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Chairman's Corner

by Rick Benton

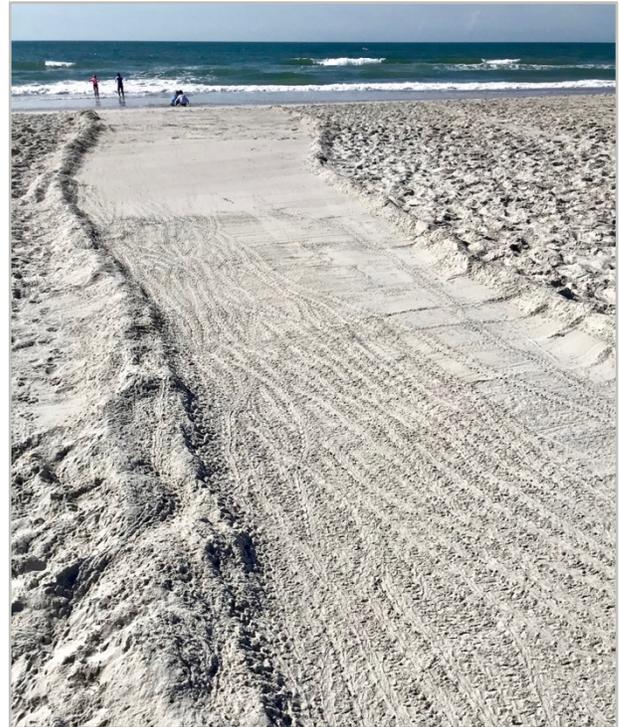
Chair, EAMC Board of Governors

Just like the loggerhead sea turtle hatchlings have no idea what the future holds for them as they march across the sand to the sea, often we, too, have no idea what the future holds for us. Sometimes, it's an opportunity. Sometimes, a challenge. This year, the Chapel and its affiliates have been very busy responding to both.

Hurricane Florence's negative impact on us last September was certainly a shocking and unwelcome surprise but so many positive things have happened as a result of it. Affiliate volunteers jumped in and renovated Brenda Garrison's home after it was ravaged by the storm. Shortly thereafter, the same volunteers along with the help of other affiliates totally renovated the ground floor of the youth cottage because of water damage from Florence.

At the same time, our contractor and affiliate volunteers were renovating and restoring the Respite Apartment for missionaries in the Fellowship House that also sustained much water damage. Brenda and her family are tickled with their "new" home, the youth are thrilled with their new "hang-out" space and are spending more time there, and recent guest missionaries just can't believe the accommodations the Chapel provides for their families to enjoy. Again, thanks to each one of you who had any part in these projects.

The Chapel's insurance committee has also been busy updating our insurance coverage. Members have inventoried and valued every item of



Tracks from a nest that hatched in the early hours of the morning on July 22, 2019, near the chapel.

personal property in all four facilities owned by the Chapel, re-evaluated building costs, and made significant adjustments to our building values. The committee has spent a great deal of time and effort over the past couple of months ensuring that our insurance coverage is up-to-date. I'm grateful for their willingness to undertake this initiative to keep us on solid footing with respect to our risk exposure.

And while all this has been going on, affiliates were working behind the scenes to evaluate and facilitate the opportunity to purchase an additional property adjacent to our current holdings. Recently, the Board of Governors authorized the Trustees to acquire the tract of land that runs between South Anderson Blvd. and Carolina Blvd., immediately to the north of the youth cottage. The acquisition was finalized in late June.

A small, deteriorated house sits on the newly acquired property, and the Board has authorized its removal. The Board doesn't have any plans for the property at this time, only to hold onto it for future expansion of Chapel missions and facilities. The last property acquisition by the Chapel occurred in 2007 with the purchase of the Fellowship House, and just look at what it has become. Certainly, down the road we'll look back and think what a great idea it was also to acquire this property for future use in our mission to glorify God.

Yes, this has been a busy time in the life of the Chapel and its affiliates. And we have to continue to look forward, and to pray for future avenues for Chapel growth in missions and other opportunities to spread the Gospel. Some say "if you ain't moving forward you're moving backward". Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Many other verses in the Bible speak to moving

forward and not looking back. Our Chapel is fortunate to have affiliates with the foresight to look years down the road and be ready to seize opportunities to be in God's service. That's having a VISION. Let's keep praying for discernment of God's future plans for our Chapel.

And also, let's continue to pray diligently for those with health and other concerns among our Chapel affiliates, our friends and family. We all know there are many that need our prayers. Prayer is powerful and it works, we know that because we've all experienced it, and the Word plainly tells us it works.

As always, please continue to reach out to me with your thoughts and ideas about our Chapel going forward. I can be reached at rickbenton56@gmail.com or at 910-604-3835.

Thank you.



Rick Benton

It's almost a wrap on our 2019 Summer Youth Program



The Summer Youth Program entertains the dinner crowd at the July 24 community potluck supper.

What a great summer it has been so far: fishing, learning about the Fruit of the Spirit, roller skating, and

so much more. Sometimes (like on those few rainy days we had) it was nice to just hang out in our "new-and-

improved" activity room in the Youth Cottage, playing games and enjoying each other's company. Other summer highlights included the sandbar party, mini-golf, and Bible study at Mrs. Mildred's.

As always, Youth Week was a youth favorite. We performed at the chapel's monthly covered-dish dinner and premiered our video featuring the highlights of this summer. We wrapped up the week by leading the 10:00 a.m. service on Youth Sunday. We thank

Reverend Scott Bircher for helping us with Youth Week and sharing his musical gifts with us every year!

The time has flown by but we still have fun-filled days left until August 9. We'll enjoy beach days, capture the flag, and more! Thank you to everyone who has helped the Youth Program in some way. We couldn't do it without you!

Stay tuned for updates about when next year's program will start back up!

Devin Wood, Summer Youth Minister



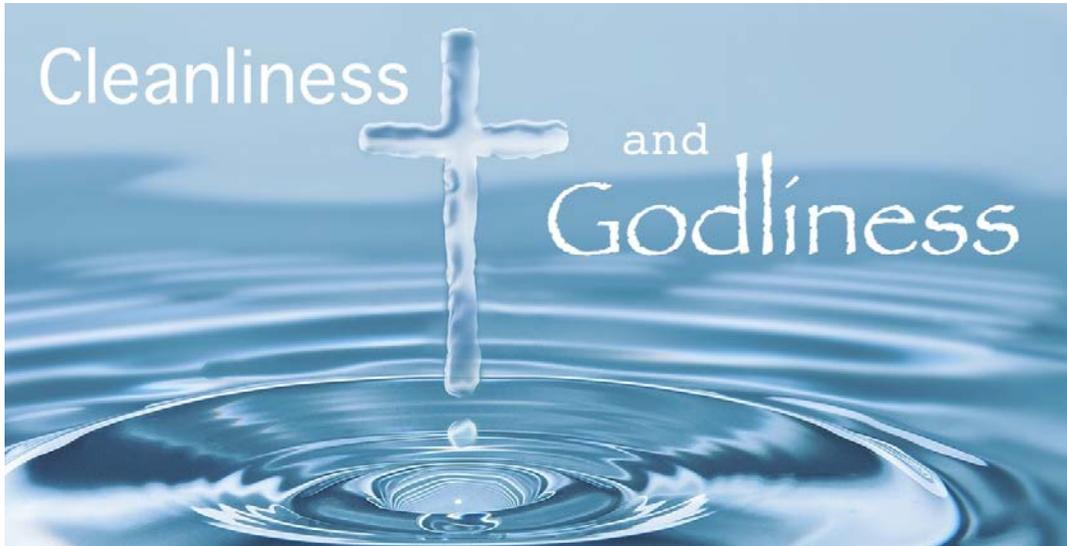
Some of Our 2019 Summer Youth Program participants!

 <p><i>Your favorite minister could be ^{relaxing} HERE next year!</i></p> <p>Nominations due by October 16! Pick up a form in the narthex or south wing of the chapel.</p>	<p><i>You can also request a nomination form or ask a question by sending an email to Hope or Dan Longest at ministerinquiry@eachapel.org.</i></p>
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REFLECTIONS August 2019

by Rich Pollock

Chair, EAMC Worship Committee



“Cleanliness is next to Godliness.”

Many of us have heard this saying before, probably from the mouth of our mother or grandmother. But where did it come from and what does it mean?

It was first “coined” by John Wesley in a sermon in 1788. I don’t think that Wesley was talking about physical cleanliness but rather spiritual cleanliness. When Jesus was talking to his disciples in the upper room on the night he was arrested, he assured them that they were “already clean because of the word I have spoken to you” (John 15:3). He wasn’t referring to whether they had washed their hands before supper, but that when the Holy Spirit would come upon them, He would make them “clean” before God.

If cleanliness is next to godliness, what is godliness? To answer that question, I yield to Jerry Bridges, a member of the Navigators Community Ministries Group, who wrote a sequel to his best-selling book **The Pursuit of Holiness** entitled **The Practice of Godliness**.^{*} In this book he tries to answer the question, “What makes a Christian godly?”

As Bridges wrote in his preface to the book, “Godliness is more than Christian character. It covers the

totality of the Christian life and provides the foundation upon which Christian character is built” (italics is mine). Thus this foundation of Christian character is devotion to God. Or as Bridges puts it, “devotion to God...is the mainspring of godly character” (p.15).

This devotion to God according to Bridges is an attitude, not an activity, toward God that centers on three essential elements: fear of God, love of God and desire for God. Bridges goes into great detail explaining what each of these elements means. I encourage you to read his book. A copy of it is in our church library. But for now let me summarize by saying if we want to be godly, we need to develop our relationship with God on a daily basis. It is He, through the power of His Holy Spirit, who makes us both “clean” and “godly”. It is not of ourselves, lest any of us should boast.

“Cleanliness is next to Godliness.” All we need to do is stay focused on God to achieve both. **Hallelujah!**

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 us in Sunday worship.

^{*}**The Practice of Godliness** by Jerry Bridges, NavPress, 1996.



If you haven't been to an EAMC
Covered Dish Supper,
 then you don't want to miss the
FINAL ONE of the summer!

August 28, 6:30 p.m. (Doors
 open 6:00 p.m.)

at the **Assembly Building** (720
 Channel Blvd.)

Enjoy good food, fun and fellowship!

Bring a dish to feed your family plus a
 few other people. You'll be amazed at
 the variety and quantity of delicious
 mains, sides, salads and desserts!

Music provided by the EAMC Music Committee.



Join the Online Church Directory!



Put names with faces and easily connect with EAMC affiliates! Contact directory administrator Laura Dillman to sign up: directory@eachapel.org.



We still have copies of this summer's **Our Daily Bread** devotional booklet. Pick up your copy from the brochure racks in the narthex or the south wing of the chapel.

Operation Christmas Child idea of the month

Ahhh, the end-of-summer mad dash for **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**. Got the list, checking it twice. But what if you don't have any money for school supplies or any way to go get them? Consider what Luis has to say:

"My favorite items in my shoebox were school supplies. They were really important to me because it meant I could go to school." -Luis, Panama



To God Be the Glory!



A crowd of more than 70 attended a prayer service for longtime EAMC affiliate Wayne Reynolds led by The Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Sholar after 10:00 a.m. worship on July 7. The service was held in the front yard of the Reynolds' home across the street from the Chapel. Later that day, Wayne showed encouraging signs of progress on his journey back to good health. Prayers work! Praise be to the ultimate Healer!

AUGUST MINISTERS

4 Reverend Dr. David Hughes, *Cooperative Baptist Fellowship*, Retired Pastor, Winston-Salem NC, Currently Director of Advancement, The Transforming Center, Wheaton IL. Sponsors: Grady and Brenda Teachey, Fayetteville NC

11 Reverend Michael Lea, *Baptist*, Pastor, First Baptist Church of West Jefferson, West Jefferson NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Bell, Fayetteville NC

18 Reverend Aaron Cramer, *Nondenominational*, Campus Pastor, Christ Church- Crossroads, Grayslake IL. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bell, Topsail Beach NC

25 Reverend Craig Dyson, *Baptist*, Associate Youth Pastor, Mid-Way Baptist Church, Raleigh NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bryan

AUGUST CALENDAR

9 Summer Youth Program ends

20 Newsletter Articles due

28 Join us for the final **Community Potluck Supper** of the summer, 6:30pm, Assembly Building (720 Channel Blvd.) Doors open 6pm.

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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