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## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

January 2021 marks the one-year anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic in the US. Who would have thought that, at this point, we would still be having to social distance, wear masks, and limit our interaction with others who do not live with us? Who could have dreamed that we, as church musicians, would go an entire year without rehearsing our choirs in the usual fashion? Or that congregational song would be silenced? Or that, for some congregations, in-person worship would be suspended, and virtual worship become the only option? Who could have imagined any of this would be our reality? But, alas, this is our reality. And it looks to be our reality for the considerable future.

In this past year, there have been moments of light in the midst of the pandemic darkness. Church musicians have adapted and learned how to sing and play the Lord's song in a pandemic-ridden land (Psalm 137). Churches have discovered creative ways to be church without having to assemble in the church building. And all manner of artists . . . organists, painters, vocalists, photographers, composers, film makers, pianists, sculptors, dancers, instrumentalists, writers . . . have given expression to our pain and sorrow, and our hope for a better, COVID-free tomorrow.

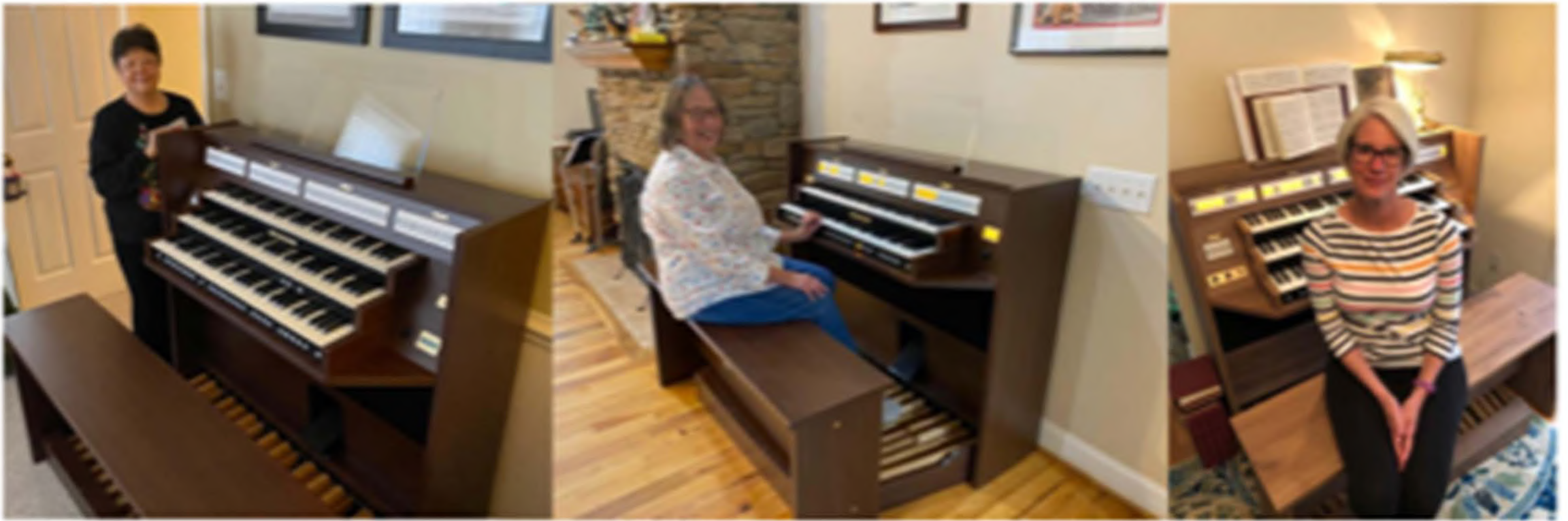
It is my hope that, long before January 2022 rolls around, congregations will once again gather together for worship. In my mind's eye, pews will be packed, and the peace will be passed with firm handshakes and loving embraces. And when the sounds of the mighty organ reverberate in those hallowed halls, unmasked voices will lift up beautiful, bold harmonies to the glory of God.

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All chapter members are invited to view the 2021 Professional Certification Requirements! It is never too late to learn new skills or polish old ones!

Please visit the Certification page of our new chapter website at [www.ecago.org/certification](http://www.ecago.org/certification) for more information!



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## TREASURER'S REPORT

9/14/2020 - BALANCE	\$5634.28
Chapter portion of dues recieved via ACH deposits from AGO headquarters	107.00
Chapter portion of dues recieved via ACH deposits from AGO headquarters	94.00
Chapter portion of dues recieved via ACH deposits from AGO headquarters	66.00
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<b>1/25/2021 - BALANCE</b>	<b>\$5901.28</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Lawrence S. Goering, Treasurer

## SUBSTITUTE LIST

Please contact Lawrence Goering to add or remove your name from the list. Only members in good standing (i.e. current dues paid) are included on the substitute list. The city listed is the substitute's place of residence. Many are willing to travel to other nearby towns.

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## FROM THE CHAPLAIN (CONT'D)

But in the meantime, we press on, we adapt, and we learn.

In deepest night, in darkest days,  
when harps are hung, no songs we raise,  
when silence must suffice as praise, yet sounding in us quietly  
there is the song of God.

When friend was lost, when love deceived,  
dear Jesus wept, God was bereaved;  
so with us in our grief God grieves, and round about us mournfully  
there are the tears of God.

When through the waters winds our path,  
around us pain, around us death:  
deep calls to deep, a saving breath, and found beside us faithfully  
there is the love of God.

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Rev. Anita Thompson  
Associate Pastor & Minister of Music  
First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC  
Chaplain, ECU Chapter of the AGO

## NOTABLE DATES

### CHAPTER MEETING

Monday, March 1

7:00pm

Zoom link via email

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### PIPES EAST SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Saturday, March 29

11:59pm

Email Clay

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### CHAPTER MEETING

Monday, April 5

7:00pm

Zoom link via email

## OBITUARY: BUDDY HYATT



Franklin – James Henry “Buddy” Hyatt, III, 37, son of Nelle Manning Hyatt and James H. Hyatt, Jr., passed away January 11, 2021. He was predeceased by his paternal grandfather, James H. Hyatt, Sr. and his maternal grandparents, Edward N. “Pete” Manning and Betty Letcher Manning and a dear friend Dr. Rev. Walter G. Byrum, Sr.



He was born in Edenton, NC and attended school in Edenton/Chowan schools until he was in the eighth grade. After moving to Franklin, he attended Franklin High School and graduated in 2001. Buddy was a proud award winning member of the Bronco band in high school. Buddy was a member of Edenton Baptist Church and then Franklin Baptist Church and was active in music and youth activities. During high school, he took piano lessons from Edwin Barton.

Buddy attended East Carolina University where he majored in music education and earned his Master’s Degree in Education. He taught 15 years in the Pitt County School System and loved his children.

His real passion was playing the organ and directing choirs. He served Franklin Christian Church, Memorial Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Ahoskie and Ayden United Methodist Church. He gave his very best to all churches he served. Church music was his true passion and he wanted every church to have the very best possible music program.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Nikki; his mother and father, Nelle and James; his brother, Clay and his wife Jessica; his grandmother, Katie W. Hyatt; and his dear friend, John Allsbrook.

A private service was held in Edenton. Memorial donations may be made to Franklin Christian Church, 412 N. High Street, Franklin, VA 23851.

**Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant James Henry “Buddy” Hyatt, III. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.**



## EVENTS

### FISK ON FOURTH: JORDAN PRESCOTT

The East Carolina Musical Arts Education Foundation will present ECU alum Jordan Prescott in one of his DMA recitals. Prescott will perform the complete "Les corps glorieux" by Olivier Messiaen. Please keep checking the ECMAEF site for updates. For more information or to be on the ECMAEF concert email list, contact Andrew Scanlon (music@stpaulsepiscopal.com).

**When?** TBA, February

**Where?** www.opus126.com

### HYMNS ON FOURTH

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville broadcasts Wednesday evening hymn singing services, viewable from their website. You are invited to text your requests (from the Hymnal 1982) to (252) 220-5531.

**When?** Wednesdays @ 5:30pm

**Where?** www.stpaulsepiscopal.com

### ST. PAUL'S GREENVILLE: CHORAL EVENSONG

Choral Evensong will be live-streamed from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville on Sunday, February 7 at 5:00 p.m. The sung service of Evening Prayer will feature a small group of the men of St. Paul's Choir, and will include all music for ATB voices by Ernest Walker, Herbert Sumsion and William Byrd. Please "log on" at www.stpaulsepiscopal.com.

**When?** Sunday, February 7 @ 5pm

**Where?** www.stpaulsepiscopal.com

## POSITION AVAILABLE

**Spilman Memorial Baptist Church** (Kinston, NC) is accepting applications for a music director to lead the church music program. This person needs to be able to play the piano and/or organ. Due to COVID, the church is only open on Sunday mornings with social distancing and mask protocols in place. The choir is not meeting currently. In the event we need to stop meeting on Sunday mornings, this individual must be able to pre-record their worship service music to share online. Once COVID restrictions have ended, this individual will need to begin rebuilding the church music program. For more information or to submit a resume and letter of interest, please email [info@spilmanbaptist.org](mailto:info@spilmanbaptist.org).

## FROM THE EDITOR

At the January board meeting, the board of directors voted to continue with the current newsletter publication schedule of six bi-monthly newsletters per year, beginning with the February/March issue. This raised questions regarding time-sensitive information that needed to reach our members. I am excited to say that our chapter website, [www.ecago.org](http://www.ecago.org), is now up and running!

The website features much information regarding our chapter and the American Guild of Organists for members and those wishing to join us. The calendar of events can be updated much more frequently than our newsletter, so please send them any time! There is a special "Members Only" section which features the newsletter archive, the substitute list, and job listings. Out of respect for our members, this section is password protected and we kindly ask that you refrain from sharing that password with non-members. Please email any board member for the password.

The submission deadline for the April/May 2021 edition of *Pipes East* is Saturday, March 20, 2021 by midnight.

Sincerely,  
Clay Whittington, Editor





## CEDAR FALLS BAPTIST CHURCH

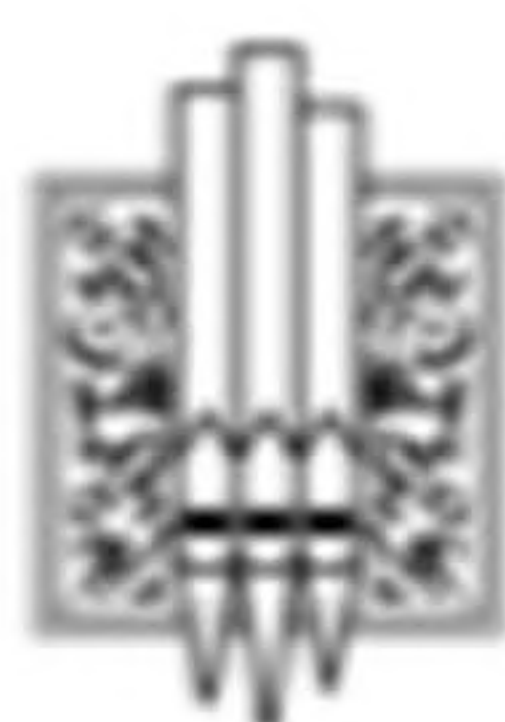
Fayetteville, North Carolina

For 27 years, Don Williams has served as organist at Cedar Falls Baptist Church. In 2011 he contacted R. A. Daffer Church Organs for information regarding a new Rodgers organ to replace the aging 1980s Allen ADC-3100. An organ fund had been started and was growing. Fundraising moved slowly for a number of years until May of 2020, when the church was beginning renovation of the Sanctuary. The church signed a contract at that time for a new Rodgers Imagine 351 with 8 channels of audio, and the new organ was installed late November 2020.

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