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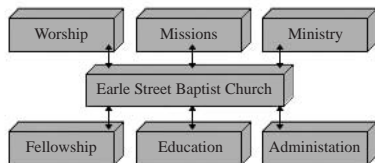
CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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 Yard 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 car wash on Saturday. Make sure to stop by! Please call Diane McKelvey for assistance (982-2071). Thank you!



CLUSTER MEETINGS THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 19

5:30 p.m.

Education Cluster	F.Hall, Room A
Fellowship/Outreach Cluster	Conference Room
Missions Cluster	Room 301

6:30 p.m.

Administration Cluster	Conference Room
Ministry Cluster	F.Hall, Room A
Worship Cluster	Room 306

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR YOUNG SINGLES



TO BEGIN THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 19

The pastor is helping to organize a class for young ("twenty-something") singles. The class will meet in room 201 (the Prayer Room) on the second floor across from the elevator.

Median singles, led by Norma Green, continue to meet each Sunday in room 203. Help us spread the word that Earle Street is a home for single adults.

Join us this Sunday, April 19 ~ 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



Parent/Child Dedication (11:00) - Maclaren Wilkinson, son of Tommy and Lucy Wilkinson, born February 5, 2009.

Duet: *So Send I You* by Brantley Shugart and Meredith Smith

Anthem: *Lord, Here Am I* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: John 20:19-31

Sermon: "Another Great Commission" by Stephen Clyborne



THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, April 19, 2009

- 8:00 am Early Bird Sunday School
- 8:30 am Library Open
- 9:00 am Worship - Pocket Change, Children's Church, Preteen W.C. †
- 9:50 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship - Parent/Child Dedication, C.Church, Preteen W.C. †
- 2:00 pm Nominating Committee (Conference Room)
- 4:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Women's Basketball Practice
- 4:30 pm VBS Leadership Team (Conference Room)
- 4:45 pm Youth Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30 pm Education, Fellowship, Missions Cluster Meetings
- Earle Street Ringers Rehearsal
- 6:30 pm Administration, Ministry, Worship Cluster Meetings

Monday, April 20, 2009

- 10:00 am Ceramics (FLC)
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Weight Watchers (FLC)
- 6:30 pm LaLeche Class (Room 202)
- 7:00 pm Child Abuse Recognition Training (Media Room)

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

- 9:30 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm WINGS (Room 301)
- Volleyball (Gym)
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts (FLC)
- 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, April 22, 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

Thursday, April 23, 2009

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

Friday, April 24, 2009

- 7:00 pm Singles Karaoke Night (FLC)

Preteen W.C. † - Preteen Worship Club
C.Church - Children's Church

 The **Lunch Bunch** will meet this Thursday.
11:30 a.m. (Applebee's near Haywood Mall)

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Bill Bailey

Marian Bramlett Friendship Sunday School Class
Ray & Frances Gray XYZ Club

In Memory of Anne Godfrey

Betty Kay Gibson

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

Ray & Frances Gray

In Memory of Steve Wilson

Carol Poole Suzanne Stevenson

Record for Sunday, April 12, 2009

Attendance

9:00 Worship	200
11:00 Worship	356
Sunday School	327
Sunday School Enrollment	620
(2008-09 Average Sunday School Attendance - 276)	
(Average Sunday School Attendance Goal - 295)	

Operating Budget 2009

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$13,433
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$27,735
Budget Requirements (to date)	\$201,495
Budget Gifts (to date)	\$239,019

Capital Improvement Fund Budget

Weekly CIF Budget Requirement	\$2,885
CIF Budget Gifts (this week)	\$1,225
CIF Budget Requirements (to date)	\$43,275
CIF Budget Gifts (to date)	\$27,827

*Includes Memorials

Endowment Fund Capital Loan

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



STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

JANICE HINNANT

14 years (April 3)

PAULA DURHAM HAYES

5 years (April 4)

DEBBIE BLUME

2 years (April 15)



VBS 2009, "Crocodile Dock"

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

VBS Leadership Meeting this Sunday, April 19, at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.



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."

From the Pastor

- Stephen Clyborne

Holy Week Services – I cannot begin to express my gratitude to God for everyone who helped make our Holy Week services so meaningful. Special thanks to Janice Hinnant for planning and preparing for these services and to all who have helped make this Easter season so joyful.

“Operation Inasmuch” is just around the corner (May 16), and our goal is to have everyone in our church (preschoolers, children, youth, and adults) participate in this one-day community mission blitz. There is something for everyone to do, regardless of your age, your limitations, or your abilities. Please check the sign-up sheets on the third-floor bulletin board across from the elevator, and find the project that best suits you. Be sure to indicate on the sign-up sheet whether you plan to attend the breakfast and if you need a t-shirt.

Habitat for Humanity – Also on the third floor, there is another bulletin board with sign-up sheets for the Habitat project. You do not have to be able to do physical labor. You could help prepare a meal, register workers on site, or lead a devotional for workers before their day begins; but of course, those who can actually help to build the house are especially needed. Please sign up as soon as possible.

“Living with Loss” – a six-week grief support group, will be led by Brenda Atkinson. Brenda is a member of our church and is the Continuing Care Coordinator for Thomas McAfee Funeral Home. The group is open to anyone in our church and community who has experienced the death of a loved one. It will be held on Monday evenings April 27 – June 8 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Prayer Walk – Please set aside some time for this special opportunity as we literally walk through our church buildings and pray specifically for those who work and gather in each room and office. The Prayer Walk will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30.



QUILTING PROJECT

Last 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

Thank you to everyone who made our Holy Week services so special. I want to thank the Sanctuary Choir for their hard work and their beautiful singing. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful choir. Thanks also to Gwen Miller, Debbie Blume, and Betsy Fee for their lovely music. I also want to thank Ron Bridwell for making the beautiful candle boxes for the Christ candle and the candles for the Tenebrae Service. We will use and enjoy these for many years to come. Finally, thank you to the Decorations Committee for helping our sanctuary reflect the season, and to Eddy Leo for his work with lights and sound for our services.

Youth Choir & Handbells—We are back to rehearsals this week. Please make sure you are in attendance. We have several events coming up that we have to sing and/or ring for. We have a concert to sing on at Westminster Presbyterian on May 7, Youth Sunday on May 17, and Music Sunday on May 31. I will see you on Sunday with a detailed schedule for the rest of the year.

Earle Street Ringers—I will see you this Sunday!

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 p.m. Please mark these on your calendar!

From the Minister of Youth

- Lucy Wilkinson

Yard Sale - This Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. 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.

From the Minister to

Preschoolers and Children - Paula Hayes

Happy April Birthday! Preschoolers and children (ages 3 & up) and their teachers who have a birthday in April are invited to a brief celebration with Ms. Paula on Sunday, April 19 at 9:50 a.m. in her office. Be sure to join us before Sunday School to celebrate your special day!

Children's Church (1st – 4th graders) and Preteen Worship Club (5th graders) will be this Sunday, April 19 following Pocket Change Offering (9 a.m. Worship) and Parent/Child Dedication (11 a.m. Worship).



Singles Karaoke Night

Friday, April 24 at 7 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.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Marcelle Davis Steve Rice

Sunday, April 19...

HOMEBOUND "CARE" MINISTRY "R" TEAM

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

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.



Upcoming Prayer Walk

Thursday, April 30 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

(sponsored by ESBC Prayer Team)

You may contact Sylvia Clyborne if you need further information.

EARLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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This Sunday, April 19, is POCKET CHANGE SUNDAY.

Gather all your spare change (and some bills, too!) and be ready to help support the seven children we sponsor through Children's International. Our children will be collecting the pocket change this Sunday during the 9 a.m. worship service!



PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES

Nights and Weekends
April 17 - April 23

Janice Hinnant - Phone: 322-0503

This Sunday, April 19, 2009 9:00 a.m.

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

ACOLYTES: Elizabeth Wassynger, Hannah Wassynger
WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Joyce Harris

Preschool A: Susan Brewer, Harry Hayes

Preschool B and C: Leah & Jason Tankersley

Preschool D, E, and K: Sylvia Clyborne, Holly Traywick

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: Caroline Major, Ann Clyborne

WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Gretchen Keene

Preschool A: Noellen & Stephanie Groff

Preschool B and C: Wanda Worrell, TBA

Preschool D, E, and K: Tammy & Lee Dowdy

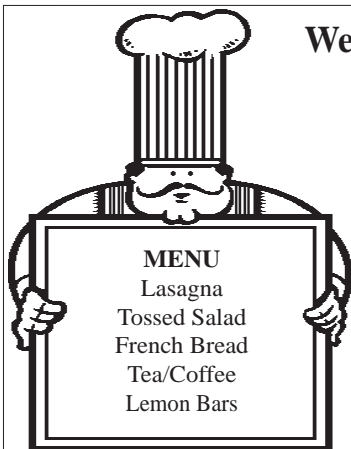
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jane Leo, Amie Groff

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

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Kurt Young

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Joe Jones

GREETERS: Mary Beth Young, Russell Young,
Becky Bridges, Kristen & Zack Taylor



Wednesday, April 22

Preparation Crew

Noellen Groff
Joanne Oswell
Kelly Pleasant

Clean-Up Crew

Jane Leo
Wanda Worrell

Cashier

Del Ross

Children's Menu
Available

MENU
Lasagna
Tossed Salad
French Bread
Tea/Coffee
Lemon Bars

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.