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CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The mission of Earle Street Baptist Church is
to worship God, praising Him for His wonderful grace, His mighty blessings and His tender mercies [**WORSHIP**];
to proclaim the message of salvation to our community and throughout the world, in word and deed [**MISSIONS**];
to be a home to all who would enter [**FELLOWSHIP**]; to minister to the needs of one another and those around us [**MINISTRY**];
and to assist in personal spiritual growth [**EDUCATION**].

Winter Bible Study

This Sunday, January 25

Guest Teacher/Preacher: Dr. Charles Bugg

Professor of Church Ministry and Leadership
at Gardner-Webb Divinity School in Boiling Springs, North Carolina
Study Theme: *Jesus in the Gospels*

Adults

Dr. Bugg will teach from the Gospels Sunday morning and evening (Sanctuary).

Youth (Grades 6-12)

Joe Brewer will teach from the Gospels Sunday morning and evening (Family Life Center).

Children (Grades 1-5)

Regular Sunday School classes & teachers Sunday morning.
Craig Holtzclaw and Holly Brockman will teach all children
Sunday evening (Room 206, Blue Room, 2nd Floor).

Children attending Sunday evening should be pre-registered.

Preschoolers

Birth - Age 2 (Rooms 106, 107, and 108) will be led by regular Sunday School teachers and/or paid child care workers. Ages 3 - K5 (Room 103) will be led by Ashley Dunlap and Dusty Bateman Sunday morning and evening.

Preschoolers attending Sunday evening should be pre-registered.

Schedule for the Day

- 9:00 a.m.** Sermon by Dr. Charles Bugg
9:50 a.m. Session 1 (see above for groups, leaders, and locations)
11:00 a.m. Sermon by Dr. Charles Bugg
5:00 p.m. Session 2 (see above for groups, leaders, and locations)
6:00 p.m. Meal (all age groups in Fellowship Hall)
- *John Love's famous soups*
7:00 p.m. Session 3 (see above for groups, leaders, and locations)
7:45 p.m. Dismiss

Join us this Sunday, January 25 ~ 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



Solo: *Jesus, My All in All* by Kay Dillard
Anthem: *Jesus Paid It All* by the Sanctuary Choir
Scripture: John 11:17-27
Sermon: **The Focus of Our Faith** by Dr. Charles Bugg

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THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 25, 2009

- 8:00 am Early Bird Sunday School
- 8:30 am Library Open
- 9:00 am Early Worship
- 9:50 am Sunday School/Winter Bible Study - Session 1
- 11:00 am Worship
- 1:00 pm Grades 1-2 Boys/Girls Coed Basketball Practice (Gym)
- Grades 7-8 Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)
- 4:00 pm Women's Basketball Practice (Gym)
- 5:00 pm Winter Bible Study - Session 2
- 6:00 pm Fellowship Meal
- 6:45 pm Winter Bible Study - Session 3

Monday, January 26, 2009

- 10:00 am - 12:30 pm Ceramics (FLC)
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Weight Watchers (FLC)
- 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm Men/Women/HS Boys Basketball Games (Gym)

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:00 am XYZ (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm WINGS (Room 301)
- Volleyball (Gym)
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts (FLC)
- 7:00 pm Band rehearsal

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

- 5:00 pm Library Open
- 5:15 pm Dinner for Preschool/Children & Leaders
- 5:45 pm Children's Choirs rehearsals
- Dinner for Adults & Youth
- 6:00 pm WINGS Beth Moore Bible Study (Room 205)
- 6:30 pm Adults: DTC classes or Prayer Meeting
- Youth: Bible Study (FLC)
- Children: RA's and GA's (2nd floor)
- Preschool: Mission Friends (1st floor)
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Mens Basketball Practice (Gym)

Thursday, January 29, 2009

- 11:30 am Lunch Bunch (Applebee's near Haywood Mall)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
- Grades 11-12 Girls Basketball Practice
- 7:30 pm Grades 11-12 Boys Basketball Practice

Friday, January 30, 2009

- 5:00 pm Grades 3-4 Girls Basketball Practice
- 6:00 pm Grades 5-6 Girls -HH Combo- Basketball Practice
- 7:00 pm Grades 3-4 Boys Basketball Practice

Saturday, January 31, 2009

- 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Children/Youth Basketball Games (Gym)



Ceramics classes are back!

If you have ever thought about coming, we would love to have you join us. Adults are asked to bring friends and neighbors. Classes are held every Monday, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge for the class, but a minimal cost for some supplies.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Edith King

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Elliott & Shirley Batson | Doris H. King |
| George & Helen Hardeman | Mattie B. Ouzts |

Record for Sunday, January 18, 2009	
Attendance	
9:00 Worship	108
11:00 Worship	248
Sunday School	273
Sunday School Enrollment	611
(2008-09 Average Sunday School Attendance - 274)	
(2008-09 Average Sunday School Attendance Goal - 295)	
Budget 2009	
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$13,433
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$15,661
Budget Requirements (to date)	\$40,299
Budget Gifts (to date)	\$40,587
Capital Improvement Fund	
Monthly Loan Payment Requirement	\$2,144
Received (this week)	\$2,478
Capital Improvement Fund Gifts (to date)	\$3,859*
*Includes Memorials	
Endowment Fund Capital Loan	
Capital Loan from Endowment Fund	\$250,000
Loan Balance (to date)	\$236,908

RESULTS OF THE CHURCH CONFERENCE

These were the highlights of the church conference on January 21:

- Child Protection Policies for preschoolers, children, and youth were approved by the church. Copies are available in the church office.
- The church was informed that the houses from the Sarah Robinson estate at 203 and 205 West Earle Street have been sold, and \$193,566 has been deposited into a savings account and earmarked for future property acquisition.
- A capital budget for 2009 of \$150,000 was presented by the Stewardship Committee and approved by the church.

Women's Prayer Retreat



On Tuesday, February 10th, the WMU of Earle Street Baptist Church will be hosting a Women's Prayer Retreat. Blau Bennett will present a program based upon a book entitled, "What Happens When Women Pray" written by Evelyn Christensen. The program will be followed by a lunch of homemade soups and cornbread. All women of the church are invited to come and enjoy what is sure to be a warm and encouraging morning of fellowship among the ladies of our church.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

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|---------------|------------|
| Ginger Penick | Dub King |
| Anne Godfrey | Jean Mundy |

Sunday, January 25...

HOMEBOUND "CARE" MINISTRY

"E" TEAM

Bert & Elizabeth Buchanan	Kathy Gerwig
Celeste Clyborne	Kathleen Barton
Dana Collier	Karen & Bud Sunday
Jensie Malphrus	

From the Pastor

- Stephen Clyborne

Overwhelmed and humbled. I know I keep using these words over and over, but they're the best words I can find to describe Sylvia's and my feelings of gratitude to God and to you for the gracious way you have affirmed and welcomed me as your new pastor. The installation service last Sunday was an experience I will never forget and a memory I will cherish for a lifetime. The participants in the service represented my personal story: my former pastors, the ones who, by word and example, have taught me how to lead and serve a church; my major professor who taught me not just how to interpret the Bible, but also how to apply it in ministry; my friend and colleague in ministry, who has served as my counselor during the most difficult times of my life; and my family, who, by their participation reminded me of who I am, not just what I do. But the participants in the service also represented the story of our church: our staff ministers, who serve and lead our church so effectively and support me personally; our deacon chair, whose leadership has made this time of transition so smooth; both of the living former pastors of our church, whose ministries for more than forty years combined helped make our church the strong, vibrant, healthy congregation that it is; and our musicians and choir, who punctuated the service in a spirit of worship with a reverent, but powerful exclamation point! It was a visual demonstration of how God has woven our lives together into the fabric of His kingdom, and it was a high moment of worship in my life and in the life of our church.

Thank you for the beautiful clock you gave me and the lovely bracelet you gave Sylvia. We will treasure these gifts always as we give thanks to God for weaving our lives together with yours. And thank you to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make the reception so welcoming and so warm. I will not list names because I don't know all the names and I would not want to leave anyone out, but you know who you are. We have always felt welcome at Earle Street since we first joined this fellowship seven years ago, but we have never felt more welcome than we did last Sunday. Indeed, we are overwhelmed and humbled, and I could never thank you enough for the privilege of serving as your pastor.

From the Minister of Youth

- Lucy Wilkinson

Please be in prayer for the following youth and college students as they attend **Camp Longridge's Student Leadership Weekend February 6-8th**: Joseph Akers, Sara Worrell, Amber McKelvey, Kevin Hinnant, Connor Hipps, Jimmy Major, Cecily Young and Zach Jordan. These students will be attending seminars throughout the weekend designed to strengthen their leadership skills as they minister for Christ.

January 28 Bible Study: "Love" led by Lee & Tammy Dowdy

Christian sympathy is prayerfully extended to...

Harry and Celeste Clyborne and family in the death of Shirley Reese (Harry's niece).

Martha and Martin Hursey, Jim and MaryLou Reid, and family in the death of Nelle Bouchillon (Martha's mother and Jim's sister).

COMPETITION BRINGS OUT THE BEST AT EARLE STREET!

I am truly amazed by the response we had to the Sunday School class competition to collect food for the Eastside Crisis Center! Our church's generosity is overwhelming! It was so overwhelming that it took two truckloads and two carloads to deliver it! All together, our Sunday School classes collected a total of just over 2,000 food items for donation! That is amazing!! We give approximately forty items per family (depending on the size of the family) at the crisis center so our church alone has fed roughly 50 hungry families in our community. Okay, I know you want to know the winner! Congratulations to the 57 and below class - you collected 377 items! Second place was the 45-49 age group collecting 263 items. A special thanks to our awesome youth group that collected many items as well! Of course we ALL won because we accomplished our goal of meeting a need just outside our door which gives us a chance to share Jesus. I must thank all the spontaneous help I received with this enormous load of food. A huge thank you to my Sunday School class (29-34 age) - we are small but powerful! Susan Brewer and Suzanne Lewis were awesome for helping me count and load. Thank you to Joe Brewer who took part of his day off from work to help deliver the food to the crisis center. Also, thank you to Dan Harris and Bill Hueble who helped load all those heavy boxes! Lastly, thanks to my husband Jeff who always helps me with ease and skill no matter what I volunteer to do. He counted, loaded, and delivered! To each person who donated any amount of food - THANK YOU! This was one of the most successful collections I have been a part of! Remember you can always donate food for the crisis center in the baskets outside the church library. Donations are always needed and appreciated! Karyn French

From the Minister of Music

- Janice Hinnant

Youth Choir & Handbells—We will not rehearse this Sunday, due to the Winter Bible Study. Once we start back on February 1, we will be working hard on festival music. You must be at rehearsals to get to go to the festival!

Earle Street Ringers—We will not rehearse this Sunday because of the Winter Bible Study.



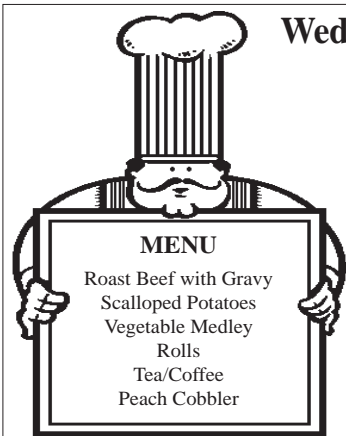
Valentine Banquet tickets will be for sale on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. Adult ticket cost is \$10 and childcare tickets are \$5 each. The banquet is on Friday, February 13th and there is limited seating; so make sure to buy your tickets now!

We are looking for the best love stories (funny and sappy) to be shared by you at the Valentine Banquet. If you have a story to share, please email it to Debbie Goodson at iscrap116@bellsouth.net. Also email Debbie if you have a decorative screen or room divider that can be used for the banquet. If you would like to decorate a table for the banquet, please call Norma Green at 421-5388.

PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES

Nights and Weekends
January 23 - January 29

Janice Hinnant - Phone: 322-0503



Wednesday, January 28

Preparation Crew

Noellen Groff
Joanne Oswell
Kelly Pleasant

Clean-Up Crew

Jane Leo
Wanda Worrell

Cashier

Del Ross

Children's Menu
Available

If you do not have permanent reservations, please call the church office **NO LATER THAN MONDAY 10:00 am** to reserve a meal.



**Xtra Years of Zest
Monthly Meeting
for all Senior Adults**

**Tuesday, January 27, 2009
in the Fellowship Hall**

11:00 am Guest Speaker: Matt Reeves of the Frazee Dream Center (formerly Central Baptist Church)

12:00 noon Catered Lunch* (Cost: \$5) *If you do not have permanent reservations, please call Gene Hammond (244-2748) no later than Sunday prior to the monthly event described above.

Welcome New Members



Brenda Atkinson
8 Etawah Drive
Greenville, SC 29617
Phone: 864-533-2840

Brenda joined ESBC by promise of letter from Leawood Baptist (Leawood, KS) on Sunday, January 18, 2009.



Butch Blume
223 Cherokee Rd.
Williamston, SC 29697
Phone: 864-847-5341

Butch joined ESBC by promise of letter from Tabernacle Baptist (Pelzer, SC) on Sunday, January 18, 2009. Butch's wife Debbie is ESBC pianist and also is a member here at Earle Street Baptist.

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This Sunday, January 25, 2009

9:00 a.m.

USHERS: Paul Bateman, Steve Rice, Bill Poe, Chris Barras, Kevin Hinnant

ACOLYTES: Elizabeth Wassynger, Hannah Wassynger

WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Libby Young

Preschool A: Paula Durham, Harry Hayes

Preschool B and C: Leah & Jason Tankersley

Preschool D, E, and K: Holly Traywick, Joyce Harris

11:00 a.m.

USHERS: Josh Shugart, Bert Buchanan, Jim DeYoung, Bill Marchbanks, Joe Jones, Jimmy Major

ACOLYTES: Hunter Ballard, Faron Justice

WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Emily Hudson

Preschool A: Noellen & Stephanie Groff

Preschool B and C: Meredith & Bill Smith

Preschool D, E, and K: Andrea & Megan Hueble

9:00 am, 11:00 am and *5:00 pm

SOUND TECHNICIAN: *Grant Wooten

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Rob Traywick

GREETERS: Jackie Peace, Kristen & Zack Taylor, Sally Clark, Richard Hubble



Softball signups continue this Sunday. The cost is \$35 per player, and you have to be 17 years old to play. We would like to form a men's and coed team, so make sure to sign up!

Earle Street Basketball Schedules

Monday, January 26

ESBC Gym Representative(s): Eddy Leo

TEAM	TIME	PLACE
Women	6:30 pm	Memorial Methodist
High School Boys	6:30 pm	ESBC
Men Under 30 (Blue)	7:30 pm	Memorial Methodist
Men Under 30 (White)	7:30 pm	Brushy Creek
Men Over 30	7:30 pm	ESBC

Saturday, January 31*

ESBC Gym Representative(s): Meredith Smith

*Note: Saturday games are printed a week in advance.

TEAM	TIME	PLACE
K4-K5 Boys	10:00 am	Redemption
1st-2nd Grade Coed	Noon	Praise
3rd - 4th Grade Girls	1:00 pm	Taylor's Court 2
3rd - 4th Grade Boys (White)	10:00 am	ESBC
3rd - 4th Grade Boys (Blue)	10:00 am	ESBC
5th - 6th Grade Girls	2:00 pm	Taylor's Court 2
5th - 6th Grade Boys	11:00 am	ESBC
7th - 8th Grade Girls	Noon	ESBC
High School Girls	1:00 pm	ESBC



Christmas Packets for Prisoners

The WMU of Earle Street Baptist Church purchased the supplies for and assembled 50 care packages for prisoners this Christmas. We typically promote this particular ministry in early December, but with the resignation of Dr. Wooten and all that our church had going on at that time, we decided that the timing was just not right. Now that things are settling down, we need to reimburse our wonderful shopper of prisoner packet supplies for her efforts. So, on February 8th, tuck an extra \$5.00 into your wallet or purse. A representative from the WMU will be visiting your Sunday School Class where we will pass around a Christmas Box to collect monies for the Christmas Packets for Prisoners. For Christmas 2008, every incarcerated person in the state of South Carolina (more than 24,000) received one of these packets containing toiletries, stationery, Scripture and a wish for a merry Christmas.

WEDNESDAY EVENING OPTIONS FOR ADULTS

This Wednesday, January 28 from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Parenting 101: *The Basics of Becoming a Proactive Parent*
(Room 301) - Facilitator: Janice Hinnant

What Would Shake Your Faith?
(Room 204) - Teacher: Lamar McCarrell

PRAYER MEETING - *Lord, Teach Us to Pray*
(Sanctuary) - Leader: Stephen Clyborne

Phone System Improvements



There have been many improvements made to the church phone system recently. The following should be helpful.

Extension List:

CLYBORNE, STEPHEN	204
HINNANT, JANICE	202
DURHAM, PAULA	209
WILKINSON, LUCY	212
JOHNSON, JOYCE	205
MAY, PAM	200
HALTIWANGER, JEREMY	211

If you do not wish to dial an extension or use the phone system's Auto-Attendant during regular office hours, you may press 0 [zero] immediately when the recorded voice begins. This will ring all three Ministry Assistant phones simultaneously, or you may simply stay on the line through all announcements and this will happen automatically.

Thank You...

The members of ESBC would like to thank the committee (listed below) who facilitated the purchase and sale of the Robinson Estate (houses at 203 and 205 W. Earle Street). This involved long, hard, volunteer hours, along with much stress and legal red tape. Each committee member contributed his or her own unique talents and skills, and for that we are grateful. We particularly would like to recognize Lenwood Cochran, for his able leadership of the group, and Jeannette Womble, who not only led the group through the confusing real estate transactions, but also waived all commission.

Thank you to the committee:

Lenwood Cochran, Chairman
Jeannette Womble
Lynn Barrett
Mike Cook
Bill Lynch
Bill Marchbanks



The Parish Nurse

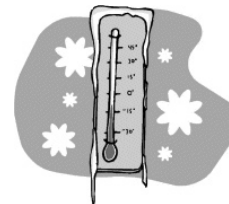


Ministry

is in need of American Heart Association Certified CPR instructors who would be willing to assist the Parish Nurse Ministry in providing CPR training to Earle Street Baptist Church. If you would be willing to assist and volunteer your time, please contact Sharon Youkey, RN at sharon10a@charter.net or 286-3749. We are looking to organize a class during the month of February.

Inclement Weather Updates:

In case of inclement weather conditions that could affect regular Sunday services, information will be available on Sunday mornings by 6:30 a.m. by dialing 233-5332 ext. 500.



Thank You...

Note of thanks to all my church friends for the many things you have done for me. Thank you for your presence and the many cards brought and sent to me on my birthday. Thank you for your warm love all these years at Earle Street. I love all of you.

- *Mary Ligon*



Last Week's Newsletter

Many of you may not have received your newsletters from last week in a timely manner. The US Postal Service did not handle this mailing the same way they have in the past. Newsletters in question, were delivered to the Greenville Post Office by 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2009. ESBC received an official response from the Post Office on January 21, 2009 stating the newsletter mailing most likely was treated as a "lower priority mailing" which slowed delivery time. The Postal Service apologized, as do we, for any inconvenience this may have caused.

- *Joyce Johnson, Ministry Assistant for Finance & Mailings*