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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*].

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO: FELLOWSHIP

Prayer Meeting Series for All Adults

6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

On Wednesday evenings during the month of August, our pastor and associate pastor are leading us through the various components of our church mission statement to remind us of who we are and what we do as a church. In the first two sessions, we have looked at worship and missions. This Wednesday evening, we will look at the fellowship component of our mission statement: "to be a home to all who would enter." Join us for this timely reminder of our mission as a church.

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
THIS WEEK	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
NEXT WEEK	Property and Space Committee	Sunday, August 16	2:00 p.m.	Conference Room	Clyborne
	Music Ministry Council	Sunday, August 16	2:00 p.m.	Choir Room	Hinnant
	11 a.m. Ushers	Sunday, August 16	3:00 p.m.	Sanctuary	Hinnant
	Personnel Committee	Sunday, August 16	3:00 p.m.	Conference Room	Clyborne
	Nominating Committee	Sunday, August 16	4:00 p.m.	Conference Room	Clyborne
	Wedding Committee	Sunday, August 16	4:00 p.m.	Choir Room	Hinnant
	Bereavement Committee	Sunday, August 16	4:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Dover
	Constitution & Bylaws Committee	Sunday, August 16	5:00 p.m.	Conference Room	Clyborne
	Sunday School Greeters Team	Sunday, August 16	5:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall	Dover
	Trustees	Sunday, August 16	6:00 p.m.	Conference Room	Clyborne

THIS SUNDAY,
AUGUST 9

The Celebration of Christian Baptism



Candidates for Baptism:

Caroline Brooks,
Sara Dorsett,
Briceson Ellis,
Sam Kirkland

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



Solo: *Holy Darkness* by Janice Hinnant
Anthem: *Psalm 86* by the Sanctuary Choir
Scripture: II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Sermon: "The Paralysis of Grief" by Stephen Clyborne

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, August 9, 2009

- 8:00 am Early Bird Sunday School
- 8:30 am Library Open
- 9:00 am Worship, Celebration of Baptism
- 9:50 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship, Celebration of Baptism
- 2:00 - 6:00 pm Orientation Meetings (see front page)

Monday, August 10, 2009

- 9:00 am Ready or Not for rising 6th graders
- 10:00 am Ceramics (FLC)
- 5:30 pm Weight Watchers (FLC)
- 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

- 7:30 am Breakfast with Greg (Ham House, Rutherford St.)
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
WOM Groups 1 & 4 (Fellowship Hall, Room 202)
- 6:30 pm Volleyball (Gym)
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Building)
- 7:00 pm Vonda Skelton: WINGS Women's Event (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

- 5:00 pm Library Open
- 5:45 pm Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 pm Adults: *Who Are We...* Fellowship (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)
- 7:30 pm College Summer Bible Study (FLC Real World Rm.)

Thursday, August 13, 2009

- 6:00 pm 5th Graders at Frankies with Lucy

Record for Sunday, August 2, 2009

Attendance

9:00 Worship	116
11:00 Worship	186
Sunday School	239
Sunday School Enrollment	640
(2008-09 Average Sunday School Attendance - 269)	
(Average Sunday School Attendance Goal - 295)	

Operating Budget 2009

Weekly Budget Requirements	\$13,433
Budget Gifts (this week)	\$21,039
Budget Requirements (to date)	\$402,990
Budget Gifts (to date)	\$446,580

Capital Improvement Fund Budget

Weekly CIF Budget Requirement	\$2,885
CIF Budget Gifts (this week)	\$1,448
CIF Budget Requirements (to date)	\$86,550
CIF Budget Gifts (to date)*	\$48,625

*Includes Memorials

Endowment Fund Capital Loan

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

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 on the DTC registration forms outside Greg's office.

Thank You...

Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards and kind words during Janelle's illness and death. Earle Street Church was very special to Janelle, even though she was never able to attend. Your pastor was very special to her.

We carried the flower to Jack and Marie, and they send their thanks.

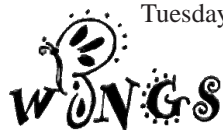
Betty Fowler, Friend of Janelle Henderson



Couples Night Out

Thursday, August 20th at 5:30 p.m. at Harbor Inn (Haywood Rd.)

Contact: Pete & Alver Maheras 233-1047



Tuesday, August 11th will be a night to remember at ESBC, as we have nationally acclaimed

Christian speaker and author, **Vonda Skelton**, to present her program entitled *Bubbles to Beaus, Babies to Bedpans.*

You do not want to miss this night of inspiration, fellowship, chocolate and coffee. All women ages 13 and up are invited to attend. Please invite friends, neighbors, relatives co-workers and yes, even your mother-in-law to enjoy a girls night of laughter as we delight in the message that Vonda Skelton will bring to us. No tickets are needed. We will take up a love offering at the event. We will see you there! The program starts at 7:00 p.m.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Betty Bedenbaugh

Luther Davis Greenville Lions Club

In Memory of Mary Sue Tiller

Mark and Carla Ann Eggl Michael and John Kellett



Wow!

Where did the summer go?

We had a wonderful "Summer Playhouse" at Earle Street Child Enrichment Ministry. The children and teachers had a lot of fun

reading and learning about a different book each week.

Our teachers return this week to begin getting ready for the new school year. We have just returned from a training conference and we are all so excited about a new year. We have 40 students enrolled for the fall. We are looking forward to touching the lives of preschoolers and their parents through this ministry.

If you would like to be involved in the Weekday Child Enrichment ministry by volunteering once a week or by giving to our scholarship fund, please contact Paula Hayes (233-5332, ext. 209, paula@esbcgreenville.org). Thank you, Earle Street family, for your love and support of our school.

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From the Pastor

- Stephen Clyborne

In the days and weeks to come, you will be hearing a lot about a new theme that will serve as a focus of our life together during the 2009-10 church year. The theme is "CONNECT," and the emphasis will be on the relational dimension of our identity as a church. Of course, the primary connection that we are about is the connection that God has made with us, specifically in Jesus Christ. That vertical relationship is vital to the life and vitality of our church. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. But He went on to say that our horizontal connections with each other grow out of our relationship with God. The second commandment is just like it: "love your neighbor as yourself."

During the 2009-10 church year, we hope to be more intentional about our connections with God and others. And here are just a few of the ways we plan to apply the theme to our life as a church:

- A new name, a new look, and a new format for our weekly newsletter. More feature articles on people, not just events.
- Congregational quilt. Reaching out to all of our members to encourage them to "connect" the fabric of their lives with God and others.
- Having a "live person" answering the church office phone and serving as a receptionist.
- A congregational hymn, based on our church mission statement, written by our ministerial staff.
- An evangelistic emphasis in the Spring, leading up to "Operation Inasmuch."
- Involving the congregation in developing a strategic (long-range) plan for our church, to provide for the continuing health and growth of our church.

Like I said, these are just a few of the initiatives we will be making this year as we become more intentional about connections with God and others. I am so excited about the new church year that is just around the corner.



Collections Corner

We need more school supplies.

WMU will be collecting 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 they need for school.

From the Minister of Youth

- Lucy Wilkinson

High and Middle School Meet and Greet Lunch

Sunday, August 9th from 12 - 1 p.m. Bring a few dollars for pizza, and come down to the FLC right after church.

Back to School Lock-In

Friday, August 21st from 9 p.m. - 7 a.m.

From the Minister to

Preschoolers and Children - Paula Hayes

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 money for dinner. Contact Paula for more info and to let her know you are coming (233-5332, ext. 209 or [paula@ESBCgreenville.org](mailto:Paula@ESBCgreenville.org)).

Missions Education Meetings: Our Missions Education Leaders for Children and Preschoolers will meet on Wednesday, August 12.

- **Mission Friends Leaders will meet at 5:30 in Paula's office.**
- **RA Leaders will meet at 6:00 in Room 202.**
- **GA Leaders will meet at 7:30 in Room 206 (Children's Department).**

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 12—No rehearsal

Wednesday, August 19 & 26—Regular rehearsals

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.

All Youth—Mark your calendars now for *Super Sundaes* on Sunday, August 30, at 4:00 p.m. All 6th – 12th graders are invited to come and see what we are planning for choir this year, and then we will make ice cream sundaes!

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 16:	2:00	Music Ministry Council (Choir room)
	3:00	11:00 am Usher Team (Sanctuary)
	4:00	Wedding Committee (Choir room)

From the Associate Pastor

- Greg Dover

In this small space, I don't know if I can express the excitement I have about the 2009-2010 church year! Now that we have begun and are continuing the planning process, I find myself wondering, "How will God work in and through our church in the next year?" I know that the meetings can be tedious (and there are many of them), but what comes from those meetings is a thriving and vibrant church that fulfills its mission statement—gathering to worship God genuinely and meaningfully, taking care of those within our church, reaching out to the community and world around us, welcoming all who come through our doors, and growing in Christ as individuals and as a church. As we look to the future, let us always keep in sight the vision that God has for our world, prayerfully asking God, "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." I hope and pray that it will be so, and that we here at ESBC can be a part of that.

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.

Lap robes for Skip Martin, husband of Ryder Martin, and for Paul Dunn, and prayer shawls for Mary Lou Reid and Ruth Vincent, mother of Linda Kirkland, are outside the Prayer Room. **Please go by and pray for these individuals.**



Recreation:

Fall Softball League will start on Monday, August 17th. All games will be played at East Riverside Park in Greer. If you are interested in playing, please contact Rob Traywick at 316-3866.

EARLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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COLLEGE SUMMER BIBLE STUDY




for all college students and recent high school graduates

This Wednesday, August 12 at 7:30 p.m.
Family Life Center, Real World Room
Topic: "The Seven Deadly Sins"

Sunday, August 9...
HOMEBOUND "CARE" MINISTRY
"A" TEAM

Celeste Clyborne	Ray Smith
Cindy Doolittle	Jackie Peace
Gene & Margaret Watson	



Wednesday, August 12

Preparation Crew
Glenna Hipps
Mark Dorsett
Kathryn Brooks

Clean-Up Crew
Jim and Jerry DeYoung
Robin Dorsett

Cashier
Del Ross

Children's Menu Available

MENU
Grilled Chicken
Hash Brown Casserole
Green Beans
Rolls
Banana Pudding

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

This Sunday, August 9, 2009

9:00 a.m.

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

WORSHIP CARE:
Coordinator: Andrea Hueble
Preschool A: Fonda and Lindsey Justice
Preschool B and C: Diane McKelvey, Morgan Justice
Preschool D, E, and K: Vicki and Doug Chapman

11:00 a.m.

USHERS: John McCutcheon, Kevin Hinnant, A. D. Harris,
Jimmy Thompson, Greg Hammond, Josh Shugart, Bryson Blackwell

WORSHIP CARE:
Coordinator: Maudie Blackwell
Preschool A: Kathryn Brooks, Rebecca Komoroski/Caroline Brooks
Preschool B and C: Deb and Joe Jones
Preschool D, E, and K: Jenice Pleasant, Amie Groff

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

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Grant Wooten
DEACON OF THE WEEK: Lee Dowdy
GREETERS: Jackie Peace, Cheri Shumate,
Jimmy Thompson, Greg Hammond



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.