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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**].

Spotlight Sundays: During the worship services in May and June, we have been putting the spotlight on various ministries and special days in the life of our church:



June 7 Single Adult Day (9:00 and 11:00 a.m.)

This Sunday, our single adults will be leading in worship, giving testimonies, and singing. We will recognize single adults for their involvement in our church and will sing hymns composed by single adults. The pastor will also be preaching a sermon on the theme of singleness.

Deacon Election will be Sunday, June 28th.
See further details on page 3.

Youth and Children Skating Party at Skateland USA on White Horse Road on Friday, June 12th

Youth- will meet at church at 11:30 a.m., head to lunch and then meet up at the skating rink at 1 p.m. to skate until 3 p.m., and return to church at 3:30 p.m.

Children- will meet at skating rink at 1 p.m., and skate until 3 p.m.

*The cost to skate is \$5.
Youth also need money for lunch.
The best "Crocodile Dock" outdoors outfits
win prizes at skating rink!*

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR

On Tuesday, June 9, Greg Dover will begin his ministry as our new associate pastor. Please be in prayer for Greg and do everything you can to make him feel welcome at our church. You may contact him at 233-5332 (ext. 203) or greg@ESBCgreenville.org.

CHURCHWIDE RECEPTION TO WELCOME GREG AND SUZY DOVER This Wednesday, June 10

- 5:45 p.m. Dinner for all ages - Fellowship Hall
Please make reservations by noon Monday if your name is not on the reservation list.
- 6:30 p.m. Reception – Meet the Dovers and join us for cake, even if you cannot be present for dinner. The ministerial staff and their spouses will be participating in a brief version of *The Newlywed Game*. It should be a lot of fun and a great way to get to know Greg and Suzy (and the rest of our staff and their spouses, too). Childcare provided for babies through age 2. There will be no other preschool, children, or youth activities this evening.



**Registration for
Crocodile Dock Vacation
Bible School 2009
is now underway!**

**June 15-18
6 – 8 p.m.**

Registration forms are available in the racks as you enter the Sanctuary and outside of Paula's office.

Join us this Sunday, June 7 ~ 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Single Adult Day

Solo: *Amazing Grace* by Maria DeZern

Anthem: *Let All You Do Be Done in Love* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: I Corinthians 7:1-7, 32-35

Sermon: **"A Single Devotion"** by Stephen Clyborne



THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, May 7, 2009 (Spotlight: Single Adults)

World Changers (in Greenville June 6-13)
 8:00 am Early Bird Sunday School
 8:30 am Library Open
 9:00 am Worship - Communion, Emphasis: Single Adults
 9:50 am Sunday School
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm F.Hall Reserved - Lunch for World Changers
 11:00 am Worship - Communion, Emphasis: Single Adults
 12:00 pm Singles Lunch (Smoke on the Water)
 2:00 pm Nominating Committee (Conference Room)
 High School Retreat (Arrive back at ESBC)
 4:00 pm Operation Inasmuch Review (Conference Room)
 5:30 pm Property Committee (Conference Room)

Monday, June 8, 2009

World Changers (in Greenville June 6-13)
 First Day of Summer CEM
 10:00 am Ceramics (FLC)
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Youth: Taebo/Lunch/Pool
 11:00 am - 4:00 pm 1st-5th grade Summer Dock #1
 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Weight Watchers (FLC)
 7:30 pm Men's Softball (E. Riverside Park #1)

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

World Changers (in Greenville June 6-13)
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm WMU - Paper Goods to Miracle Hill
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
 6:30 pm Volleyball (Gym)
 6:45 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Bldg.)
 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

World Changers (in Greenville June 6-13)
 5:00 pm Library Open
 5:45 pm Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 pm Adults, Youth, Children, Preschoolers:
Reception - Meet the Dovers (Fellowship Hall)
 Childcare provided for babies - age 2 (1st floor)
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 11, 2009

World Changers (in Greenville June 6-13)

Friday, June 12, 2009

World Changers (in Greenville June 6-13)
 11:30 am - 3:30 pm Youth Lunch/Skating (meet at church)
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Summer Dock #2 - 1st - 5th graders with Youth (Skateland USA)

Saturday, June 13, 2009

World Changers (in Greenville June 6-13)

Record for Sunday, May 31, 2009

Attendance

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| 9:00 Worship | 195 |
| 11:00 Worship | 216 |
| Sunday School | 276 |
| Sunday School Enrollment | 637 |
| (2008-09 Average Sunday School Attendance - 274) | |
| (Average Sunday School Attendance Goal - 295) | |

Operating Budget 2009

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| Weekly Budget Requirements | \$13,433 |
| Budget Gifts (this week) | \$15,346 |
| Budget Requirements (to date) | \$295,526 |
| Budget Gifts (to date) | \$319,882 |

Capital Improvement Fund Budget

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| Weekly CIF Budget Requirement | \$2,885 |
| CIF Budget Gifts (this week) | \$810 |
| CIF Budget Requirements (to date) | \$63,470 |
| CIF Budget Gifts (to date) | \$35,187 |

*Includes Memorials

Endowment Fund Capital Loan

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| Capital Loan from Endowment Fund | \$250,000 |
| Loan Balance (to date) | \$231,377 |



Hello, church family. I desperately need your help this year for Habitat for Humanity. The dates have been postponed from the May and June build, possibly until the Fall. ESBC will be the lead church for two weekends, so we need everyone we can get. Habitat does not need any monetary donations from us, only volunteers. Please contact

me if you are interested in helping. I am not asking that you give up a whole day - you can sign up for four-hour intervals. This project will greatly change the lives of the people we are helping, and you can find out more about them on the bulletin board on the third floor of the church across from the elevator. I will let you know the build dates as soon as Habitat decides. Until then, thank you and feel free to contact me with questions.

-William Lewis

ESBC Habitat Project Leader
 864-901-8215

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Martha Cline
 L. Russell Burress

In Memory of Ken Lumpkin
 Jean Thompson



QUILTING PROJECT

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. It's not too late to submit contributions. You may also place your contributions into the mailbox labeled

"QUILTING PROJECT" in the main office / workroom.

PAPER GOODS - CAMP MARIETTA

DESPERATELY NEEDED - Paper goods for Camp Marietta - plates, napkins, toilet tissue, kleenex, etc. LAST DAY to contribute will be Monday, June 8. Paper goods will be delivered to the Camp on Tuesday, June 9. Place donated goods in the WMU Ministry Baskets outside of the Library door. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

NEW ADDRESS for Betty Bedenbaugh:

The Hospice House of Greenville
 1836 West Georgia Road
 Simpsonville, SC 29680
 Attn: Betty Bedenbaugh



From the Pastor

- Stephen Clyborne

This week, we welcome Greg Dover to our pastoral staff, and I know you will do everything you can to support Greg as he begins his ministry with us. Greg will have a big job and a lot of responsibility; but it will take time for him to get settled and oriented to the mission of our church in general, and his role in particular (not to mention names and personalities). Having tried to do his job myself for seven years, I can assure you that it is harder than it might look. So please be patient with him (as you have with me) and do everything you can to support and encourage him. He cannot possibly be expected to assume all the responsibilities of his job overnight. We are all eager to have him serve with us (no one more eager than I); but we all need to be careful about overwhelming him too soon. We will only have one opportunity to make a first impression; and this is the first church he has ever served in a full-time capacity. For better or for worse (and I believe it will be for the better), Greg will be forming his impression of church ministry in general based on how we receive him. I know you will be as gracious to Greg and Suzy as you have been to Sylvia and me. I am asking all of you to pray for him and for our church as we establish our partnership in ministry.

We have been so blessed in recent weeks by our preschoolers, children, youth, and senior adults as they have led us in worship. This Sunday, we will be led in worship by some of our single adults as we recognize and celebrate the contributions our single adults make to the life and vitality of our church. Please join us in worship this Sunday. You will be blessed.

From the Minister of Music

- Janice Hinnant

Wow! I don't even know where to begin to say thank you to everyone who had a part in last Sunday's service. The handbells, the choirs, the soloists, and the instrumentalists led us so beautifully in worship. All of you not only displayed your wonderful talents and abilities, but you all played and sang with understanding, and that is the difference between being entertained and actually worshipping. I felt both humbled and blessed to be in the service with you all.

The Earle Street Ringers, Young Musicians Choir, and the Youth Choir are finished for the summer. We will start back up in the fall. Thank you for a wonderful year, and enjoy your break. Sanctuary Choir, no break for you, but we do have a lighter rehearsal schedule in the Summer.

Acolytes—Thanks to all the 3rd – 5th graders who have served as acolytes this past year. They are: Porter Dowdy, Davis Huggins, Elizabeth Wassinger, Hannah Wassinger, Jordan Stanley, Jake French, Charley Cook, Zoie Poole, Hunter Ballard, Michael Walker, Caroline Major, Ross Martin, Faron Justice, Ross Mackenzie, Mason Pearce, and Ann Clyborne. We do not use acolytes during the summer, but we will start back with them in September. Thank you for your dedication and your willingness to serve in this way!

From the Minister of Youth

- Lucy Wilkinson

TaeBo/Lunch/Pool Day

on Monday, June 8th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bring your workout clothes, money for lunch and pool gear.

From the Minister to

Preschoolers and Children - Paula Hayes

Summer Wednesday Nights for Preschoolers and Children:

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 beginning in June. Preschoolers will enjoy Summer Mission Friends, children (grades 1-4) will have some "Fun Around the World," and outgoing 5th graders will have some "Fun Around Greenville."

Summer Dock – Special Summer activities for children who have completed grades 1-5. We'll have fun and help others, too, on these special days. **Summer Dock #2: Friday, June 12, 1 – 3 p.m.** The youth group will join us for a fun "youth and kids" day at Skateland USA on White Horse Road. We are getting ready for our "Crocodile Dock" VBS, so come dressed up in a VBS-themed costume to enter our costume contest. Our theme centers around a bayou setting, so think hunters, fishers, or any water animal or activity for your costume. Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Children will meet at the skating rink at 1:00. Cost is \$5. Please sign up by Wednesday, June 10 by contacting Mrs. Paula (233-5332, ext. 209 or paula@ESBCgreenville.org).

Croc Adventures – Special summer events for preteens who are outgoing 5th graders.

Croc Adventure #1 – Overnight trip to Charlotte. Tuesday, June 30 – Wednesday, July 1. Join us for a fun adventure to Charlotte that includes Discovery Place and Carowinds. For more information and for sign-up forms, please contact Paula Hayes (233-5332, ext. 209 or paula@ESBCgreenville.org) by June 18.

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● Sunday, June 7...
● **HOMEBOUND "CARE" MINISTRY**
● **"A" TEAM**
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● Celeste Clyborne Ray Smith
● Cindy Doolittle Jackie Peace
● Gene & Margaret Watson
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Deacon Election Sunday, June 28

The last Sunday of June is set aside as the day for deacon election. This year on Sunday June 28, during both worship services, members will vote by ballot for six candidates to serve three-year terms. Candidates elected must be listed on the active membership roll, must be at least 21 years old, and must have been a member for at least one year.

Deacons rotating off will not be eligible for election for one year, nor are staff members (nor members of their immediate families) eligible.

If you do not wish to be considered for service as a deacon, you must call the church office by Wednesday, June 17 and ask that your name be removed from the list of those eligible to serve.

A provision for absentee balloting has been established. Ballots will be available through the church office beginning Sunday, June 21. You simply fill in your ballot, seal it in an envelope that will be provided, sign the envelope, and turn it in to the church office. These ballots will be delivered to the counting committee.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Marcelle Davis



Earle Street will once again be sponsoring lunches for a World Changers crew this June! World Changers crews are groups of youth who travel to various cities working on housing projects (mostly roofing). We will be providing lunch for a crew of 15 every day the week of June 8th. *If your group (Sunday School class, prayer group, etc.) would like to financially sponsor or deliver a lunch, please contact Kathryn Brooks at 268-7972.*



All games are played on Monday nights at East Riverside Park, Field #1

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| June 8 | 7:30 p.m. | vs. Aldersgate UMC |
| June 15 | 9:30 p.m. | vs. Covenant UMC |

2 softball games postponed/rescheduled due to rainy weather:

- Game rained-out on April 13 (vs. Marathon Greenville) is now scheduled for June 22 at 7:30 p.m.
- Game rained-out on May 4 (vs. Lee Road) is now scheduled for June 29 at 9:30 p.m.

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SINGLE ADULT LUNCH

This Sunday, June 7

Immediately following the 11:00 worship service

Smoke on the Water

All single adults are invited.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

The whole church is invited to a Prayer Breakfast on

Saturday, June 20th.

We encourage everyone to come and participate in strengthening the prayer life of the church.

PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES

Nights and Weekends

June 5 - June 11

Stephen Clyborne - Phone: 627-0238

This Sunday, June 7, 2009

9:00 a.m.

USHERS: Paul Bateman, Keith Merck, Vicki Merck, Rob Traywick, Doug Chapman

WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Janie Wassynger

Preschool A: Susan and Joe Brewer

Preschool B and C: Lib King, Morgan Bateman

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

11:00 a.m.

USHERS: Gene Watson, Maudie Blackwell, Phil Hovis, Bethany Hovis, Russell Young, Barry Brooks, Bryson Blackwell

WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Deb Jones

Preschool A: Jerry DeYoung, Maudie Blackwell

Preschool B and C: Anne Wyatt, Amie Groff

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

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

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Grant Wooten

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Joe Jones

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

Wednesday, June 10



MENU

Chicken Cheese Bake
New Red Potatoes
Green Bean Almondine
Cake
Tea/Coffee

Preparation Crew

Lori Stenhouse

Ramona Kyall

Mary Elizabeth Blalock

Clean-Up Crew

David Bridges

Jimmy Stenhouse

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.



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.**