

Earle Street Baptist Church



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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*].

SPRING DISCIPLESHIP COURSES AND PRAYER MEETING SERIES



Spring discipleship courses and a new prayer meeting series for adults will begin March 18 and 25. Sign-up sheets are posted outside the associate pastor's office.

Wednesday Options 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

- **Bare Bones Bios: Biographical Sketches of Major Personalities of the Old Testament**
March 18 – May 20 (no class on April 8), 9 sessions
Teacher: Don Kirkland
- **Biblical Stimulus Package: What Christians Believe**
March 25 – May 20 (no class on April 8), 8 sessions
Teacher: Travis Hendley
- **Prayer Meeting: Major Messages from Minor Prophets**
March 18 – May 20 (no prayer meeting on April 8), 9 sessions
Leaders: Marshall Sargent and Stephen Clyborne

Church Conference This Wednesday, March 11 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

agenda items include:

- Recommendation concerning the use of the chiropractor building on Stone Avenue.
- Financial report
- Personnel Committee report on the search for an associate pastor and the staffing plan for ministry assistants
- Report from Missions Cluster about "Operation Inasmuch"
- Report from Discipleship Training Center about Spring discipleship courses

Newcomers Class Continues This Sunday, March 8 for new and prospective church members

Sundays, March 1-29
9:50 – 10:45 a.m. in the Choir Room (Room 306)
If you are a new member or have been considering joining our church, it is not too late to get in on our Newcomers Class. This Sunday, the pastor will be talking about what it means to be a Baptist and how our church cooperates with Baptists locally, nationally, and throughout the world.

Reminder: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8.
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday!

[U.S. News & World Report: 13 Things... About Daylight Saving Time](#)

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



Solo: *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* by Lamar McCarrell, clarinet
Anthem: *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* by the Sanctuary Choir
Scripture: Mark 8:31-38 (focus on verse 34)
Sermon: "Dying to Live" by Stephen Clyborne

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THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 8, 2009 - Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer

- 8:00 am Early Bird Sunday School
- 8:30 am Library Open
- 9:00 am Worship
- 9:50 am Sunday School
Newcomers Class
- 11:00 am Worship
- 3:00 pm Church-wide Shower for Paula (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 4:45 pm Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm Earle Street Ringers Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2009

- 10:00 am - 12:30 pm Ceramics (FLC)
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Weight Watchers (FLC)

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:00 am WMU Groups 1 & 4 Meetings (at the church)
- 10:30 am WMU Group 3 Meeting (Home of Jencie Malphrus)
- 6:30 pm Volleyball (Gym)
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts (FLC)
- 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 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
- 6:30 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

Thursday, March 12, 2009

- 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Mutt's BBQ for Ecuador Youth (Greer)
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, March 14, 2009

- 9:00 am Church-wide Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)



24 Hour Prayer Ministry The *ESBC Prayer Vine* can be activated at all times day or night during emergency situations. You may access contact information for on-call members of this ministry at any time on the church's phone system by calling 233-5332, **ext. 700**.

Sunday, March 8...

HOMEBOUND "CARE" MINISTRY "A" TEAM

Cindy Doolittle Ray Smith
Gene & Margaret Watson Jackie Peace

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Celeste Clyborne Betty McMullan

PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES

Nights and Weekends
March 6 - March 12

Janice Hinnant - Phone: 322-0503

Record for Sunday, March 1, 2009

Attendance

9:00 Worship	134
11:00 Worship	198
Sunday School	261
Sunday School Enrollment	617
(2008-09 Average Sunday School Attendance - 274)	
(Average Sunday School Attendance Goal - 295)	

Operating Budget 2009

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$13,433
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$15,629
Budget Requirements (to date)	\$120,897
Budget Gifts (to date)	\$129,908

Capital Improvement Fund Budget

Weekly CIF Budget Requirement	\$2,885
CIF Budget Gifts (this week)	\$3,175
CIF Budget Requirements (to date)	\$25,965
CIF Budget Gifts (to date)	\$15,459*

*Includes Memorials

Endowment Fund Capital Loan

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

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Alberta Anderson

(Keith Anderson's mother)
John Freeman

In Memory of Anne Godfrey

Otis & Betty Jo Bagwell	Gene Hammond
John L. Casey	Jenny Merck
Kip Gray	Dot Smith

In Memory of Catherine Nash Johns

(Martha Terry's sister)
James Jolley

In Memory of W. A. "Dub" King

Elliott & Shirley Batson	Agnes Masters
Wayne & Dot Davenport	Jenny Merck
Gene Hammond	Dot Smith
Richard & Ora League	XYZ Club

In Memory of W. A. "Dub" and Edith King

Don & Linda Kirkland	Linda McElrath
Terry & Kathy Huggins	

In Memory of Ruth Owings

Dot Smith

In Memory of Ginger Penick

Teresa Ahmad	Don & Linda Kirkland
Elliott & Shirley Batson	Richard & Ora League
Janie & Lee Bradford	Keely McMahan
Kenneth & Diane Buss	Jenny Merck
Ira & Sue Evans	Joe & Joan Payne
Terry & Kathy Huggins	XYZ Club



March 10th: WMU Groups 1 & 4 will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the church. WMU Group 3 will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Jencie Malphrus.

From the Pastor

- Stephen Clyborne

Symbols of Lent - During the season of Lent, you will notice a display table in front of the pulpit in the sanctuary. Each service, another symbol will be added to the table to help us chart our journey toward Easter. The season of Lent began with our Ash Wednesday service, and there is a bowl of ashes on the table to remind us of our sinfulness and mortality. Last Sunday, Marshall's sermon focused on the dark night in Gethsemane when Jesus prayed that the cup would pass from Him. So there is now a cup on the table to remind us of our need to surrender our wills to the will of God. This Sunday in worship, we will focus on the invitation of Christ to take up our own crosses and follow Him. And we will add to the display table a wooden cross, hand crafted by Monroe Cox. In addition, Monroe has hand crafted over 400 wooden crosses so that we will all be able to take up a cross and carry it with us as a reminder of our commitment to follow Jesus.

Discipleship Classes - I hope you will sign up soon for one of our Spring discipleship classes. See the list on the front page of this newsletter. These classes offer us an opportunity to go deeper in our faith and help us become more responsible followers of Jesus. You don't have to pre-register, of course; but if you can, it sure does help us as we prepare materials for the new term.

Survey - Please remember to turn in your survey if you have not already. I want to hear from as many church members as possible. Additional copies of the survey are available in the bulletin racks outside the sanctuary, and I would like to have all of them by March 15. You may place your completed survey on the tray in the church office/work room, or in the wall tray outside my office.

Operation Inasmuch - This is a one-day community missions blitz on Saturday May 16, in which we are seeking to involve every person in our church (from preschoolers through senior adults) in some kind of mission project. Whatever your gifts, and whatever your limitations, there is a way for you to become involved. Come to the meeting on Sunday, March 15 at 4 p.m. in room 301, or contact Norma Green. God has been so good to our church. This is one good way to be good stewards of God's many blessings to us.

Recreation:



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!

From the Minister of Youth

- Lucy Wilkinson

March 8 - SS 9th-10th Grade: led by Jenice Pleasant

March 11 - Bible Study: "Faithfulness" led by Mark Dorsett and Libby Young

March 12 - Come eat at **Mutt's in Greer** on Thursday, March 12th from 5-8 p.m. to support the youth going to Ecuador this summer. They will receive 10% of all sales and all tips.

March Money Madness- Perfect attendance (with the help of excused notes) during the month of March for Wednesday night youth, Sunday School and Sunday Worship will earn you \$30 towards the trip of your choice. Please turn in all excused notes to Debbie Goodson.



From the Minister of Music

- Janice Hinnant

Youth Choir & Handbells—We are quickly counting down the weeks to the festival. Remember, if you have more than two unexcused absences, you will not be allowed to go to the festival. You should have received a letter from me concerning your balance for the trip, which you may pay at any time.

Our own **Candace Dickinson** will be giving a voice recital on Monday, March 9th, 7:30 p.m. at the Governor's School for the Arts. This will be a **FREE** event for the public. Make plans to come hear a wonderful evening of music!



We are trying to start a Girl Scout program at

ESBC. Parents of girls ages 5 - 17 interested in being

a part of this exciting program, please contact

Joe Jones at 271-8884, <jjones7007@aol.com> or

Tammy Dowdy at 271-6439, <leedowdy@bellsouth.net>.

If you have Girl Scout experience or want to be a leader, please contact us, too.



IT'S HERE!

Church-wide Prayer Breakfast

at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 14, 2009

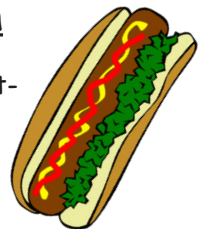
Sponsored by : ESBC Prayer Team

Please make reservations with Ray Gray at

232-1914 by Wednesday, March 11th.

Come enjoy a hot dog lunch

on Sunday, March 15th. All proceeds from this lunch will go towards supporting the youth who will be attending SeeSalt at Myrtle Beach this summer. Take-out begins at 11 a. m. and the sit-down lunch begins at 12 p.m.



RA Racer Event

This year, the RAs have coordinated their own race event with the Boy Scouts' Pinewood Derby race. The RAs will race the cars they have made on Saturday, March 7, in the fellowship hall at 9:00 AM. A big thank you goes to Joe Jones for helping make this RA Racer event work!

This Sunday, March 8, 2009

9:00 a.m.

USHERS: Paul Bateman, Eli Cook,
Al Wassinger, Bryan Tankersley

ACOLYTES: Porter Dowdy, Davis Huggins

WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Judy Camp

Preschool A: Paula Durham & Harry Hayes

Preschool B and C: Leah & Jason Tankersley

Preschool D, E, and K: Jane Leo, Ryder Martin

11:00 a.m.

USHERS: John McCutcheon, Kevin Hinnant, A. D. Harris,
Jimmy Thompson, Greg Hammond, Josh Shugart, Bryson Blackwell

ACOLYTES: Ross MacKenzie, Mason Pearce

WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Maudie Blackwell

Preschool A: Noellen & Stephanie Groff

Preschool B and C: Meredith & Bill Smith

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

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

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Grant Wooten

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Neil Collier

GREETERS: Jackie Peace, Cheri Shumate,
Greg Hammond, Jimmy Thompson

Thank You...

To my Earle Street church family:

Your many expressions of love and concern over these past days are deeply appreciated and will not be forgotten.

Love, *Bill Penick & Family*

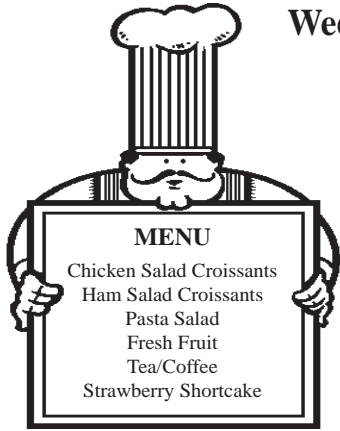
Thank you for helping us to honor Mrs. Betty Bedenbaugh at the Celebrate "Miss" Betty event on Wednesday evening. To further honor Mrs. Betty, the WMU of Earle Street Baptist Church would like to dedicate this season of prayer and the monies collected for the Annie Armstrong Offering to Betty Bedenbaugh in honor of the life of service that she and her husband, Charles, led as missionaries in Tanzania. We usually set a church-wide goal for the various offerings that the WMU helps to collect for missions; but this year, we just ask that you give in honor of Betty, and give whatever you feel led to give. Special offering envelopes will be in the pew pockets for the Annie Armstrong Offering until the end of March. All monies collected will be sent to the North American Mission Board in honor of Betty Bedenbaugh, a well-known name with the mission board, and a beloved person to all of us who know her.

-ESBC WMU

"Collections Corner"

The new "Collections Corner" is now ready and is our one-stop drop-off spot for all of you who assist with the various ministries of our church such as the Eastside Crisis Center, Camp Marietta, The Ronald McDonald House, The Washington Center, and many other organizations that receive supplies and funding through the items collected by our congregation. The Eastside Crisis Center is a year-round ministry always in need of non-perishable food items. Place these items in the baskets located below the shelf and they will be delivered to the Eastside Crisis Center in a timely manner.

Wednesday, March 11



Preparation Crew

Lori Stenhouse
Ramona Kyall
Mary Elizabeth Blalock

Clean-Up Crew

Becky Bridges
David Bridges

Cashier

Sally Clark

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.



VBS 2009, "Crocodile Dock"

Mark your calendars, our 2009 Vacation Bible School will be June 15-18, 6-8 pm.

Begin praying now about how you can help during this special week for our church and community.



Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 8th are given by the family of Jean Mundy, whose memorial service was Saturday, March 7, 2009.

March Flower Coordinator: Sylvia Clyborne

Christian sympathy is prayerfully extended to...

Harry and Celeste Clyborne and family in the death of Celeste's aunt, Laura Chovan.

David and Pam Dunlap and family in the death of Pam's mother, Jane Hoffman.

David and Anne Wyatt and family in the death of David's grandfather, Robert Sanford Woodlief.

Welcome New Member



James Sheppard
513 Black Snake Rd.
Easley, SC 29640
Phone: 864-855-7178

James joined ESBC on Sunday, March 1, 2009 by promise of letter from Rock Springs Baptist.

HONORARIUMS

In Honor of **Caroline Elizabeth King and William Alvin King, III**
Linda McElrath

IN MEMORIAM

Jean Mundy
September 11, 1950 - February 27, 2009