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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*].



The Crucifixion

It's Friday...

Join us for our Good Friday Tenebrae Service
April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Dedication of Stained Glass Window: The Crucifixion

Tenebrae means "shadows." The service begins with full light. As each of the seven sayings of Jesus from the cross is read, the darkness increases, symbolizing the consequences of human sin, the abandonment, and the darkness of Calvary. The service music will involve soloists and the Sanctuary Choir. At the end of the service, after the final reading ("Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!") And having said this, He breathed His last.", the Christ candle will be extinguished, and we will leave the sanctuary in darkness.

But Sunday's coming...

Join us for our Easter Sunday Services
April 12 at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Dedication of Stained Glass Window: The Resurrection

Anthem by Sanctuary Choir: *Come, Proclaim the Victory*

Solo by Janice Hinnant: *They Could Not*

Sermon by Stephen Clyborne: "Believing What We Cannot Understand"

Scripture: John 20:1-18



The Decorations Committee will again have a flowering cross in front of the church on Easter morning. Please bring flowers to place on the cross before worship that day.



The Resurrection

Photos: courtesy of Bill Lynch

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009

- 8:00 am Early Bird Sunday School
- 8:30 am Library Open
- 9:00 am Worship
- 9:50 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:00 pm Women's Basketball Practice

Monday, April 13, 2009

- Church Office Closed
- 10:00 am Ceramics (FLC)
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Weight Watchers (FLC)

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

- 9:30 am Staff ACS Training (All Day)
- 10:00 am WMU Groups 1 & 4 Meetings (at church)
- 10:30 am WMU Group 3 Meeting (home of Glenna Hipps)
- 6:30 pm Volleyball (Gym)
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts (FLC)
- 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 15, 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: 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
- 8:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved (Youth Yard Sale)

Thursday, April 16, 2009

- 2:00 pm Youth Yard Sale (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:30 pm Couples Night Out (Harbor Inn)
- 6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Friday, April 17, 2009

- 7:00 am Youth Yard Sale (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, April 18, 2009

- 7:00 am Youth Yard Sale (Fellowship Hall)

MEMORIALS

In Memory of W. A. "Dub" King
Larry McElrath

In Memory of Ken Lumpkin
Pat & Carole Phillips

In Memory of Ginger Penick
Faye Jay

In Memory of Catherine Nash Jones (Martha Terry's sister)
Faye Jay

In Memory of Ray Malone (Eleanor Oney's brother)
Marian Bramlett

HONORARIUM

In Honor of Betty Bedenbaugh
Joe & Joanne Cothran

Record for Sunday, April 5, 2009

Attendance

9:00 Worship	147
11:00 Worship	204
Sunday School	243
Sunday School Enrollment	614
(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)	\$20,088
Budget Requirements (to date)	\$188,062
Budget Gifts (to date)	\$211,284

Capital Improvement Fund Budget

Weekly CIF Budget Requirement	\$2,885
CIF Budget Gifts (this week)	\$2,285
CIF Budget Requirements (to date)	\$40,390
CIF Budget Gifts (to date)	\$26,602*

*Includes Memorials

Endowment Fund Capital Loan

Capital Loan from Endowment Fund	\$250,000
Loan Balance (to date)	\$232,311

The Yard Sale will be open to church members on Thursday, April 16th from 4-8 p.m. The sale will be open to the public on Friday, the 17th and Saturday, the 18th from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. We will also have a hot dog lunch and carwash on Saturday. Make sure to stop by!

Please bring donations to the "dungeon." Call Diane McKelvey for assistance or to schedule a pick-up if needed (982-2071). Thank you!



If you think you may have left anything in our kitchen . . .

please come by the kitchen this week and claim your lost item.

Any item that does not belong to the church will be donated to the youth yard sale, so be sure to claim your lost item before April 15.

Thank You...

We are so thankful for our church family, especially during this time of our deep sorrow in the loss of our precious son, Ken. You have been so generous in so many ways. Special thanks to Dr. Clyborne for his support and to all of you who remembered us with food, flowers, cards, calls, and especially your prayers.

Sincerely, *Kathleen and Ed Lumpkin and family*

How blessed I am to be a part of such a loving church family! Thank you for the many ways you blessed me during my hospital stay.

Celeste Clyborne

From the Pastor

- Stephen Clyborne

One of my favorite preachers, Fred Craddock, refers to Palm Sunday as "false Easter," getting the idea from the expression "false Spring." False Spring is when the sun comes out for several days and the ground is warmed, so that the flowers begin to push their way up through the soil. Fresh new buds appear on the trees; and when you look out the window, hungry robins have descended upon your lawn searching for worms. "We made it through another winter," you think to yourself. "We can put away the heavy jackets and the gloves. Spring has arrived."

And then, from somewhere out of Canada comes a blast of cold air. The temperature suddenly drops and the weather forecasters start talking about the possibility of snow again. You look out the window, and the robins are gone. The buds on the trees turn brown and the flowers all wilt. You go back into the closet and pull out the heavy jackets and the gloves, because it wasn't really Spring at all. It was "false Spring."

Craddock suggests that Palm Sunday was like that. Last Sunday, we had glorious, joyful music. The children and choir came into the sanctuary waving their palm branches while we lifted our voices in praise to Christ: "All glory, laud and honor to Jesus Christ the king." As the choir sang, "Hosanna in the highest," it sounded a lot like Easter.

But as the events of this Holy Week have reminded us, just a few days later, there was a cold blast from the centers of power in Jerusalem - - both religious and political. The nights suddenly grew dark and lonely. One of Jesus' friends betrayed Him, another denied Him, and the rest ended up forsaking Him. The crowds which once shouted "hosanna" to the King, gave way to crowds which shouted, "Crucify Him!" Palm Sunday was "false Easter."

But this Sunday is the real Easter. The cold, dark night of Winter is finally over, and morning has come. Come celebrate with us this Sunday. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!



QUILTING PROJECT

This week, you should have received a letter from our pastor asking you to submit a piece of fabric for our congregational quilt. Don't forget to make the piece of fabric the right size, and enclose the fabric, the explanation form, and a photograph in a zip-lock bag. Someone from the Quilting Team will be in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday morning before and after Sunday School, and each Wednesday evening during dinner to receive your contributions. We would like to receive all contributions by April 26 if possible.

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, 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 Hayes (233-5332, ext. 209 or paula@ESBCgreenville.org) to let her know which training session you will be attending.

From the Minister of Music

- Janice Hinnant

Youth Choir & Handbells - We will not rehearse this Sunday because of Easter, but we will be back on track on Sunday, April 19. See you then!

Earle Street Ringers - We will not rehearse again until April 19. Enjoy your break, but be ready to work when we get back!

Young Musicians - Please make sure you are at your Wednesday rehearsals so you can be prepared for the musical. Also, there are two extra rehearsals - Sunday, April 19 & 26, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Please mark these on your calendar!

From the Minister of Youth

- Lucy Wilkinson

Ecuador - \$250 is due to Lucy by this Sunday, April 12th, which will bring your amount paid to \$1,550.

Yard Sale - Make sure to sign up with Diane McKelvey for a 4-hour shift to work.

High School Proms - Stop by the church any time on April 25th between 5-6 p.m. for your prom pictures.



VBS 2009, "Crocodile Dock"

Our 2009 Vacation Bible School will be June 15-18, 6-8 pm.

Our VBS Leadership Team will meet April 19th at 4:30 p.m.



Mobilizing Believers In Their Community
- Matthew 25:40

A one-day community missions blitz

Saturday, May 16

Breakfast/Rally at 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Projects begin at 9:00 a.m.

PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD ON THE THIRD FLOOR ACROSS FROM THE ELEVATOR TO SIGN UP FOR THE PROJECT OF YOUR CHOICE. Regardless of your limitations, there is something for you to do. We want to get everyone (preschoolers, children, youth, and adults) in our church involved in some kind of mission project that day. Remember, Jesus said, "Inasmuch as you have done it for the least of these, you have done it for me."

Welcome New Members



Tommy & Alexis Davis
12 James Street
Greenville, SC 29609
Phone: 864-242-9648

Tommy and Alexis joined ESBC on Sunday, April 5, 2009. Tommy joined by statement of faith, and Alexis joined by reaffirmation of faith and request for baptism.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Marcelle Davis Steve Rice



Meetings - Tuesday, April 14

Groups 1 & 4 at the church 10 a.m.

Group 3 at the home of Glenna Hipps 10:30 a.m.

Singles Karaoke Night - Friday, April 24

7:00 p.m. (Family Life Center)

Bring \$5 for pizza, your favorite sundae topping, and a two-liter drink. The church will provide the ice cream.

Prayer Walk - Thursday, April 30

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (sponsored by ESBC Prayer Team)

You may contact Sylvia Clyborne if you need further information.

Sunday, April 12...

HOMEBOUND "CARE" MINISTRY

"A" TEAM

Celeste Clyborne

Ray Smith

Cindy Doolittle

Jackie Peace

Gene & Margaret Watson

EARLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Recreation Deadline:

The St. Francis Mud Run is coming up on Saturday, May 2nd! Money goes to Goodwill and Toys for Tots. Help us meet our participation goal of 12 teams church-wide. You can do this at your own pace. It's a great cause and tons of fun!

More details available on church Bulletin Board or contact Lucy.

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



Preschool Welcome Center

Volunteers are still needed for our new Preschool Welcome Center. If you would be willing to serve our preschoolers and guests in this capacity, please contact Paula Hayes (233-5332, ext. 209 or paula@esbcgreenville.org) or sign up on Wednesday nights or in Sunday School. If you have signed up to be part of this team, please join us for a brief training session on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m. on the first floor.

PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES

Nights and Weekends

April 10 - April 16

Stephen Clyborne - Phone: 627-0238

This Sunday, April 12, 2009

9:00 a.m.

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

ACOLYTES: Jordan Stanley, Charley Cook

WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Joyce Harris

Preschool A: Libby & Cecily Young

Preschool B and C: Candy & Brian Poole

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 Martin, Faron Justice

WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Gretchen Keene

Preschool A: Blau Bennett, Carly Poore

Preschool B and C: Jill Pearce, TBA

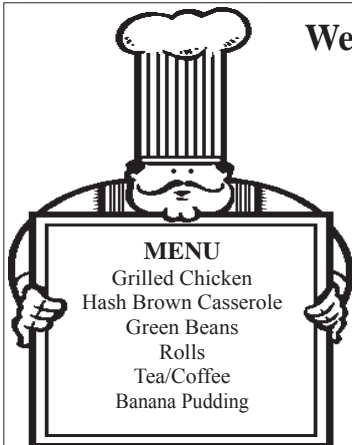
Preschool D, E, and K: Pam & David/DJ Dunlap

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

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Grant Wooten

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Lenwood Cochran

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



Wednesday, April 15

Preparation Crew

Noellen Groff

Joanne Oswell

Kelly Pleasant

Clean-Up Crew

Jane Leo

Wanda Worrell

Cashier

Del Ross

Children's Menu

Available

MENU

Grilled Chicken
Hash Brown Casserole
Green Beans
Rolls
Tea/Coffee
Banana Pudding

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



The *Prayer Vine* is for anyone in need of prayer at any time. To access contact information for members of this ministry who are serving on-call 24-hours-a-day just dial 233-5332, ext. 700.