians, lay speakers

In addition to leading congregations, our Sunday worship leaders have focused on specific ministries:

- Children, education, foreign missions, the hearing impaired, mental health, music, religious education, and youth

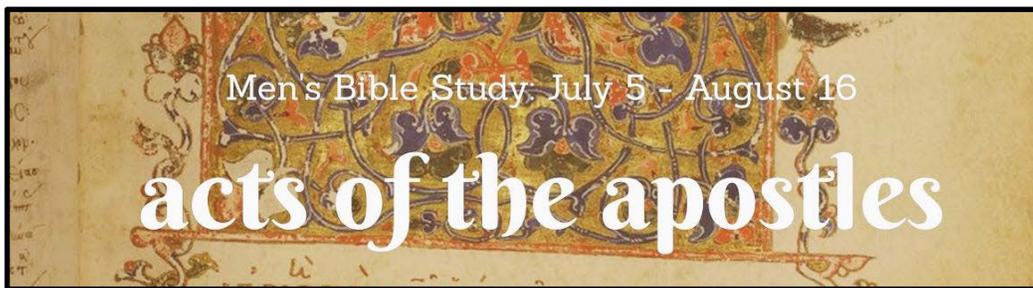
Our Sunday worship leaders have come from:

- Hospitals and hospice programs
- Nonprofits, including Salvation Army, United Way
- Nine colleges or universities from Connecticut to Louisiana
- Seven seminaries or divinity schools from New York to Georgia
- Fourteen states from New York to Florida to Texas to Illinois, plus Haiti
- More than 25 Protestant denominations, as well as Nondenominational and Interdenominational
- Denominational state conventions, presbyteries, districts, associations, conferences and foundations

By embracing the chapel's founder Mr. J.G. Anderson's vision to have EAMC be a respite for Christian ministers and their families, we are introduced to new ministers every week who bless us with their different styles, backgrounds, experiences, and messages. This blessing prevents us from becoming complacent or bored with the

same ol', same ol'. Each Sunday worship service brings a new beginning. A new perspective. A new energy. But it's still all about Jesus, our Savior. And that doesn't change regardless of who's preaching.

What are you waiting for? Nominate your favorite minister today!



If you enjoy flaky biscuits, hot coffee and insightful biblical discussions, you'll want to join the men of EAMC from July 5 to August 16 for their new course of study covering Dr. Luke's *Acts of the Apostles*. This is his second volume on the history of the early Christian church, which tells of the heroic exploits of Peter and Paul and their associates. *Acts* and the Gospel of "Luke (volume one) cover 30 percent of the New Testament.

Men's Bible Study meets on Fridays at 9 a.m. on the upper floor of the Fellowship House. Each week, a different man leads the discussion, and another provides a breakfast snack.

All are welcome, no reservation required. If you have any questions, please contact Dee MacMillan (hmtopsail@charter.net). He will be happy to answer them!

July 5	Acts 1	Preparation of the coming of the Spirit
12	Acts 2	Day of Pentecost
19	Acts 3	1 st miracle of the church, Peter's 2 nd sermon
26	Acts 4	1 st persecution of the church; power of the Holy Spirit
Aug 2	Acts 5	Death of Ananias and Sapphira; 2 nd persecution
9	Acts 6	Appointment of deacons; witness of Stephen, a deacon
16	Acts 7	Stephen's address and martyrdom (1 st martyr)

The study schedule is also available in the calendar on our website.

You might remember this woman!

Maxine (Taylor) Geils delivers the Children's Sermon on a recent Sunday.



Maxine (Taylor) Geil was EAMC's Youth Minister back in 2000. Now married to The Reverend Eric Geil, she and their three children accompanied Eric to Topsail where he was EAMC's guest minister on June 16. They all enjoyed a weeklong respite in the parsonage. Good to see you and Eric, Maxine, if only for a short while!

Question: What do these products have in common?



Answer: They are needed by people in our community!

The Benevolence Committee once again asks for your generous assistance. Condiments such as mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, and salad dressings are needed for Share the Table, our local food pantry in Surf City. The committee also request all sizes of disposable diapers for a community project.

Please bring donations to the north wing of the Chapel by July 28. You may also bring your items to the July 24 Community Potluck Dinner at the Assembly Building. Thank you for filling these needs in our area.

Contact Beth Holder via email at (topsailbebe@yahoo.com) for more information.

Operation Christmas Child

Idea of the month: Clothes

We surely take our easy access to clothing items for granted. Timur from Central Asia said, "One of my favorites in my shoebox was white socks because in the orphanage you get bad quality socks that always stink and have holes in them."

One child in Grenada was delighted to find his shoebox packed with underwear in his exact size. His family was extremely poor and could not afford to buy these for him.

Bless a child with this simple, but impactful, gift!



The older youth were treated to huge, awe-inspiring double rainbow on June 20. What a sight!

JULY MINISTERS

7 Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Sholar, *Baptist*, Senior Pastor, Cedar Falls Baptist Church, Fayetteville NC.
Sponsor: Mrs. Jeri Mills, Topsail Beach NC

14 Reverend Chad Brannan, *Southern Baptist*, Senior Pastor, New Bethel Baptist Church, Verona KY.
Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lund, Naples, FL

21 Reverend Steve Costello, *United Methodist*, Co-Pastor, North Canton Faith United Methodist Church, North Canton OH. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Rick Stidley, Topsail Beach NC

28 YOUTH SUNDAY, Reverend Scott Bircher, *United Methodist*, Worship Pastor, Covenant Church, Greenville NC. Sponsor: EAMC Youth Committee

JULY CALENDAR

4 Independence Day

9, 16, 23, 30 Women's Summer Bible Study, 9-11am, Fellowship House

12 Committee Reports due

20 Board of Governors meeting, 9am, Fellowship House upper room

21-28 Youth Week

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

28 Youth Sunday; Baptism in the Sound

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 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 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. Read our brochure for more info.

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 NOTE: *The library is closed for repairs due to damage from Hurricane Florence. It is expected to reopen on Sundays 8:50 - 9:30 a.m. beginning August 4th.*

Come and visit the Chapel's Library located in the Fellowship House, 2nd floor. (Elevator accessible.) We have 1400 holdings! 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).

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 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](#).

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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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