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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*].

CLEAN-UP / WORK DAY

This Saturday, August 1
10:00 a.m.

We would like to have all hands on deck this Saturday, as we clean up and clean out our buildings and beautify our grounds. We are asking that each Sunday School class send at least one representative to clean your classroom. There will be plenty of other projects in the common areas of our church (hallways, stairwells, etc.) that will be organized by the Property and Space Committee as well as outside projects that will be organized by our Grounds Committee. So be assured that there will be plenty of work to do. Come help us in our ongoing effort to make our house a home . . . for God and for others.

ORGANIZATIONAL / ORIENTATION MEETINGS

As the 2009-10 church year approaches, it is time for all the committees, councils, teams, officers, and organizations to get organized and oriented. **The following meetings have been scheduled for those who served last year as well as those who will be serving this year.** Please contact the appropriate staff minister if you cannot attend.

Group	Date	Time	Place	Minister
Scholarship Committee	Sunday, August 2	12:00 p.m.	Assoc. Pastor's Office	Dover
Sound Committee	Sunday, August 2	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary	Hinnant
College Ministry Team	Sunday, August 2	2:00 p.m.	Conference Room	Dover
Food Service	Sunday, August 2	2:30 p.m.	FLC Couch Room	Wilkinson
Ordinance Committee	Sunday, August 2	3:00 p.m.	Choir Room	Hinnant
Decorations Committee	Sunday, August 2	3:30 p.m.	Choir Room	Hinnant
Youth Committee	Sunday, August 2	3:30 p.m.	FLC Couch Room	Wilkinson
Recreation Committee	Sunday, August 2	4:30 p.m.	FLC Couch Room	Wilkinson
Transportation Committee	Sunday, August 2	4:30 p.m.	Conference Room	Hayes
Public Relations Committee	Sunday, August 9	2:00 p.m.	Conference Room	Clyborne
Security Committee	Sunday, August 9	3:00 p.m.	Conference Room	Clyborne
Grounds Committee	Sunday, August 9	4:00 p.m.	Conference Room	Clyborne
Children's Council	Sunday, August 9	4:30 p.m.	Room 206	Hayes
Stewardship Committee	Sunday, August 9	5:00 p.m.	Conference Room	Clyborne
Deacons	Sunday, August 9	6:00 p.m.	Conference Room	Clyborne

Join us this Sunday, August 2 ~ 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.



Solo: *The Broken Vessel* by Brenda Atkinson
Anthem: *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* by the Sanctuary Choir
Scripture: II Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a
Sermon: **"You Are the One"** by Stephen Clyborne

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, August 2, 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
- 12:00 pm Singles Lunch (Ruby Tuesday's, Cherrydale)
- 12:00 - 4:30 pm Orientation Meetings begin (see front page)
- 3:00 pm Prayer Team Meeting (Conference Room)

Monday, August 3, 2009

- 10:00 am Ceramics (FLC)
- 11:00 am Telephone Prayer Vine Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00 pm 1-5 Grade Summer Dock
- 5:30 pm Weight Watchers (FLC)

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

- 7:30 am Breakfast with Greg (Ham House, Rutherford St.)
- 9:00 am WMU Council (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Divorce Recovery Group (Pastor's Office)
- Volleyball (Gym)
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Building)
- 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

- 9:00 am CEM Teacher Meeting/Lunch (F. Hall/Kitchen)
- 5:00 pm Library Open
- 5:45 pm Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm Adults: *Who Are We...* Missions (Fellowship Hall)
- Youth Group (FLC)
- Children: Grades 1-4 "Fun Around the World,"
- Outgoing 5th graders "Fun Around Greenville"
- Preschool: Summer Mission Friends (1st floor)
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm College Summer Bible Study (FLC Real World Rm.)

Thursday, August 6, 2009

- 10:00 am Youth leave for Carowinds (return Midnight)
- 6:30 pm SS Workers Appreciation Banquet (F.Hall/Kitchen)

Thank You...

We appreciate the many prayers that were prayed for our granddaughter, Pierce. Thanks be to God, she's fine now.

To be members of ESBC is such a blessing, and to be members of this family of faith, a privilege.

*With Love and Appreciation,
Joe and Blaun Bennett*



Prayer Team Meeting

This Sunday, August 2
in the Conference Room at 3 p.m.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Janelle Henderson

Fellowship Sunday School Class

In Memory of Mary Sue Tiller

Cornelia Dixon Samuel and Essie Adams

Record for Sunday, July 26, 2009

Attendance

9:00 Worship	136
11:00 Worship	224
Sunday School	288
Sunday School Enrollment	640
(2008-09 Average Sunday School Attendance - 270)	
(Average Sunday School Attendance Goal - 295)	

Operating Budget 2009

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$13,433
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$11,314
Budget Requirements (to date)	\$389,557
Budget Gifts (to date)	\$425,541

Capital Improvement Fund Budget

Weekly CIF Budget Requirement.....	\$2,885
CIF Budget Gifts (this week)	\$845
CIF Budget Requirements (to date)	\$83,665
CIF Budget Gifts (to date)*	\$47,177

*Includes Memorials

Endowment Fund Capital Loan

Capital Loan from Endowment Fund	\$250,000
Loan Balance (to date)	\$230,439

From the Stewardship Committee

God is doing something special at our church. We can see it in the additions of new members, faithful attendance in Sunday school and worship, and generous giving to support the church. Our blessings also include the sanctuary where we worship, the fellowship hall, and the classrooms where we study God's word and come together to do the work that He has given us to do. In recent years Earle Street has undertaken significant renovations and upgrades to the property and equipment used in our ministries. The church also established the Capital Improvement Fund, to be used for necessary additional improvements and for ongoing maintenance. Giving to the CIF so far this year has fallen below the requirements, resulting in a deficit of about \$30,000.

The church is expected to be able to handle the shortfall this year, using money designated for specific projects.

For the future, however, the age of our property and the growth in membership will create a need for significant capital spending.

The Stewardship Committee asks each church member to prayerfully consider giving to the Capital Improvement Fund, so we might be good stewards of the property where we worship, work and fellowship together.

Attention all adults!

DTC Fall 2009 Classes begin Wednesday, September 2

Please choose one of 3 options.

Details can be found inside the DTC Brochures (Sanctuary pew pockets or outside Greg's office) and DTC registration forms (printed in last week's newsletter and also outside Greg's office).

From the Pastor

- Stephen Clyborne

We had a wonderful staff retreat, and we are all so excited about the year ahead of us! In the weeks to come, as we prepare for the new church year, you will be hearing more about our plans and our dreams. I came away feeling so blessed to be a part of such a cohesive and gifted staff. We learned so much about each other and how we can maximize our effectiveness as a team. We laughed and cried, worked and played, talked and listened, prayed and worshiped. We realized how different we all are, and yet how united we are in our determination to serve God by serving this great church.

This Wednesday evening, August 5, all adults will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. to continue our series entitled *Who We Are and What We Do*. Greg will be leading this session which will focus on the part of our mission statement that focuses on missions: "to proclaim the message of salvation to our community and throughout the world, in word and deed." During these weeks together, as we prepare for a new church year, this series of lessons will be a timely reminder of "who we are and what we do."

DIVORCE RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

for anyone who has gone through or is going through the pain of divorce

Tuesday, August 4

6:30 p.m. (Pastor's Office)

If you need child care, contact Paula Hayes at 233-5332 (ext. 209) or paula@ESBCgreenville.org.

From the Minister of Music

- Janice Hinnant

Sanctuary Choir—This is just a reminder that we sing every Sunday, even if we do not have rehearsal. With vacation time here, it is very important that we have everyone available in choir on Sundays. Here is our rehearsal schedule for the next few weeks:

Wednesday, August 5—Regular rehearsal

Wednesday, August 12—No rehearsal

Acolytes—If you are a rising 3rd – 5th grader, I would like to invite you to serve as an acolyte. The acolytes light the Christ candle and bring in the Bible each week in worship. If you would like to be an acolyte this year, please contact me at janice@esbcgreenville.org, or 233-5332, ext. 202, or call Kathy Stenhouse at 271-4923.

Mark your calendars—If you are on the following committees or teams, please make note of when and where we will meet. These meetings are for this past year's members, as well as the new members who will be serving in 2009-2010:

Sunday, August 2:

12:00 Sound Committee (Sanctuary)
3:00 Ordinance Committee (Choir room)
3:30 Decorations Committee (Choir room)

Sunday, August 16:

2:00 Music Ministry Council (Choir room)
3:00 11:00 am Usher Team (Sanctuary)
4:00 Wedding Committee (Choir room)

From the Minister to

Preschoolers and Children - Paula Hayes

Summer Dock #4 – for children who have completed grades 1-5. **Monday, August 3, 1:00–5:00 p.m.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and then go deliver cards to homebound members, followed by swimming and ice cream at the Stanleys. Cost is \$2 per child. Please contact Paula (233-5332, ext. 209) to sign up by this Sunday, August 2.

Croc Adventure #3 – Outgoing 5th graders are invited to join Paula and Lucy for dinner and fun at Frankie's Fun Park on Thursday, August 13, 6:00–9:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 plus \$ for dinner. Contact Paula for more info and to let her know you are coming (233-5332, ext. 209 or paula@ESBCgreenville.org).

From the Minister of Youth

- Lucy Wilkinson

What an awesome summer! I am so thankful for the two amazing trips God gave us this summer. In Ecuador, we experienced God through the beauty of the land, the generosity of His people and the lives of career missionaries. At Seesalt, God blessed us through leadership, worship and relationships among our students. Thank you to all our adults who chaperoned a trip, to all the families for their support and to the church for your continuous love for us. All the glory to God for the great things He is doing in and through the youth.

Tubing this Saturday, August 1st - All youth will meet at 9 a.m. at the church for a tubing trip on the Green River. You will need \$10 to tube, money for lunch, a towel and clothes to change into. We will return to the church at 4 p.m.

Carowinds Thursday, August 6th - \$50 gets you entrance into the park, unlimited food and drinks and a 5th row seat for the David Crowder/ Leeland concert. We will meet at the church at 10 a.m. and return late that evening (around midnight). *We only have a few spots left for the Carowinds trip, so please let me know if you want to go.*

From the Associate Pastor

- Greg Dover

What an amazing retreat! As we met this week for our annual staff retreat, I learned so much about the ministers here at ESBC, and about my own ministerial identity. As we prayerfully planned for the upcoming church year, we shared our experiences, strengths and weaknesses, and our hopes and dreams for ESBC. There are indeed great things happening at our church! As we look ahead, I pray that we will allow God to guide us and give us wisdom, that we may continue to be the people of God on Earle Street and in our world. I am so excited about the coming months, and I look forward to what God has in store for us!

Also, I will be back at the Ham House on Tuesday mornings from 7:30 until about 8:30 a.m. (I was gone this Tuesday for the staff retreat). I hope that you will stop by for a cup of coffee, some conversation, and some good food. I have enjoyed the time I have spent with some of you there, and hope to see more of you in the future!

Join the church email list.



Would you like to receive the church newsletter each week by email, along with sermon previews, and other updates? Go to our web site (www.ESBCgreenville.org) and click "Join the church email list." Enter your email address in the box and click "submit." It's that simple.

***If you receive the newsletter by email and do not need to receive the newsletter by U.S. mail, contact Joyce Johnson at 233-5332, ext. 205 or joyce@ESBCgreenville.org and ask her to remove your name from the mailing list. Thank you.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Marcelle Davis

Micah Wilson

There are prayer shawls for Betty McMullan and Pierce Becker and Lap robes for Buck Buchanan and Monroe Cox outside the Prayer Room. Please go by and pray for these individuals.



EARLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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SINGLES LUNCHEON

This Sunday, August 2

Immediately following the 11:00 worship service

All singles adults are welcome.

Ruby Tuesdays (Cherrydale)

Sanctuary Flowers



The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, August 2, 2009 are given in honor of Jean and Lenwood Cochran's 60th Wedding Anniversary (August 18) by their daughters Francie, Libby, and Laura.

August Flower Coordinator: **Martha Hursey**

This Sunday, August 2, 2009

9:00 a.m.

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

WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Andrea Hueble

Preschool A: Amy and Brian Cockman

Preschool B and C: TBA

Preschool D, E, and K: Kathy and Emily Huggins

11:00 a.m.

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

WORSHIP CARE:

Coordinator: Maudie Blackwell

Preschool A: Teri and William Lewis

Preschool B and C: Anne Wyatt, Haley Ouzts

Preschool D, E, and K: Lynn Barrett, Drew Mackenzie

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

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Frank Tedards

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Dan Harris

GREETERS: Mary Beth Young, Russell You

Wednesday, August 5

Preparation Crew

Glenna Higgs

Mark Dorsett

Kathryn Brooks

Clean-Up Crew

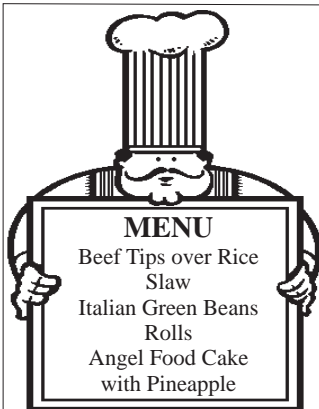
Jim and Jerry DeYoung

Robin Dorsett

Cashier

Betty Kay Gibson

Children's Menu Available



MENU

Beef Tips over Rice

Slaw

Italian Green Beans

Rolls

Angel Food Cake

with Pineapple

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

August 2009

ESBC Birthday Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Aloma Smith Amy Bailey Lindsey Justice Phyllis Berry	3 Jackson Brewer Jane Lawless	4 Edith Sumner Francis Bledsoe Kathryn Batson Tammy Dowdy	5 Angela Slaybaugh Landy McCurrell Turner Chambers	6 Margaret Love	7 Allene Sims Jane Snyder Karyn French Lynn Clyborne	8 Gary Wise Jean Cheatham
9 Haley Ouzis	10 Connor Hipps Jim Haynes Shane Davis	11 Dan Harris Theresa Medlin	12 C. W. Harris	13 Jan Hubble	14 Neil Collier	15 Eddie Leo Kathy Holtzclaw Pat Gantt
16 Ethel Brooks	17 Helen Tedards Joyce Fankhauser Lillian Myers Mason Pearce	18 Brad Childs Chip Callahan	19 Bennett Candee Ford Anderson Leah Tankersley Nina Wilson Sally Clark	20 Guy Parketon Vickie Fowler	21 Chase Medlin Jean Tuten	22
23 Charley Cook Elliott Batson Gibson Wyatt	24 Ora League Sylvia Clyborne	25 Cathy Harrison	26 Alan Robinson Wendi Homesley	27 Elizabeth Parnell Gretchen Keene	28 Anne Stephens Irene Redden Karen Love	29 Bruno McKelvey Wyatt Gibson
30 Alexander Epps	31 Charlotte Slate Judy Wilson					

COLLEGE SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



for all college students and recent high school graduates

This Wednesday, August 5 at 7:30 p.m.
Family Life Center, Real World Room
 Topic: "The Seven Deadly Sins"

Welcome New Members

Caroline Brooks
 107 Kestrel Ct.
 Taylors, SC 29687
 864-268-7972

Caroline joined ESBC on Sunday, July 26, 2009 by profession of faith and baptism. Caroline's father and step-mother are Barry and Kathryn Brooks. Caroline's step-sister is Rebecca Komoroski.



Sara Dorsett
 13 Traynham Blvd.
 Greenville, SC 29609
 864-834-1799

Sara joined ESBC on Sunday, July 26, 2009 by profession of faith and baptism. Sara's parents are Mark and Robin Dorsett. Sara's sister is Erin Dorsett.



Briceson Ellis
 28 Cedar Rock Dr.
 Greer, SC 29650
 864-607-5110

Briceson joined ESBC on Sunday, July 26, 2009 by profession of faith and baptism. Briceson's sister is Ansley Ellis.



Sam Kirkland
 3 Briarwood Blvd.
 Greenville, SC 29615
 864-268-9641

Sam joined ESBC on Sunday, July 26, 2009 by profession of faith and baptism. Sam's grandparents are Linda and Don Kirkland.



Sunday, August 2...

**HOMEBOUND "CARE" MINISTRY
 "C" TEAM**

Marian Bramlett
 Betty Kay Gibson
 Lib King

Elizabeth McClain
 Jimmy Stenhouse
 Greg Hammond

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS APPRECIATION BANQUET

Thursday, August 6

6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall



for current and incoming teachers, assistant teachers, class officers, directors, outreach leaders, shepherds, and their spouses (or guests)

Menu: Baked Greek chicken, scalloped potatoes, green bean almondine, mixed green salad, blackberry cobbler, yeast rolls and tea

To make your reservations for dinner and childcare, contact Greg at 233-5332, ext. 203 or greg@ESBCgreenville.org, or sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside Greg's office.

Entertainment: *Mystery Guests* – Don't get your hopes up. You will get what you pay for, and the event is free!

Deadline to sign up for this event is August 2nd.



WMU Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 4 at 9:00 am
 in the Fellowship Hall

WMU Collections Corner

We will be collecting school supplies right up until the start of school. So, if you see some of those school supply deals that are too good to pass up, go ahead and buy some notebook paper or pencils, so we can help Stone Academy and Frazee Dream Center stock up. They will make sure that no child has to go without the proper school supplies that he/she needs for school.



Time is drawing closer for our *Evening with Vonda Skelton*, and we are so excited to bring such a wonderful speaker to Earle Street

this year! Vonda is an entertaining teacher and speaker with a heart for women and their families. Vonda leads women on a delightful journey of seeking, finding and growing in Christ as she shares her experiences as a wife, mother, grandmother, writer, women's ministry leader, and registered nurse. You can learn more about Vonda, her writings and her inspired messages by visiting her website at www.vondaskelton.com. Please invite your friends and family to share in this special night with us **Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!** No tickets this year - we will take up a love offering. And don't forget - we will have yummy homemade desserts!