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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 COURSE AND PRAYER MEETING SERIES Begin This Wednesday, March 18 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

- *Bare Bones Bios: Biographical Sketches of Major Personalities of the Old Testament*
Teacher: Don Kirkland
Room 301
- Prayer Meeting: *Major Messages from Minor Prophets*
Leaders: Marshall Sargent and Stephen Clyborne
Sanctuary

On Wednesday, March 25,
another discipleship course will begin:

- *Biblical Stimulus Package: What Christians Believe*
Teacher: Travis Hendley
Room 204

IT'S HERE!

Church-wide Prayer Breakfast

at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

This Saturday, March 14, 2009

Sponsored by : ESBC Prayer Team

Come enjoy a
hot dog lunch



this 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.
Adult Plate: \$5 Child Plate: \$3

Newcomers Class Continues This Sunday, March 15 for new and prospective church members

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, March 15, our pastor will discuss the mission, ministries, organizational structure, and budget of Earle Street Baptist Church.



Join us this Sunday, March 15 ~ 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Pocket Change Sunday)

Solo: *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* by Candace Dickinson
Anthem: *In This House of Worship* by the Sanctuary Choir
Scripture: John 2:13-22
Sermon: **“Making a Home for God”** by Stephen Clyborne

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THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, March 15, 2009

- 8:00 am Early Bird Sunday School
- 8:30 am Library Open
- 9:00 am Worship - Pocket Change/Children's Church/P.W.C †
- 9:50 am Sunday School
Newcomers Class
- 11:00 am Worship - Pocket Change/Children's Church/P.W.C †
- 11:00 am - 2:00 pm SeeSalt Hot Dog Fund-raiser Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 3:30 pm Preschool Council (Conference Room)
- 4:00 pm Children's Council (Conference Room)
Operation Inasmuch Meeting (Room 301)
Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 4:30 pm New Christians Class (Preschool Dept.)
- 4:45 pm Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Scrapbook of Quilt Project Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 pm Earle Street Ringers Rehearsal

Monday, March 16, 2009

- 10:00 am - 12:30 pm Ceramics (FLC)
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Weight Watchers (FLC)
- 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm LaLeche Class (Room 202)
- 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm WINGS (Room 301)
Volleyball (Gym)
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts (FLC)

Wednesday, March 18, 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
- 6:30 pm Adults: DTC 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
Gym Closed

Thursday, March 19, 2009

- 5:30 pm Couples Night Out (Ryan's on Laurens Rd.)
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, March 20, 2009

- 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary & F. Hall Reserved)

Saturday, March 21, 2009

- 2:00 pm Durham/Hayes Wedding (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)

† P.W.C. - Preteen Worship Club

Sunday, March 15...

HOMEBOUND "CARE" MINISTRY "R" TEAM

Joe & Joanne Cothran Leigh Stenhouse
Ray & Frances Gray Nancy Whitehurst
Jim & Virginia Mann

PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES

Nights and Weekends
March 13 - March 19

Stephen Clyborne - Phone: 627-0238

Record for Sunday, March 8, 2009

Attendance

9:00 Worship	112
11:00 Worship	220
Sunday School	271
Sunday School Enrollment	618
(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)	\$15,238
Budget Requirements (to date)	\$134,330
Budget Gifts (to date)	\$145,146

Capital Improvement Fund Budget

Weekly CIF Budget Requirement	\$2,885
CIF Budget Gifts (this week)	\$1,687
CIF Budget Requirements (to date)	\$28,850
CIF Budget Gifts (to date)	\$17,146*

*Includes Memorials

Endowment Fund Capital Loan

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

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Nelle Bouchillon (Martha Hursey's mother)
Clara Campbell Annie Mae Clark

In Memory of Roy Clyborne (Harry Clyborne's brother)
Jimmy & Mary Wayne Slice

In Memory of Anne Godfrey
Kevin Gray Bill & Pat Hendrix
Helen Henderson Sid & Claudia Major

In Memory of Catherine Nash Johns (Martha Terry's sister)
Marian Bramlett Bert & Lib Buchanan

In Memory of W. A. "Dub" King
Marian Bramlett Clara Campbell
John & Ann Cook Brumley Ray & Frances Gray
Mattie Ouzts

In Memory of Jean Mundy
Ernest & Beth Frierson Ray & Frances Gray
Martin & Martha Hursey
Welcome All God's Children Sunday School Class
WMU Group 3 XYZ Club

In Memory of Ruth Owings
Clara Campbell

In Memory of Ginger Penick
Bert & Lib Buchanan Jim & Jane Morrison
Clara Campbell Jimmy & Mary Wayne Slice
Becky Donald Curtis & Janet Smith
Charles & Shirley Hinson Jerry & Bobbie Wynn

We are creating

a scrapbook to accompany the quilt project.

Anyone interested in helping with the scrapbook, please meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, March 15th, at 4:45. If you are interested and cannot attend the meeting, please contact Debbie Goodson a 607-3109 or e-mail at <iscrap116@bellsouth.net>.

From the Pastor

- Stephen Clyborne

In recent weeks, I have been amazed at the strength of your support for the church, especially in terms of your attendance and giving. I realize that the work of God can never be reduced to numbers and statistics; but I do believe that your presence and your offerings are strong indicators of your commitment to the church of the Lord and the Lord of the church.

Please set aside time each day to pray for the Personnel Committee as they begin the process of searching for a permanent, full-time associate pastor. It is an enormous responsibility to sort through resumes, interview candidates, and search for God's will for our church. This ministry position will be crucial as we clarify our dreams and establish our goals for the future. So please join us in prayer that the will of God will become clear to the committee and eventually to the church.

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 this Sunday, 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 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 this Sunday, March 15 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.



The deacons voted that no other activities will be held at the church during the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, so that all members can attend these Holy Week services.

Couples' Night Out



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

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

Please make reservations or cancellations by calling Alver & Pete Maheras at 233-1047.

From the Minister of Youth

- Lucy Wilkinson

March 15 - SS 9th-10th Grade: led by Joyce Harris

March 18 - Bible Study: "Gentleness" led by Joe Brewer and Susan Brewer

March 22 - Youth Lunch at Puerto Vallarta at Cherrydale.

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 - You need to pay the balance of your trip to Festival By the Sea this Sunday, March 15. Please make sure you take care of that as soon as possible.

From the Minister to

Preschoolers and Children - Paula Durham

Happy March Birthday! Preschoolers and children (ages 3 & up) and their teachers who have a birthday in March are invited to a brief celebration with Ms. Paula on Sunday, March 15 at 9:50 a.m. in her office. Be sure to join us before Sunday School to celebrate your special day!

New Christians Class - we will have our last meeting this Sunday, March 15 at 4:30 in the Children's Department.

Children's Church (1st - 4th graders) and Preteen Worship Club (5th graders) will be this Sunday, March 15 following Pocket Change Offering.

Note to Parents: Please make sure there is an adult in the room before letting your child go into a preschool or children's classroom. Please do not let your children "hang out" in any classroom unsupervised. This is for your child's safety and to help keep our supplies, furniture and toys in good shape.

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!

Form a team of 4 and participate in the **St. Francis Mud Run** on Saturday, May 2nd! Teams cost \$100 each to enter and all money goes to Goodwill and Toys for Tots. Last year, the youth group entered a total of 9 teams and our goal is to enter at least 12 teams church wide. You can do the 4 mile mud obstacle course at your own pace; it's all about donating money to a good cause and getting muddier than you have been since your elementary school days!

If you are interested, your money is due to Lucy by Easter Sunday (April 12th).



Collections Corner

Labels we are collecting in the Collections Corner are those from Campbell's branded products (only the UPC symbols are needed) for the Washington Center right here in Greenville.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Together, we can pray for our North American missionaries, give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, and work alongside our Southern Baptist missionaries to do our part to sow the gospel in our own communities. Offering envelopes will be available in the pew pockets through the month of March. Remember, that this year our collective church-wide offering is going to be given in honor of Betty Bedenbaugh.

This Sunday, March 15, 2009

9:00 a.m.

USHERS: Paul Bateman, Tom Whitehurst,
Elliot Batson, Grant Wooten

ACOLYTES: Jordan Stanley, Charley Cook

WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Judy Camp

Preschool A: Susan & Joe Brewer

Preschool B and C: Lib King, Morgan Bateman

Preschool D, E, and K: Christina & Bryan Tankersley

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Paige Stanley, Kathy Stenhouse

11:00 a.m.

USHERS: Jim Woods, Herbert Knight, David Wyatt,
John Gerwig, Pete Maheras, Alver Maheras, Bryson Blackwell

ACOLYTES: Faron Justice, Michael Walker

WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Maudie Blackwell

Preschool A: Jerry DeYoung, Maudie Blackwell

Preschool B and C: Anne Wyatt, Amie Groff

Preschool D, E, and K: Becky Bridges, Howell Clyborne

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jane Leo, Noellen Groff

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

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Eddy Leo

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Mike Cook

GREETERS: Mary Beth Young, Russell Young,
Kristen Taylor, Zack Taylor



WINGS will be meeting Tuesday,
March 17th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 301.

Blaun Bennett will be leading the
discussion of our Bible study lesson

from Philippians. This is a great time of prayer, fellowship and Bible study for women of all ages. If you have not experienced a time of renewal lately, join in and experience a great time of support and encouragement. Childcare is provided by contacting Paula Durham.



KINDERGARTEN

Summer Playhouse 2009

A Summer Preschool Weekday
Program sponsored by Earle Street
Baptist Child Enrichment Ministry.

Join us for a "dramatic" summer of fun and learning.

Session 1: June 8 - July 2

Session 2: July 6 - July 30

Cost: \$165 per session for 4 days/week

\$130 per session for 3 days/week

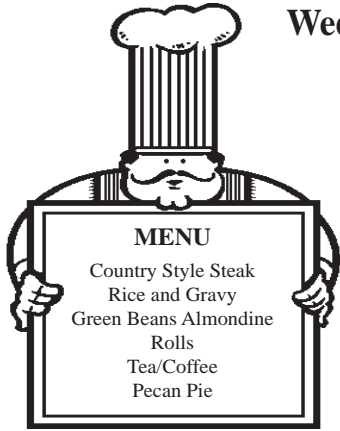
\$100 per session for 2 days/week

Summer registration form and \$50 deposit are due by April 2. After April 2, we will decide how many summer classes are needed based on registration. Additional spaces will then be available on a first come, first serve basis until classes are full.

For more information, contact Paula Durham or
Faye Homesley at 233-5332, ext. 209 or
< paula@ESBCgreenville.org >.

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Wednesday, March 18



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.

Stained Glass

If you ordered a single window pane (not the commemorative pane, and not an entire section of panes), please come by the Fellowship Hall **this Saturday, March 14** from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. to pick it up.



A big thank you to the following men, dubbed "the Wrecking Crew", who worked last Saturday deconstructing and distributing the old stained glass windows: Grant Wooten, George Muckenfuss, Joe Bennett, Bill Lynch, Ron Bridwell, and Bob Walker. Many, many thanks for their hard work!

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Helen Jennings Betty McMullan Steve Rice

Welcome New Members



David & Lynn Clyborne
10 Hawks Perch Way
Simpsonville, SC 29681
Phone: 864-458-9050

David and Lynn joined ESBC on
Sunday, March 8, 2009 by promise of
letter from First Baptist Greenville.

HONORARIUM

In Honor of Jo Ann Oswell, Noellen Groff, Kelly Pleasant
Maria DeZern

IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth (Ken) R. Lumpkin
August 15, 1962 - March 9, 2009

Ruth Owings
February 19, 1906 - February 25, 2009