# EAMC NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY 2021

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# "Ask and You Shall Receive"



Ed Broadhurst happily shows off the new cover for our livestream system in the chapel. Photo Credit: Rick Benton

"Isn't that how it works?" said Ed Broadhurst. Ed called Kingdom Crafters to see if we could make a cover for our new broadcast system. After a few phones calls to committee members, we took up the challenge. Everyone is now happy and our new livesteaming equipment is dust free. Thank you to Julia and Bill Howington! It's perfect.

-Julia Pollock, Kingdom Crafters Chair



# FEBRUARY REFLECTIONS

# The Key to Unity

Rich Pollock, Worship Committee Chair

Since the Inauguration of our new President on January 20, there has been a lot of talk about unifying the country. **So how do we achieve unity?** This is the topic of this month's reflection.

At the end of His prayer in the garden on the night He was betrayed, Jesus said this, "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they (meaning us believers) know you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the **love** you have for me may be in them and I myself may be in them" (**John 17:25-26**).

It was the love of the Father that sustained Jesus throughout His life on earth. And in His darkest hour, He was asking God, the Father, to fill His disciples (both then and now) with that same sustaining love.

On February 7 we heard a great sermon by Rev. Ray Ammons on **Matthew 22: 34-40** in which a pharisee asks Jesus what is the greatest commandment in the Jewish law. Many suspect that his motive for asking was not to learn the truth but to "trip" Jesus up and "prove" that He was a charlatan. Instead, he got the truth!

Jesus replied, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Mt. 22: 37-39).

So, this is my point: **We can not experience true unity in the faith without God's love in our hearts.** If you don't have love, you don't have unity; you have tyranny! And unity is not uniformity. It is diverse people united in purpose – to love God and others.

So, may God grant you His love that you may be one with Jesus, just as He is one with the Father. Now that's true unity!

Shalom.

# **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER February 2020**

#### A Work in Progress

"I am carrying on a great project and cannot go down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and go down to you?" (Nehemiah 6:3)

Nehemiah was cup-bearer to the king when he learned that the remnant of Jews in Judah was in need and that the walls of Jerusalem were broken down. He asked the king for permission to return and rebuild the city. Though this was not a high-profile role like a warrior or prophet, Nehemiah took the task of rebuilding the wall very seriously. When neighboring rivals asked him to meet them in another city his response in Nehemiah 6:3 showed his commitment to this project.

What is God calling you to do? It does not matter if the job is a small one or a large one as long as we believe it is a great project serving our Lord.

#### **Welcome to Our New Board of Governors Members**

Five new board members began their four-year term in January: Damon Brock, Eddie Hatch, Freddie King, Hunter Bell and James Ormond. Mr. Frank Rivenbark, a valued member of the board for three years, resigned in December. Karen Roberts was elected by the Board of Governors to replace Mr. Rivenbark through his term ending in 2021. I welcome each of these new members and look forward to working them.

A complete list of the Board of Governors is located on the bulletin board in the southside hallway. It can also be found on the Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel website.

#### **Embracing Change**

We have been fortunate over the last four years to have Laura Dillman as editor of our newsletter. She has provided us with wonderful stories about Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel. We've learned about various mission projects, the history of our piano, the biography of our Miss Mildred, and other interesting topics. Her photographs beautifully illustrated the life of our church. We thank Laura for her dedication to make each newsletter better than the last one.

Laura has decided to step down from this position. We have tried for several months to find someone to take over as editor but no one has been willing to take on this role. Therefore, we are going to try a different approach.

This year we will be publishing bi-monthly issues in the month following each Board of Governors meeting. Publication can occur more frequently, if the need arises. (Please, no more pandemics!) Content will mostly be limited to familiar articles – Chairman's Corner, Reflections by Rich, Prayer Requests, Ministers information, Bible Study information and calendar of events. Our next newsletter is scheduled for April.

The newsletter is published to keep our affiliates aware of events in our chapel. We want to continue to provide interesting and informative articles. If you have a suggestion for an article, please let me know.

We are also asking for affiliates to take and share photographs that reflect the life and activities of the chapel. If you see something newsworthy, pull out your phone and take a picture! These can also be emailed to me.

#### **Our Amazing Affiliates**

I love sharing the story of Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel with others. Individuals that haven't attended services here quickly ask, "How do you make it work without a full-time minister?" "How does the church run so smoothly without any full-time office staff?"

I believe the answer to those questions is you, the affiliates. The secretary and treasurer that are willing to volunteer their time. The Minister Selection Committee that makes sure our pulpit is filled every Sunday. The Building and Grounds Committee that keeps our chapel, parsonage, youth cottage and fellowship house in excellent shape. This listing could go on for a while since we currently have 27 standing committees. Like Nehemiah building the wall around Jerusalem, many of the committees are not high-profile. They are still very important, they are still an integral part of the success of the chapel, they are still carrying on a great project.

Are you interested in history? We are currently looking for a chairperson for the History Committee. This committee is responsible for gathering and preserving the records of the life and activities of the Chapel. Our recent history book "God's Grace on a Little White Chapel and Beyond" used information collected by this committee to detail the life of Emma Anderson Memorial Chapel from 1986-2015.

#### What is God calling you to do?

Please consider becoming a member of one of our committees. You do not have to be a full-time resident of Topsail Beach to serve on a committee. Some committees meet regularly while others handle their business through emails or phone calls. Zoom meetings have become a way to be involved from a distance. Your participation on a committee may be a small job or a large one. Either way, you can make it a great project serving the Lord.



Debo Bell
Board of Governors Chair, 2021-23



#### **PRAISES**

Continuing Covid-19 vaccinations

Gayson Reville's return to our Women's Bible Study

Ray and Norma Carol McDonald being in the right place at the right time

Molly Teachey's good news

#### **PETITIONS**

Tom Bland

Brenda Garrison

Lisa Godwin

Reverend Jerry Harper

Judy Perry

Wayne and Michelle Reynolds

Judy Kennedy, Michele Griesmer's niece

Paula Kafitz, Vicky Farris' friend

Molly Teachey, Brenda Teachey's granddaughter

Judy Kettner, Debo Bell's sister

Cynthia, friend of Grayson Reville

Jane Autry's son-in-law

Johnnie Adams, brother of Phil Adams

Paula Kafitz, friend of Vicky and Paul Farris

Jessica Pollock, daughter of Julia and Rich Pollock

Daniel, nephew of Ria Harris' friends

Michael and Whitney Barnette

Allison Covington, family member of a staff member of Tim Holloman's

Ben Broadhurst, Ed and Cecile Broadhurst's grandson

Bette Savage, Tim Holloman's mother-in-law

Barry and Carol Wood, brother and sister-in-law of Rich Wood

Ronnie Whaley and family

Art Hammond, friend of Jerry Green

Harry Bradley, brother-in-law of Mary-Tom Gardner

Dr. Tommy Newton and other providers as they deal with the pandemic

#### Those affected by uncertain weather

Those enduring civil unrest and armed conflict

### MARCH MINISTERS

March 7th (Daylight Savings Time begins)
Reverend Dr. Michael Lea

**Baptist** 

**Pastor** 

First Baptist Church of West Jefferson, West Jefferson NC

Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Bell, Fayetteville NC

## March 14th Reverend Steve Wilkins

Presbyterian

**Pastor** 

Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church, Clinton NC

Sponsors: Dr. and Mrs. Tommy Newton, Clinton NC

#### March 21st

# Rev. Dr. Melissa Nethery

Methodist/Good Shepherd

Faculty, College of Humanities and Sciences

University of Phoenix, Charlotte (N.C.) Campus

Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hughes, Topsail Beach NC

## March 28th Mr. Johnny Evans

Baptist

Eastern NC Director

Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Raleigh NC

Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. David Barnes, Topsail Beach NC



To view the entire 2021 guest minister list, click here.



Join these Christian Education Programs at any time!

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 8:30 a.m.

You can also join in person on the upper floor of the Fellowship House.

- Contact Julia Pollock to get the Zoom link.
- Contact Rich Pollock to receive weekly lesson notes and quarterly study guides.

#### WOMEN'S FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 9 a.m.

- Contact Julia Pollock to get the Zoom link.
- Contact Nancy Green for more information.

#### MEN'S FRIDAY BIBLE STUDY @ 9 a.m.

- Contact Tommy Newton to get the Zoom link.
- Currently studying The First Book of Peter (Dec. 18—Feb. 19); discussion schedule and weekly leaders.



Give Online



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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