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Loving Your Neighbor

Editor's note: Our special feature article for September is from guests who will be with us in the Respite Apartment this month. They share a powerful and poignant look into their lives while on assignment. They prefer that their names not be published due to the volatility of their location.

Mohammed (not his real name) responded to our concern about his heavy smoking habit that he really did want to quit but didn't know how. My wife shared that as followers of Jesus, we believe in the power of prayer and would he mind if we prayed on his behalf to quit smoking. Mohammed was more than willing to accept our prayers since we had already developed a relationship with him and we periodically shared with him when God answered our prayers.

This was right before Ramadan when all people of the majority background would spend the month fasting and praying. We told him that our prayers would be to give him strength to fast from smoking at night during the time he would be allowed to put "something between his lips again". During the day they were required to not only fast from food but from anything that goes between the lips like cigarettes.

We weren't able to reconnect with Mohammed until about two weeks after Ramadan. But when we saw him, right away we noticed a large smile and what appeared to be an excited demeanor. Right away he told us how he hasn't smoked since the day we began praying for him and that he was telling his family and friends how our prayers helped him. We tried to turn the attention away from us and towards God who is the ultimate prayer answerer. In his religion, giving God praise for something like this makes sense. But they don't practice praying to a God who hears and directly answers prayers.

This experience with our local neighbor and friend is reminiscent of Jesus asking who is your neighbor and how do you treat them? We love living incarnationally in the Middle East where the majority religion makes up 99% of the population. But as we have reached out, we have also been accepted and welcomed into the



families around us. When Jesus said 2000 years ago that the Harvest was plentiful but the laborers are few, He was not only speaking of the days He walked the earth, but also today.

This is a special and unique time in Middle East history. Many people from the majority background are questioning what they believe and why. They are also experiencing visions and dreams of Jesus. What they need more than anything else is for a friend that knows Jesus to be available.

That is how we love our neighbor!

From the authors:

We live in Amman, Jordan, and have the privilege of leading our organization's work in this part of the world. We are heavily involved in incarnational living (we live in a house with a local family) among the people of the majority religion in the Middle East. Our organization's work includes sharing the love of Jesus by meeting human needs, especially related to the refugee crisis in this area. We also offer medical services, educational opportunities, missional business entities, counseling, etc. Where possible we work with the local Arab church, but where it doesn't exist we work on starting churches

Men's Bible Study continues with. . .



The men of EAMC are continuing their study of Acts of the Apostles on Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the upper room of the Fellowship House located behind the chapel. They will be covering all 28 chapters until they finish on January 3, 2020. You can find the full schedule on our website calendar on any Friday during that time or pick one up from the brochure racks in the chapel.

Dr. Luke's Acts of the Apostles 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 when combined with the Gospel of Luke (volume one) covers 30 percent of the New Testament.

Join the men for insightful discussion and a light breakfast snack each week. No reservations required. New participants are always welcome. Jump in at any time!

Questions? Contact Jac ReVille at 910-328-1244.

This is why we do what we do!

Dear Emma Anderson Congregation,
I am deeply grateful for the opportunity you gave me to not only enjoy a retreat on the beautiful Topsail Beach, but also to be blessed by the warm spirit at this church. I am truly moved and inspired by the mission and ministry you live out! I had a wonderful week. I am so glad I got to visit with Mildred and attend the Meris Bibb Study. God is blessing you and you are a sign of God's Kingdom! I hope to worship with you again.

Minister
to your
favorite
minister
in 2020!

Nomination Deadline: October 16, 2019

For almost 70 years, Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel has been ministering to ministers, offering them a respite from their non-stop duties ministering to others. Since 2000, we have selected and scheduled 50 ministers every year to enjoy a week in the parsonage as our gift to them for leading us in Sunday worship. **Will your minister be one who leads us next year?**

Pick up a nomination form from the brochure racks in the narthex or south wing of the chapel and nominate your minister today!

Visit our website to learn more – www.eachapel.org/ministersponsorship – or contact Minister Selection Committee co-chairs Hope and Dan Longest (ministerinquiry@eachapel.org).

REFLECTIONS

September 2019

By Rich Pollock

EAMC Worship Committee Chair

Back in 2012, there was a movie made about hunger in America narrated by Jeff Bridges. It was called *A Place at the Table*. My reflection this month is about a different kind of hunger and a different kind of table, but a table, nonetheless.

In His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), Jesus begins with what we call “the Beatitudes”. In one of those He says, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” (Matthew 5:6)

Do you remember the last time you were physically hungry? Notice I didn’t say, “starving”. Most of us don’t know what it’s like to be truly starving, but we all have experienced pangs of hunger. And when we do, we often focus on nothing else but satisfying that twinge of hunger. We just don’t do it to the extent of someone who is really starving does.

But my point is this: Jesus is saying that we need to desire righteousness just like we do when we are physically hungry— focusing on satisfying that hunger. The beauty of His beatitude is the promise that when we do desire to be righteous, we “will be filled”. I think this is a great example of God’s grace to us in Jesus Christ.

In his book, **Grace: More Than We Deserve, Greater Than We Imagine**, Max Lucado says it this way:

“To live as God’s child is to know, at this very instant, that you are loved by your Maker not because you try to please Him and succeed, or fail to please Him and apologize, but because He wants to be your Father. Nothing more. All your efforts to win His affection are unnecessary. All your fears of losing His affection are needless.”



You can no more make Him want you than you can convince Him to abandon you. The adoption is irreversible. You have a place at His table.”

Maybe that’s why we call giving thanks to God before every meal “Grace”.

The picture at the top of this article hangs in my dining room. The caption under it, **Come, for all things are now ready**, is from Jesus’ Parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:17). Indirectly, He is telling us what He later explicitly tells His disciples, “I am going to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2). The picture is there to remind me, and anyone else who dines with me, that if I truly desire to be righteous, Jesus says, **“Come, I have prepared a place for you at my table and you will be filled”** (John 14:3).

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

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.

Summer Youth Program wraps up with a blessing



A farewell blessing and loving thank you are given to Devin Wood (Youth Minister 2018-19) & Will Teachey (Youth Ministry Assistant, 2019) during 10:00 a.m. worship on August 11, 2019, by the Summer Youth Program Committee, l to r, Hunter Bell (Youth Minister 2016-17), Wilson Teachey, (Co-chair), Devin, Nancy Teachey (Co-chair), Will, and Herb Ormond (Chair 1995-2018, Youth Minister 1982-83).

Summer 2019– full of nonstop fun and joy– has officially come to a close! We had a great turnout for both age groups and it was amazing getting to watch the youth learn more about the character of God and grow deeper in their faith and with one another. In everything we did this summer, we embraced our theme **Waves of Grace**.

Through God’s constant grace, He has given us the opportunity to have such an amazing youth program. He gives us constant favor and kindness, which is evident by the beauty of the island and the community and program he has blessed us with. Just like the waves in the ocean, God’s grace is always flowing and never ending.

Through daily activities, devotions, Bible studies, and other time spent with each other, we saw God moving firsthand in the Youth Program. Some of our favorite activities were the sandbar party, Monday morning fishing, and Bible study at Ms. Mildred Wilson’s home! For both age groups, we studied the Fruit of the Spirit and looked at the characteristics that grow inside of us when we have the Holy Spirit. Our most successful events were Mini Golf and Bigger and Better!

Although we spent a lot of time on activities, one of the best parts of the summer was forming a community outside of the planned activities. It was great to be able to not just spend a couple hours a day with the kids, but actually get to “do life” with them.

Towards the end of the summer, one of the youths opened up about how they had never been part of a community that loves each other so well and constantly pushes each other deeper into their faith. I think this summarizes what the youth program is about and what it means to so many youth and adults alike at Emma Anderson.

Our goal was to pursue and love the Lord and let that drive our daily actions and how we live our life. Knowing that God is using the program to move in the hearts and minds of these young kids makes me feel so fortunate to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Youth Week was another success. Pastor Scott Bircher came on Tuesday and spent much of his time at the youth activities and helping us prepare for Youth Sunday. We felt blessed having him and his family with us, and the youth loved being able to participate in leading worship. It was a great week helping the youth grow closer, as well as getting to know Scott and his family.

Thank you to everyone who was a part of this summer's program! The Youth Program wouldn't be successful without the support of the congregation,

parents, and community of Topsail Beach. We are especially thankful for all the volunteers who gave their time and talents to the renovation of the Youth Cottage. It allowed us to have a beautiful new space that served as a great gathering area for the youth!

Pictures and our summer video are available on the EAMC Summer Youth Program Facebook page. We pray that everyone has a great year and we are already looking forward to another great summer in 2020. It'll be here before you know it!

Devin Wood, Youth Minister

Women's Summer Bible Study wraps up with a brunch

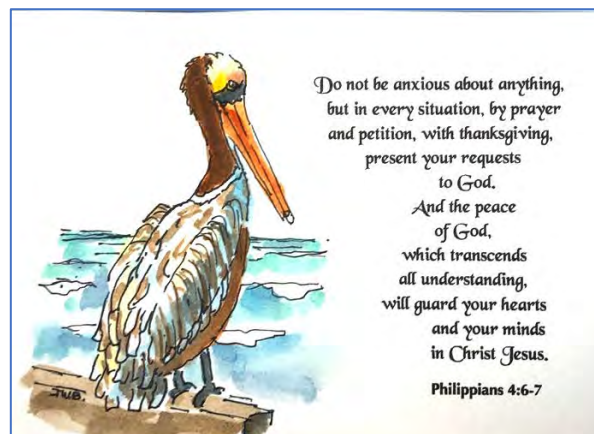


The brunch "clean-up crew" shows off their study book, decorations, and original scripture gift from Judy Brock. L. to R. Norma Carole McDonald, Janie Hauser, Penny Burrell, Rucker Eggleston, Judy Brock, Brenda Teachey, and Julia Pollock. (Photograph by Julia Sherron.)

The 2019 Summer Women's Bible Study concluded a very well-attended, six-week study of women of the Old Testament on July 30 with a delicious brunch. Many thanks to Patti Hatch and Judy Brock for leading this multi-generational group weekly through new facts and lively discussion of some truly inspirational women!

Mark your calendar for next summer when we will use the same book to study six women of the New Testament— Mary, mother of Jesus; Mary Magdalene; Mary of Bethany; Martha; The Woman at the Well, and The Syrophoenician Woman.

*Julia Sherron, Christian Education Co-chair
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Judy Brock gave each woman this original, artistically-rendered scripture verse from Philippians 4:6-7 representing our study.

Need a good book? The Library is OPEN again!



Our well-stocked library also provides a place to hold a meeting. Two comfy chairs in a sunny window offer a comfy place to sit and read.

After much ado— repairs, inventorying, and nine woman-hours of cleaning— in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence last September, the library is all set to **reopen on September 1 during its normal hours, Sundays 8:50 - 9:30 a.m. and by request.** The library is located in the Fellowship House, 2nd floor, and is elevator accessible.

Come browse our more than 1400 holdings featuring Christian fiction and nonfiction, children's,

young adult, reference books, church sermons, and educational materials. Our well-stocked library also carries some large print fiction and nonfiction titles.

If you can't visit, a librarian will be happy to deliver a book to you locally. Contact one of our Madame 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).

Operation Christmas Child: Shoebox Idea of the month



Who doesn't love to play GAMES? We know that children do! Putting one main gift in your shoebox will delight the child who gets it. A soccer ball with a small air pump will provide hours of fun. Or how about a mini Etch A Sketch®? No batteries required!

"At first we had no idea what (the Etch A Sketch®) was. After having it displayed on a shelf for a couple of months, my sister was dusting and she turned the knobs. When she saw the line going up and down on the screen she was so excited."

-Yuliya, Central Asia

2019 will mark the 11th year of EAMC's participation in Operation Christmas Child. More information will be forthcoming in the October newsletter. Questions? Contact Debo Bell (910-590-9001) or Mary Eberhardt (919-264-8335).

Kingdom Crafters: A lot has happened since May!



Julia Pollock shows off a dress with matching headband made by the newest member of Kingdom Crafters in support of Haiti Outreach Ministries.

We donated 34 zip-close bags of toiletries to Kelli Cares, a new ministry to feed the hungry started by a retired nurse from Massachusetts who lives at Virginia Creek campground. She makes lunches for the hungry in Wilmington on Wednesdays and Sundays.

A missionary couple from the UK staying in the

Respite Apartment stopped in to meet us one Wednesday and ended up taking 30 knitted hats home with them to London. They will give them away at Christmastime through Christian Outreach to spark a conversation and share their faith.

We donated 12 baby hats to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Duke Children's Medical Center, 18 lap blankets for the elderly to Stonebridge at Woodbury in Hampstead, and a box to Knit for Kids], a nationwide program that unites thousands of volunteer knitters to fight poverty and give hope to vulnerable children. The box was filled with eight fleece baby blankets, four crocheted and quilted baby blankets, and one knitted cap.

Join us on Wednesdays in the Fellowship House to talk about our current or new projects. Anyone is free to come any time— for five minutes to pick up yarn, or drop off a project, or to sit and knit or crochet while catching up.

*Julia Pollock, Chair
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The Benevolence Committee sincerely thanks you for your generosity during the year, especially for our recent summer collection of diapers and condiments. Our next drive will be during the holidays in November and December.

"Our directory helps you quickly identify and connect with other members."

Join the 383 affiliates from 222 families that are currently listed in the directory!

Contact Laura Dillman (directory@eachapel.org) if you would like to be added or if you've forgotten your user name or password.

[You can only access the chapel directory if you are listed in the directory.]



Fall weather is not quite here but the fall devotional booklets are!

Pick up a copy from the brochure racks in the narthex or south wing of the chapel.

-Many thanks to the thoughtful affiliate who provides these for us!



REMINDER:
EAMC WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE

Sept. 1, 2019
 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Sept. 8, 2019 - May 17, 2020
 10:00 a.m. only

HE WILL COVER YOU WITH HIS
 feathers
 AND UNDER his wings
 YOU WILL FIND
 refuge.
 PSALM 91:4

SEPTEMBER MINISTERS

1 Reverend Peter Rochelle, *Baptist*, Lead Pastor, Church of the Rock, Raleigh NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. David Barnes, Hampstead NC

8 Reverend Dr. W. Jeff Pinkston, *Presbyterian*, Pastor and Head of Staff, Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, Charlotte NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Rich Pollock

15 Reverend Dr. Melissa Nethery, *Nondenominational*, Faculty, College of Humanities and Sciences, University of Phoenix, Charlotte (NC) Campus. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hughes, Topsail Beach NC

22 Reverend Dr. Robert "Boomer" Brown, *Baptist*, Chief Encouragement Officer/Doing GOOD at Work, Hope Community Church, Raleigh NC. Sponsor: Mrs. Judy Brock, Raleigh, NC

29 Reverend Barrett Payne, *Presbyterian*, Pastor, Lillington Presbyterian Church, Lillington NC. Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Townsend Quinn, Lillington NC

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

1 Final 8am worship service of the Summer

2 LABOR DAY

13 Committee reports due

17 Newsletter articles due

21 Board of Governor's meeting, 9am, Fellowship House upper room

22 Fall Equinox 

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. Send an email to 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 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 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.

NEWSLETTER Current and previous issues are available here. Please let us know if you would like to receive our newsletter or if you stop receiving it. You can unsubscribe at any time. We will not share your email with anyone for any reason at any time.

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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