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## Earle Street Baptist Church



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GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29609

## 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*].



### NEW SPRING DISCIPLESHIP COURSE Begins This Wednesday, March 25 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

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

#### It's not too late to get in on the other Wednesday evening options for adults:

This Wednesday, March 25, from 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

### New ! Preschool Welcome Center *See details on page 2.*



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

Tuesday, March 24, 2009  
in the Fellowship Hall

**11:00 am Program:** Ronnie Sox, Minister of Music from Brushy Creek 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.

### Newcomers Class Continues This Sunday, March 22 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 22, our pastor will discuss how you can become more involved in the mission and ministries of our church.

### Join us this Sunday, March 22 ~ 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

(11:00 only): Prelude & Offertory by guest violin students  
Reading: Teri Lewis, Cecily Young, & Rob Traywick  
Anthem: *Father of Light* by the Sanctuary Choir  
Scripture: John 3:14-21  
Sermon: "Darkness and Light" by Stephen Clyborne



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## THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, March 22, 2009

- 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
- 12:00 noon Youth Lunch (Mexican Restaurant at Cherrydale)
- 2:00 pm PR Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 4:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 4:45 pm Youth Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm Earle Street Ringers Rehearsal

### Monday, March 23, 2009

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

### Tuesday, March 24, 2009

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:00 am XYZ Club (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm Gideons (Fellowship Hall)  
Volleyball (Gym)
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts (FLC)

### Wednesday, March 25, 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 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 26, 2009

- 11:30 am Lunch Bunch (Applebee's near Haywood Rd.)

### Friday, March 27, 2009

- 2:00 pm Youth leave for Festival By The Sea

### Saturday, March 28, 2009

- 11:00 am - 2:00 pm FLC Reserved (Wilson)
- 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm Toastmasters International (Fellowship Hall)

## HONORARIUM

**In Honor of Jim Hudson**  
Friendship Sunday School Class

### Sunday, March 22...

#### HOMEBOUND "CARE" MINISTRY

#### "E" TEAM

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

#### PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES

Nights and Weekends  
March 20 - March 26  
Janice Hinnant - Phone: 322-0503

### Record for Sunday, March 15, 2009

#### Attendance

9:00 Worship .....	139
11:00 Worship .....	198
Sunday School .....	296
Sunday School Enrollment .....	618
(2008-09 Average Sunday School Attendance - 275)	
(Average Sunday School Attendance Goal - 295)	

#### Operating Budget 2009

Weekly Budget Requirements .....	\$13,433
Budget Gifts (this week) .....	\$18,976
Budget Requirements (to date) .....	\$147,763
Budget Gifts (to date) .....	\$164,122

#### Capital Improvement Fund Budget

Weekly CIF Budget Requirement .....	\$2,885
CIF Budget Gifts (this week) .....	\$3,255
CIF Budget Requirements (to date) .....	\$31,735
CIF Budget Gifts (to date) .....	\$20,401*

\*Includes Memorials

#### Endowment Fund Capital Loan

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

## New in the Library

Heart & Soul by Binchy,  
The Mighty Queens of Freeville by Dickinson,  
Grace at Low Tide by Hart,  
Chasing Fireflies by Martin,  
When Crickets Cry by Martin,  
Never Give Up by Meyer,  
Time is a River by Monroe,  
Become a Better You by Osteen,  
Crossroads by Plain,  
Bound South by White,  
Fireside by Wiggs



### *Preschool Welcome Center*

#### *Volunteers Needed*

The Preschool Department at ESBC provides a loving, Christian foundation for our precious preschoolers. We also work to provide the safest and most welcoming facility for our children and guests. In order to make our first floor even more inviting for our preschoolers and guests with preschoolers, we are implementing the Preschool Welcome Center beginning on Sunday, April 5. This check-in center for guests with preschoolers will be located on the first floor hallway. Our goal is to have three volunteers in place each Sunday, one volunteer for each worship service and one for the Sunday School hour. This person would be responsible for greeting guests and would serve as a constant presence. We are looking for volunteers once a quarter in either the 9:00 service, Sunday School, or the 11:00 service. If you would be willing to serve our preschoolers and guests in this capacity, please contact Paula Durham (233-5332, ext. 209 or [paula@esbcgreenville.org](mailto:paula@esbcgreenville.org)).

## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Betty McMullan     Steve Rice     Nancy Wright

## From the Pastor

- Stephen Clyborne

**“And the survey said . . .”** - Thank you to everyone who turned in a survey. You responded with grace as I expected that you would. I have read every survey with great interest and value your wisdom and insights. In the weeks and months to come, I will be sharing a summary of your responses (not specific comments or names of respondents) with church leaders as we prayerfully consider who we are and where we are going. For now, I can tell you that there have been two themes that have emerged from the results of the survey. First, most people seem to be very satisfied with the identity, worship style, and mission involvement of our church and do not want the church to change in its essential character or style. But that satisfaction is not to be confused with complacency. Your responses showed an incredible measure of openness to finding new and creative ways to be the same kind of church - - to do the same things we are doing now, only do them better and more effectively. The second theme was **PARKING**. We need more of it. Research consistently shows that two P's are essential to church growth: preschool and parking. We have recently renovated our preschool space and are reaching more young families with preschoolers. Soon, we will be paving the grassy lot next to the Scout Building (see below), but that lot is already available for parking. **We are asking every able-bodied church member to use that grassy lot and park as far away from the church building as possible to reserve the closer parking spaces for senior adults and guests.** I hope to see many of you lead by example and show consideration for those who are new to Earle Street and those who are not able to walk long distances.

**Scout Building** - Recently, the church voted to begin using the building on Stone Avenue (first leased to an engineering firm and then to a chiropractor) for ministry and mission space, rather than rental space. The space will be used primarily by the Scouts, but will also be open to other church-related groups who might need that space. If you have questions concerning the use of that building, please contact Joe Jones.

New Mailing Address for: **Nancy Wright**  
c/o Reid House  
117 Dodd Street  
Wellford, SC 29385



### 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.

## From the Minister of Youth

- Lucy Wilkinson

March 22 - SS 9th-10th Grade: led by Jenice Pleasant  
March 22 - Youth Lunch at Puerto Vallarta at Cherrydale.  
March 25 - Bible Study: "Self-Control" led by Rob Traywick and Angela Slaybaugh

**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** -- This Sunday, March 22, is the final day to pay your balance for Festival By The Sea. We will leave on Friday, March 27, at 2:00 pm, and we will return on Sunday, March 29, around 4:00 pm. You will need money for three meals, plus bring your own breakfast food and snacks.

## From the Minister to Preschoolers and Children - Paula Durham

**Flashlight Egg Hunt** - For children in grades 1-5. Friday, April 3, 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Join us for a new kind of "egg"cellent adventure. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a flashlight and a plastic grocery bag for your eggs. For more information, contact Ms. Paula (233-5332, ext.209 or paula@ESBCgreenville.org).

**Community Egg Hunt** - For preschoolers and their families. Saturday, April 4, 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be egg hunts for 3 age divisions, face painting, goodies, and a special guest. Invite your friends and neighbors. There is no need to sign up to come, but there will be sign-up sheets for parents to bring snacks for our fun morning. For more information, contact Paula Durham (233-5332, ext. 209 or paula@ESBCgreenville.org).

## Recreation:

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

Don't toss that soda can into the trash or the recycle bin until you remove the tab-top. The WMU has been collecting tab-tops from soda cans to benefit our local Ronald McDonald House for several years. Our collections can now has a permanent home at the Collections Corner - just outside of the Library on the second floor. So, along with those soup labels, save your tab-tops, bring them into the collections corner, and the WMU will make sure that they get to the Ronald McDonald House.



## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

100% of the monies given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering go to support the North American Missions Board (NAMB). The primary responsibility of NAMB is to assist Southern Baptist churches in reaching the United States, Canada, and their territories with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Jewell Sheffield**

April 6, 1915 - March 13, 2009

*Christian sympathy is prayerfully extended to...*

Lenwood and Jean Cochran and family in the death of Lenwood's sister, Reba Moore of Portland, Maine.

## MEMORIALS

### In Memory of Anne Godfrey

Fellowship Sunday School Class Helen Tedards  
Rob & Holly Traywick

### In Memory of W. O. & Mittsy Groce

Otis Gorman

### In Memory of Catherine Nash Johns (Martha Terry's sister)

Joe & Joanne Cothran Ray & Frances Gray

### In Memory of W. A. "Dub" King

Joe & Joanne Cothran Fellowship Sunday School Class  
Helen Tedards Rob & Holly Traywick

### In Memory of W. A. & Edith King

Al & Janie Wassinger Mr. & Mrs. Larry Winslow

### In Memory of Cecil Leavitt

Donna Price

### In Memory of Ken Lumpkin

Ban Anderson	Gene Hammond
Marian Bramlett	Frances Horn
Bert & Elizabeth Buchanan	Bill & Peggy Jett
Paige Caraway	Mabel Ledford
Lenwood & Jean Cochran	Jenny Merck
Joe & Joanne Cothran	Suzanne Stevenson
Wayne & Dot Davenport	Rob & Holly Traywick
William & Syble Evins	Jean Tuten
WMU Group 1	

### In Memory of Jean Mundy

Bert & Elizabeth Buchanan	Marian B. Hayes
Sally Clark	Parham & Dodson LLC
Eileen Culbreth	Bobby & Lorraine Shealy
Gene Hammond	Rob & Holly Traywick

### In Memory of Ruth Owings

Fellowship Sunday School Class Helen Tedards

### In Memory of Ginger Penick

Carol Ackley	Freeland & Associates
Joe & Joanne Cothran	Carol Poole
Marilyn Evans	Helen Tedards
Al & Janie Wassinger	

### Friends at Georgetown College:

Barbara Beckett, Suzanne & Robert Creswell, Marcella Hill, Linda & Allen Knight, Jill Ervin, Shirley & Sam Davis, Ramona Whaley

### In Memory of Jewell Sheffield

Helen Tedards

### In Memory of George Smith

Morice Smith

**This Sunday, March 22, 2009**

**9:00 a.m.**

**USHERS:** Paul Bateman, Bill Poe,  
Chris Barras, Kevin Hinnant

**ACOLYTES:** Jake French, Zoie Poole

**WORSHIP CARE:**

**Coordinator:** Judy Camp

**Preschool A:** Helen Hewitt, Joree Ouzts

**Preschool B and C:** Betty Kay Gibson, Lisa Poore

**Preschool D, E, and K:** Jane & Al Wassinger

**11:00 a.m.**

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

**ACOLYTES:** Caroline Major, Ann Clyborne

**WORSHIP CARE:**

**Coordinator:** Maudie Blackwell

**Preschool A:** Judy Camp, Sara Worrell

**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:** Mark Dorsett

**GREETERS:** Jackie Peace, Jan Hubble,  
Sharon Murphy, Sally Clark



**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**.

*Thank You...*

Dear Earle Street Family,

Your sympathy and prayers during this difficult time bring us comfort and peace knowing Anne Godfrey is at home with the Lord and her husband, Wade. Your kindness shown in the delicious and bountiful feast as well as the beautiful peace lily plant will long be remembered by our family.

The Earle Street Family will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

*-The Godfrey Family*

**Wednesday, March 25**

### Preparation Crew

Lori Stenhouse

Ramona Kyall

Mary Elizabeth Blalock

### Clean-Up Crew

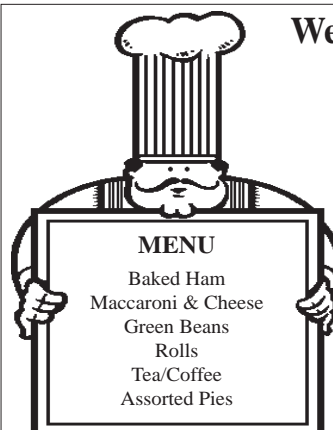
Becky Bridges

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.