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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**].



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.

SPECIAL CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

This Wednesday, February 11

6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

The purpose of this meeting will be to consider the possibility of purchasing the property across the street from our sanctuary and adjacent to our parking lot.

What Happens When Women Pray? Come to the Women's Prayer Retreat and find out. On **this Tuesday, February 10th**, the WMU of Earle Street Baptist Church will be hosting a Women's Prayer Retreat that will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with a homemade soup lunch around 12:30 p.m. The program will be based upon a book by Evelyn Christensen entitled *What Happens When Women Pray* and will be presented by our own Blau Bennett. This is sure to be a time of warm and encouraging fellowship for all of the women of our church. Please remember to join us for this morning of rest and renewal.



BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER

Our Boy Scout Troop 30 is having a full "all-U-can eat" two meat lunch buffet immediately following the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, February 8. This is a fundraiser for some much needed equipment for our Troop. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Carry-out plates will be available. Come join us on Scout Sunday to support the ministry of our ESBC scouting program.

Join us this Sunday, February 8 ~ 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



Ordinance of Baptism (9:00)

Boy Scout Sunday (11:00)

Solo: *Give Them All to Jesus* by Butch Blume

Anthem: *On Eagle's Wings* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Isaiah 40:27-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

Sermon: **Who Is Waiting on Whom?** by Stephen Clyborne



Ordinance of Baptism

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THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 8, 2009

- 8:00 am Early Bird Sunday School
- 8:30 am Library Open
- 9:00 am Early Worship - Baptism
- 9:50 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Scout Sunday Lunch
- 1:00 pm Grades 1-2 Boys/Girls Coed Basketball Practice (Gym)
- Grades 7-8 Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)
- 2:00 pm Youth Return from Longridge
- 3:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting
- 4:00 pm Youth Choir rehearsal
- Women's Basketball Practice (Gym)
- 4:45 pm Youth Handbell choir
- 5:00 pm Administration Cluster (Room 301)
- 5:30 pm Earle Street Ringers rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting (Conference Room)

Monday, February 9, 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)
- 7:00 pm Band rehearsal

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:30 am WMU Group 3 (Meeting at church)
- Volleyball (Gym)
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts (FLC)

Wednesday, February 11, 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: Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)
- 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)
- 8:00 pm Valentine Banquet Setup (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, February 12, 2009

- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
- Grades 11-12 Girls Basketball Practice
- 7:30 pm Grades 11-12 Boys Basketball Practice
- 8:00 pm Valentine Banquet Setup (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, February 13, 2009

- 7:00 pm Valentine Banquet (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, February 14, 2009

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



Softball signups continue this Sunday. The cost is \$35 per player, and you have to be 16 years old to play. We would like to form a men's and coed team, so make sure to sign up!

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Charles Ellis Dub King
 Anne Godfrey Jean Mundy
 Ginger Penick

Record for Sunday, February 1, 2009

Attendance

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| 9:00 Worship | 138 |
| 11:00 Worship | 214 |
| Sunday School | 296 |
| Sunday School Enrollment | 615 |
| (2008-09 Average Sunday School Attendance - 272) | |
| (2008-09 Average Sunday School Attendance Goal - 295) | |

Operating Budget 2009

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| Weekly Budget Requirements | \$13,433 |
| Budget Gifts (this week) | \$19,641 |
| Budget Requirements (to date) | \$67,165 |
| Budget Gifts (to date) | \$74,505 |

Capital Improvement Fund Budget

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|---|-----------|
| Weekly CIF Budget Requirement..... | \$2,885 |
| CIF Budget Gifts (this week) | \$1,344 |
| CIF Budget Requirements (to date) | \$14,425 |
| CIF Budget Gifts (to date) | \$10,000* |

*Includes Memorials

Endowment Fund Capital Loan

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| Capital Loan from Endowment Fund | \$250,000 |
| Loan Balance (to date) | \$235,997 |

24 Hour Prayer Vine Activation

The 24 Hour Prayer Vine can be activated during emergency situations by calling Pete and Alver Maheras at 233-1047, or if no answer, Edith Sumner at 277-3279 (home) or 905-0478 (mobile).

All other prayer concerns should be handled as usual through the church office by calling 233-5332.



Please be in prayer for the following youth and college students as they attend **Camp Longridge's Student Leadership Weekend**

February 6th - 8th: Joseph Akers, Sara Worrell,

Amber McKelvey, Kevin Hinnant, Connor Hipps, Jimmy Major, Cecily Young, Zach Jordan and Emily Payne.

These students will be attending seminars throughout the weekend designed to strengthen their leadership skills as they minister for Christ.

Couples' Night Out



Where: Ryan's Steak House (Laurens Rd.)

When: February 19th at 5:30 p.m.

Reservations: 233-1047 Alver & Pete Maheras

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Nelle Bouchillon

Arthur & Rosa Jane Brown Sue Wilson

In Memory of Lois Fendley

Don & Linda Kirkland

••••• Sunday, February 8... •••••

••••• **HOMEBOUND "CARE" MINISTRY** •••••

••••• **"A" TEAM** •••••

••••• Celeste Clyborne Ray Smith •••••
 ••••• Cindy Doolittle Jackie Peace •••••

••••• Gene & Margaret Watson •••••

From the Pastor

- Stephen Clyborne

It is such an honor for me to welcome Marshall Sargent to our staff, even if it is on a temporary, part-time basis. Marshall and I have been friends for over twenty-five years; and have had the opportunity of working together at another church for three years before his retirement. He has already made a tremendous contribution to our ministry here and will be a real blessing to us during this interim time until we call a full-time, permanent associate pastor.

Speaking of a full-time, permanent associate pastor, please set aside some time each day to pray that God will give the Personnel Committee and me direction as we search for the person to fill this very important position. If you have any suggestions, feel free to talk to Drew Pearce, Chris Barras, Linda Bean, or me.

I am in the process of preparing a written survey for the congregation, which will be the first step in gathering input from the church about our future. Very soon, you will be asked to fill in a survey, and I hope you will take this as seriously as I will. I want to hear from you about your dreams and hopes for our church. These surveys will be compiled and prayerfully considered as the leaders of our church begin the process of developing a strategic plan for our life together.

Stained Glass Windows

Individual panes or sections of the old stained glass windows will be available to the congregation for donations to the Bus Fund. The original stained glass windows were installed in the early 1920s. About fifty years ago, a natural gas explosion at a laundry three blocks from the church damaged several of the windows on the Robinson Street side of the church and the stained glass over the baptistry. Enter George Muckenfuss who traveled to New Jersey to oversee the production of the window that graces the baptistry now. Replacement panes in the windows on the Robinson Street side of the sanctuary are easily identified by the lighter color.

In late February and early March, the existing windows will be removed, and the Property and Space Committee will oversee their care. Next week's newsletter will contain information about how to request one or more panes. In an effort to support Earle Street's need for additional transportation, the committee will suggest a minimum donation to the Bus Fund.

From the Minister of Youth

- Lucy Wilkinson

February 8 - Youth Committee meeting at 3:30 p.m.

February 8 - SS 9th-10th Grade: led by Amy Barras

February 11 - Bible Study: "Peace" led by Lee & Tammy Dowdy

Guys vs Girls- For the entire month of February the boys are going to try and beat the girls in our Friends contest! Whoever brings the most friends during the month to Sunday School and Wednesday night Bible study gets a pizza party on Wednesday March 4th!

Thank you guys so much for praying for Tommy and me! We are delighted to welcome our son Maclaren Thomas Wilkinson, who was born on February 5, 2009, weighing in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces and measuring 20.5 inches. I am thankful to be able to take an 8 week maternity leave and will return to work on March 29, although you will probably see me before then! While I am gone, please contact Debbie Goodson at 607-3109 for any youth questions and Angela Slaybaugh at 313-7797 for any recreation questions.

CHILD ABUSE RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE TRAINING

As per our new Child Protection policies, adults who work with preschoolers, children and youth are required to receive training each year. Jenny DePaul, a prevention education specialist, will be leading us in "Child Abuse and Response Training" on Monday, February 23 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., on Monday, April 20 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 9 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. in the media room of the Family Life Center. If you work with minors in any capacity in our church, please choose one of these dates, then contact Paula Durham (233-5332, ext. 209 or paula@earlest.org) to let her know which training session you will be attending.



Don't forget your \$5.00. Just a reminder that this Sunday, February 8th, a WMU representative will be coming into your classroom to explain about our Prisoner Care Package ministry and to ask for a small donation so that we can begin our shopping for the items to be included in the 2009 Christmas Care Packages. Our church puts together 50 care packages, and this past year we were able to assemble those packages for just under \$300.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION

For the past year, I have been blessed to be a part of the wonderful staff and church family here at Earle Street. When God called me here, I accepted the call with great joy and have been abundantly blessed by each of you. Growing up as P.K. taught me so much about God's work and how He calls us to specific places at specific times to perform specific tasks. Then, when our work is done, he sends us elsewhere – not necessarily in our timing or according to our own personal desires. After much prayer and consideration, the Lord has confirmed in my heart that my work here is done. As I wrote this letter of resignation, I could not help but have mixed emotions although I know that I am following God's will. Thank you for letting me be a part of our wonderful church this past year. I will miss you.

Pam May
Ministry Assistant

A note from the Personnel Committee

In the interim, until another ministry assistant can be hired, Joyce Johnson will temporarily resume full-time employment and handle both her current responsibilities and the duties Pam was performing.

From the Minister of Music

- Janice Hinnant

Acolytes—We are making a change in what you do in the service. Now, one of you will light the Christ candle, and the other one will bring in the Bible. If you are going to be absent, please get a sub, and call Kathy Stenhouse and let her know. Also, try to get in place a little earlier so that Kathy can help you with the changes.

Youth Choir & Handbells—We had great rehearsals last week! We are quickly counting down the weeks to the festival. You may pay your balance at any time.

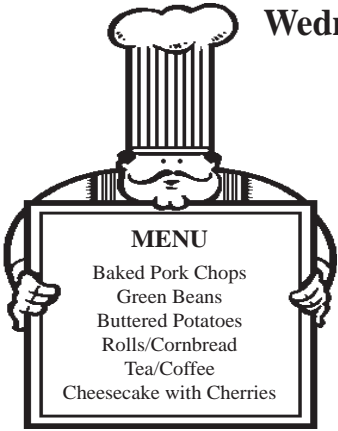
PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES

Nights and Weekends

February 6 - February 12

Janice Hinnant - Phone: 322-0503

Wednesday, February 11



MENU
 Baked Pork Chops
 Green Beans
 Buttered Potatoes
 Rolls/Cornbread
 Tea/Coffee
 Cheesecake with Cherries

Preparation Crew
 Glenna Hipps
 Mark Dorsett
 Kathryn Brooks

Clean-Up Crew
 Jim & Jerry DeYoung
 Robin Dorsett

Cashier
 Betty Kay Gibson

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.

Thank You...

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you for the beautiful silver bracelet you gave me at Stephen's installation service. Whenever I look at it, I will be reminded of the special bond I feel between our family and our church family at Earle Street. From the first day we worshipped here, I felt your arms of love reach out to us in a warm embrace; and you have never let go. The bracelet wrapped around my wrist will remind me of the love that is felt not only by me, but by many others who attend our church. Thank you for loving us not only with beautiful material gifts, but also with loving hearts. The honor of being Stephen's wife and being able to witness this vote of confidence in him from our church was the best gift you could have ever given me. I am thankful to be a part of this loving congregation and grateful to God for giving us the opportunity to walk this journey with you, as all of us strive to be the people that God has called us to be. We feel blessed, humbled, and deeply grateful to God and you for giving us this beautiful place to call "home."
Gratefully, Sylvia Clyborne

Thank you to the Earle Street family who reached out with visits, prayers, meals, and cards during Nelle Bouchillon's illness and death. A special thank you to Stephen, Janice, and Gwen for their wonderful contributions to Mrs. Bouchillon's memorial service.
Martha and Martin Hursey and family

Welcome New Member



Hannah Wassinger

Hannah joined ESBC by profession of faith and baptism on Sunday, February 1, 2009. Hannah's parents, Al & Janie Wassinger, and sister, Elizabeth are also members of ESBC. Hannah's grandparents are Bob & Eleanor Oney.

This Sunday, February 8, 2009

9:00 a.m.

USHERS: Paul Bateman, Eli Cook,
 Al Wassinger, Bryan Tankersley
ACOLYTES: Charley Cook, Jordan Slaybaugh
WORSHIP CARE:
Coordinator: Candy Poole
Preschool A: Helen Hewitt, Fonda Justice
Preschool B and C: Betty Kay Gibson, Lisa Poore
Preschool D, E, and K: Jane & Al Wassinger

11:00 a.m.

USHERS: John McCutcheon, Alan Blackmon, A. D. Harris,
 Jimmy Thompson, Greg Hammond,
 Josh Shugart, & Bryson Blackwell
ACOLYTES: Mason Pearce, Ross Martin
WORSHIP CARE:
Coordinator: Lisa Poore
Preschool A: Judy Camp and Maudie Blackwell
Preschool B and C: Wanda Worrell, TBA
Preschool D, E, and K: Tammy & Lee Dowdy

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Derek Lord
DEACON OF THE WEEK: Joe Brewer
GREETERS: Jackie Peace, Cheri Shumate,
 Jimmy Thompson, Greg Hammond

Christian sympathy is prayerfully extended to...

Keith Anderson and family in the death of his mother, Alberta Anderson.
 Eddie and Noellen Groff and family in the death of Eddie's mother, Maxine Groff.
 Jane Leo, Sara Wise, and family in the death of their grandmother, Geneva Youngblood.
 Bill and Charlotte Lynch, and family in the death of Bill's brother, Frank Lynch.

Earle Street Basketball Schedules

Monday, February 9

ESBC Gym Representative(s): Josh Shugart

| TEAM | TIME | PLACE |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Women | 8:30 pm | ESBC |
| High School Boys | 6:30 pm | Brushy Creek |
| Men Under 30 (Blue) | 6:30 pm | ESBC |
| Men Under 30 (White) | 7:30 pm | ESBC |
| Men Over 30 | 8:30 pm | Mt. Lebanon |

Saturday, February 14*

ESBC Gym Representative(s): Angela Slaybaugh

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

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