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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**].

### Singles Karaoke Night

This Friday, April 24 at 7 p.m.  
in the Family Life Center

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



### LIVING WITH LOSS

Grief Seminar to Begin  
This Monday, May 27

(continuing on Mondays, April 27-June 1)  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Conference Room



Facilitator: Brenda F. Atkinson  
Continuing Care Coordinator  
Thomas McAfee Funeral Home (TMFH)

Please RSVP by Sunday, April 26  
[b.atkinson@thomasmcafee.com](mailto:b.atkinson@thomasmcafee.com)  
864-232-6733 TMFH  
864-233-5332 ESBC

### PRAYER MINISTRY

Please join our church effort to promote prayer by participating as a prayer partner, a group of friends praying together, your family praying together, or just setting a time aside each day for a quiet time of prayer by yourself.

Anyone at Earle Street is invited to be a part of the church's PRAYER TEAM. The next scheduled meeting will be this Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Join us for prayer, planning and fellowship.

The church-wide PRAYER WALK is coming up soon on Thursday, April 30 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. You may contact Sylvia Clyborne for further information.



**Spotlight Sundays:** During our worship services in May and June we will spotlight various ministries and special days in the life of our church. May 3 - Preschool and Children's Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day, May 17 - Youth Sunday and Graduate Recognition, May 24 - Senior Adult Sunday, May 31 - Music Sunday, June 7 - Single Adult Sunday, June 14 - Missions Sunday, and June 21 - Father's Day.



### QUILTING PROJECT

Don't forget to submit a piece of fabric for our congregational quilt. The fabric needs to be the correct size, and enclosed with explanation form and photograph in a zip-lock bag, as described in the letter from our pastor a few weeks ago.

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 this Sunday, April 26, if possible.



Join us this Sunday, April 26 ~ 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



Solo: *We Shall Behold Him* by Janice Hinnant  
Anthem: *There's a Great Day Coming* by the Sanctuary Choir  
Scripture: 1 John 3:2; Revelation 1:7  
Sermon: "When We See Christ" by Marshall Sargent

A special offering will be taken this Sunday as you leave the sanctuary to support the on-going work of the Gideons International.  
Please give as God leads.  
- Isaiah 55:11

# THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

## Sunday, April 26, 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
- 2:00 pm Young Musicians Rehearsal
- 4:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Women's Basketball Practice
- 4:45 pm Youth Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Prayer Team (Conference Room)
- 5:30 pm Earle Street Ringers Rehearsal

## Monday, April 27, 2009

- 10:00 am Ceramics (FLC)
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Weight Watchers (FLC)
- 6:30 pm Grief Support Group (Conference Room)
- LaLeche Class (Room 202)
- Men's Softball (E. Riverside Park #1)
- 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

## Tuesday, April 28, 2009

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

## Wednesday, April 29, 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 30, 2009

- 5:00 pm Prayer Walk (Church-wide Event)

## Saturday, May 2, 2009

St. Francis Mud Run

 <b>Men's Softball Schedule</b>		
<i>All games are played on Monday Nights at East Riverside Park, Field #1</i>		
April 27	6:30 pm	vs. Simpsonville FBC
May 4	9:30 pm	vs. Lee Road
May 11	6:30 pm	vs. First Nazarene
May 18	8:30 pm	vs. ERBC
June 1	7:30 pm	vs. Brookwood Gray
June 8	7:30 pm	vs. Aldersgate UMC
June 15	9:30 pm	vs. Covenant UMC

## Welcome New Member



**Elizabeth Travis**

Elizabeth joined ESBC on Sunday, April 19, 2009 by promise of letter, from Secona Baptist (Pickens, SC).

## Record for Sunday, April 19, 2009

### Attendance

9:00 Worship .....	113
11:00 Worship .....	223
Sunday School .....	260
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) .....	\$7,618
Budget Requirements (to date) .....	\$214,928
Budget Gifts (to date) .....	\$246,637

### Capital Improvement Fund Budget

Weekly CIF Budget Requirement .....	\$2,885
CIF Budget Gifts (this week) .....	\$1,420
CIF Budget Requirements (to date) .....	\$46,160
CIF Budget Gifts (to date) .....	\$29,247

\*Includes Memorials

### Endowment Fund Capital Loan

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

## Early Bird News



On Sunday, April 26, the Early Bird Class will begin a ten-week study of the ministry of Jesus from his baptism up until the entry to Jerusalem for Holy Week. Each Sunday we will consider a different time period in his ministry, placing the miracles, parables, sermons, and events in chronological order and geographic location. In doing this we hope to encounter Jesus as the Gospel writers did. If you are not involved in a Sunday School class, this is a great time to check us out. We meet at 8:00 a.m. in room 202 at the end of the hall on the 2nd floor - where the College Class meets at 10:00 a.m. Come join us!

## MEMORIALS

### In Memory of Bill Bailey

Joe & Joanne Cothran      Betty Kay Gibson  
Kip Gray      Jim Jolley  
WMU Group 1

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

Phillip & Hildred Irwin      Ann M. King  
Catherine Ward

### In Memory of Ken Lumpkin

Susan Evins      Catherine Ward

### In Memory of Jean Mundy

Joe & Joanne Cothran

### In Memory of Ruth Owings

Catherine Ward

### In Memory of Ginger Penick

Catherine Ward

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

Joe & Joanne Cothran

### In Memory of Reba Moore (Lenwood Cochran's sister)

Joe & Joanne Cothran

## From the Pastor

- Stephen Clyborne

For months now, the Personnel Committee has been prayerfully sorting through resumes and interviewing ministers who might serve as our next associate pastor. The Committee has interviewed several candidates, checked references, received input from the staff, and is now ready to make a recommendation to the church. Outlined below is the timeline we will follow:

- April 27 Candidate's biographical sketch and question/answer sheet mailed to deacons
- May 3 Candidate meets with the deacons (6:00 p.m.)
- May 7 Candidate's name and biographical sketch appear in the newsletter
- May 13 Special Called Church Conference in the Fellowship Hall (6:30 p.m.)
- Candidate will address the church
  - Opportunity for discussion
  - Secret ballot vote

Assuming the recommendation of the Personnel Committee is approved by the church and the call is accepted, the candidate will begin work in mid-June. Let me assure you that this recommendation is the culmination of a tremendous amount of work and prayer. Thanks to Drew Pearce (chair), Chris Barras, and Linda Bean for the seriousness with which they fulfilled their responsibilities. Please be in prayer for the candidate and for our church as we all seek to know and do God's will in this important matter.



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.

We are beginning the collection effort for project supplies a bit earlier this year in hopes to allow for an increase. Please bring the following items **as soon as possible**, and place them in the "dungeon" area (in the back of the Fellowship Hall).

### Items needed

for the various "Operation Inasmuch" projects on May 16:

- **Food:** All non-perishables including meat (beef stew, tuna, cans of chicken); specific need for peanut butter, flour, sugar; perishables including butter, cheese (shredded or block) need to be brought on May 16th; also snacks (to be included in baskets)
- **Clothing:** Specific need for underwear (men's and women's) and brassieres - all brand new and in large/extra-large sizes; also specific need for larger size (men's 11+ and women's 8.5+) shoes - athletic, work boots, and walking types (no dress shoes, pumps, heels, etc.)
- **Toiletries:** toothpaste (small and 6 oz. tubes); toothbrushes (individually wrapped/sealed); deodorant (men's and women's, small and regular sizes); bars of soap (bath size and smaller); and combs (individually packaged)
- **Miscellaneous Items:** Bath towels with washcloth; boxes (to package some of these items for delivery); zip-lock bags (medium size); puzzle books, coloring books, and ink pens (to be included in baskets)

## From the Minister of Music

- Janice Hinnant

**Senior Adult Sunday** will be Sunday, May 24th. We would like to have a Senior Adult Choir to sing for worship that day. Any seniors are invited to participate in the choir, no previous experience required! More details, such as rehearsal times, will follow soon. Please make plans to participate in choir that day!

**Youth Choir and Handbells**—We have several events coming up for which we have to sing and/or ring. We have to sing in a concert at Westminster Presbyterian on May 7, Youth Sunday on May 17, and Music Sunday on May 31. Please be in attendance. Our year is not over until we sing on May 31. Anyone who drops out of choir for the rest of the year will not be eligible for Festival next year. If you have conflicts with any of the dates I've given you, please see me. I'll see you on Sunday!

**Our Youth Choir** will participate in a benefit concert for The Boys Home of the South, on Thursday, May 7th, at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Tickets are \$20, and include a dinner at 6:30, and the concert at 7:00. In addition to our Youth Choir, the concert will feature the Greenville Chamber Singers, and The Celebration Singers of Berea First Baptist. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Jo Ann English at 678-8234.

**Young Musicians**—Please make sure you are at your Wednesday rehearsals so you can be prepared for the musical. Also, there is an extra rehearsal this Sunday, April 26, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Miss Debbie will see you there!

**The Greenville Chorale** will present the Verdi Requiem on Saturday, May 2, at 8:00 pm, and Sunday, May 3, at 3:00 pm, at the Peace Center. Tickets are available through the box office.

## From the Minister of Youth

- Lucy Wilkinson

**Carowinds** - \$50 will get you entry into the park, unlimited food, drinks, and 5th row seat for the David Crowder and Leeland concert. Get Lucy \$25 deposit ASAP to reserve your spot.

**Youth vs. Stephen** - Nugget EatOff - Tuesday, April 28th at Chick-Fil-A (Haywood Rd.) from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$9 for unlimited drinks, fries, and nuggets. Top 2 youth finishers will get a refund! Let's de-throne the champion!

**Sunday April 26th** - Youth Lunch 12:30 p.m. at Chipolte (Woodruff Rd.)



## KINDERGARTEN

**Wow!** It is hard to believe the school year is almost over. We are off to a great April here at Earle Street Child Enrichment

Ministry. The children had a great Egg Hunt and Parade followed by Spring break. We took Spring pictures last week and this week we are going on our annual field trip to Hollywild Animal Park. We will round off the month with our Pajama Day and Teddy Bear Breakfast.

Happy April Birthdays to Journey Cannon, Caedmon Strickler, Alaina Huggins, and Marygrace Conte! We still have a few spaces left for the Summer program and for the fall. Please contact Paula Hayes (233-5332, ext. 209 or [paula@ESBCgreenville.org](mailto:paula@ESBCgreenville.org)) for more information.

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## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Clara Belle Bannister  
Charles Ellis

Marcelle Davis  
Steve Rice

Sunday, April 26...

### HOMEBOUND "CARE" MINISTRY

#### "E" TEAM

Bert & Elizabeth Buchanan

Kathy Gerwig

Celeste Clyborne

Kathleen Barton

Dana Collier

Karen & Bud Sunday

Jensie Malphrus

**Scout Update:** We are now officially meeting in our Scout Hut! The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will no longer be meeting in the Family Life Center on Tuesday or Thursday evenings.



Our last Pack Meetings for the year will be April 23 and May 21 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### The Commemorative Stained Glass Windows

may be picked up in the Associate Pastor's office after the 9 and 11 o'clock services on Sunday, April 26.

## EARLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Thank You...

How grateful I am to all of you who have been praying for my family and me during Steve's tragic accident. Your prayers have enveloped our souls. Thank you for all your acts of kindness. Please continue to remember us with your prayers as this recovery time exceeds many months.

Love, Beth Rice

### PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES

Nights and Weekends

April 24 - April 30

Stephen Clyborne - Phone: 627-0238

### This Sunday, April 26, 2009

**9:00 a.m.**

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

**ACOLYTES:** Jake French, Zoie Poole

#### WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Joyce Harris

Preschool A: Paula Hayes, Joe Brewer

Preschool B and C: Lib King, Morgan Bateman

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

**11:00 a.m.**

**USHERS:** Josh Shugart, Bert Buchanan, Jim DeYoung,  
A. D. Harris, Joe Jones, Jimmy Major, Bryson Blackwell

**ACOLYTES:** Michael Walker, Hunter Ballard

#### WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Gretchen Keene

Preschool A: Jerry DeYoung, Maudie Blackwell

Preschool B and C: Wanda Worrell, Amie Groff

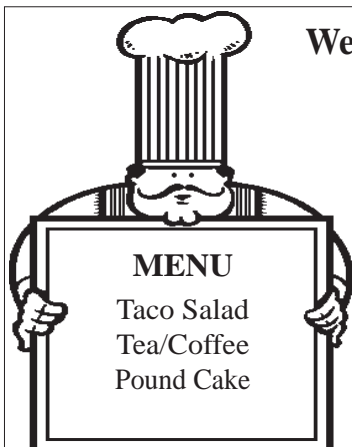
Preschool D, E, and K: Becky Bridges, Howell Clyborne

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

**SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Derek Lord

**DEACON OF THE WEEK:** Linda Kirkland

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



### Wednesday, April 29

#### Preparation Crew

Noellen Groff

Joanne Oswell

Kelly Pleasant

#### Clean-Up Crew

Jane Leo

Wanda Worrell

#### Cashier

Del Ross

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.



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**.