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Weekly Newsletter of Earle Street Baptist Church

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Welcome
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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].

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Earle Street: The Next Ten Years

Don't forget the very important "town hall" meeting during the Sunday School hour on Sunday, September 13 and the follow-up discussion at the church conference on Wednesday, September 16 - - as the Strategic Planning Committee leads us to consider options for sustained church growth over the next ten years. The Committee will not be making any recommendations or proposals, but only presenting possible options and asking for congregational input. Please enter into this process prayerfully, not seeking your own will, but praying for God's will to be done. These are exciting times for our church, and your prayerful input will be vital.

Sunday, September 13 9:50 a.m.

- "Earle Street: The Next Ten Years"
- Special Called "Town Hall" Meeting
- Presentation by Strategic Planning Committee

All adult and youth Sunday School classes will meet together in the Sanctuary.

Wednesday, September 16 6:30 p.m.

- Church Conference
- Follow-up Discussion from Town Hall Meeting

wMu® Tuesday, September 8 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

(A combined meeting for [all women of the church](#))

We will be holding a "brain-storming" session for the work our women's groups will be focusing on this year. Please join us for coffee at 10 a.m. and a session full of your suggestions and planning regarding how we as women can appropriately focus and CONNECT using our own unique ministry gifts to help Earle Street fulfill her future, plans, and mission. All women of the church and ESBC WOM group members are encouraged to attend.

ESBC WMU'S THIRD ANNUAL

Janie Chapman **COUNTRY FAIR**

for State Missions

Sunday, September 13th at 5:00 p.m.
Butler Springs Park (off East North Street)



Don't miss the Janie Chapman Country Fair for State Missions Picnic. (Please take note of the new location for this year's event!) Join us as we kick off the 2009 Season of Prayer for State Missions with a pot-luck style picnic. Please bring a "well filled picnic basket" to share. All desserts will be used for the GA Bake Sale. For a donation to the Janie Chapman Offering, you may have all the desserts you would like! This donation can be some pocket change, or you may place your entire Janie Chapman offering in the donation jar! WMU will provide paper products, drinks and ice. You provide the food and we will all have fun with the following activities:

- Face Painting
- Children's Games
- Music
- Dinner
- GA Bake Sale

Join us in

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, September 6 **(9:00 and 11:00 a.m.)**

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mission reports by Connor Hippias, Lyndsey Jones, and Emily Payne
Anthem: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Mark 7:24-37

Sermon: "The Ministry of Interruption" by Greg Dover

From the Minister of Music and Worship

Janice Hinnant (ext. 202) – janice@ESBCgreenville.org

All Youth—We had a great start to Youth Choir last Sunday. Thank you to all of you who came to our Super Sundaes! Due to Labor Day weekend and the church-wide picnic, we will not rehearse again until Sunday, September 20th. I am looking forward to a great year!

Earle Street Ringers—We will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 20, at 5:30 pm. Mark your calendars, and I'll see you then.

This Sunday, September 6, 2009 9:00 a.m.

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

Extended Session Workers

Coordinator: Janie Wassinger

Preschool A: Helen Hewitt, Joree Ouzts

Preschool B: Lisa Poore, Ronnie Poore

Preschool C, D, and E: Janie and Al Wassinger

11:00 a.m.

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

Extended Session Workers

Coordinator: Deb Jones

Preschool A: Judy Camp, Sara Worrell

Preschool B: Wanda Worrell, TBA

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

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

Sound Technician: Eddy Leo

Deacon of the Week: John Love

Sunday School Greeters for September 6

Mary Beth and Russell Young (Welcome Center), Aaron Bowman (Robinson St. Side), Claire Bowman (First Floor Side), Deacon of the week (Sanctuary)

Preschool Welcome Center

Candace Dickinson (9 a.m. Worship)

Del Ross (Sunday School)

Jane Prichard (11 a.m. Worship)

September Flower Coordinator

Maudie Blackwell 567-2936

CHILD ABUSE

RECOGNITION AND RESPONSE TRAINING

Make-up Class

As per our 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 again be leading us in "Child Abuse and Response Training" on Tuesday, September 8 at 7 p.m. in the media room of the Family Life Center. If you work with minors in any capacity in our church and have not attended this class, please contact Paula Hayes (233-5332, ext. 209 or paula@ESBCgreenville.org) to sign up and for childcare needs.

From the Pastor

Stephen Clyborne (ext. 204) – stephen@ESBCgreenville.org

The Home Page

How do you like the new look and name of our newsletter? You might recall that some time ago we asked you to submit your suggestions for the new name of the newsletter, and "The Home Page" was just one of many great suggestions. After much consideration, the Public Relations Committee decided on "The Home Page" for several good reasons:

- "Home" is a word that we often use to describe our affection for Earle Street Baptist Church. It is not uncommon for us to hear people say about our church, "It feels like home," or "This is our spiritual home," or "We feel at home here," or "We are making a home for God here." Earle Street is home to us, and we are family here.
- The word "home" is central to our mission statement: "to be a *home* to all who would enter." Not only do *we* feel at home in the church, but it is our mission to make a home here for *all* who would enter.
- The word "home" appears on the banners that surround our property. "Welcome Home" is the message we want to send to people who come here to meet God and each other.
- The name "Home Page" gives us an opportunity over time to make the look and feel of our weekly newsletter consistent with the look and feel of our web site. Already you might notice the consistency between the design of this "Home Page" and the home page of our church web site.

Thanks to the Public Relations Committee, Jeremy Haltiwanger and Greg Dover for all their hard work in making "The Home Page" a reality. I hope that every time you receive this newsletter, you will be reminded of where your home is.

CONNECT

This year, as we seek to interpret and apply our "Connect" focus, we will be looking for ways to be more intentional about our "connections" with God and each other. One way to make our interpersonal connections stronger is to have a "live person" answering the ESBC phone.

All you have to do is call the general number you have always called, 233-5332, and your call will typically be answered by one of the following people who have agreed to set aside one morning or afternoon each week to serve as a receptionist in the church office: Blaun Bennett, Jerry DeYoung, Kathleen Lumpkin, Jane Lawless, Lynn Clyborne, Jencie Malphrus, Dot Hipps, Del Ross, Charlotte Lynch. We are so grateful to these volunteers who are helping to make our "connections" with each other stronger.



From the Minister of Youth and Recreation

Lucy Wilkinson (ext. 212) – Lucy@ESBCgreenville.org

Mission Trip 2010 Revealing- Wednesday, September 9th!

Meet and Greet Lunch- This Sunday - 5\$ for pizza; 12-1:30 p.m. FLC.

Fall Retreat- Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to join with other churches in Greenville for our fall retreat! We will be at Ridgecrest October 9-11th for a weekend of uniting the youth of this city. The cost for this trip is \$111.

Youth Small Groups- Make your small group a part of your weekly schedule!

High School Boys- 5 p.m. at Spill the Beans Downtown; Thursdays

High School Girls- 6:30 p.m. at the Callahams' or Youngs' house on Earle Street; Tuesdays

Middle School Boys- 6 p.m. in FLC Ceramics Room; Wednesdays

Middle School Girls- 6 p.m. in FLC Couch Room; Wednesdays

FOR THE RECORD Sunday, August 30, 2009

Attendance

9:00 a.m. Worship Attendance124

11:00 a.m. Worship Attendance239

Sunday School Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday.....306

2009-10 Average Attendance (to date).....306

2009-10 Average Attendance Goal 310

Sunday School Enrollment

Enrollment (to date).....650

2009-10 Enrollment Goal 672

2009 Operating Budget

Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$13,433

Budget Gifts (last Sunday).....\$11,135

Budget Requirements (to date).....\$456,722

Budget Gifts (to date).....\$491,614

Capital Improvement Fund Budget

Weekly CIF Budget Requirements.....\$2,885

CIF Budget Gifts (last Sunday).....\$4,540

CIF Budget Requirements (to date).....\$98,090

CIF Budget Gifts* (to date)\$58,938

Endowment Fund Capital Loan

Capital Loan from Endowment Fund\$250,000

Loan Balance (to date)\$230,439

Memorial Offerings

In Memory of Ruth Vincent

(Linda Kirkland's mother)

Lenwood & Jean Cochran

Jenny Merck

Suzanne Stevenson

*Memorial Offerings Included

From the Minister to Preschoolers and Children

Paula Hayes (ext. 209) – paula@ESBCgreenville.org

Seeker's Class for Children – This is a class for children who are asking questions about God, faith and other spiritual issues. This is a great way for them to ask their questions in a child-friendly environment. Topics include: "Learning More About Jesus...with the Bible," "at Church," "through Others," and "through Prayer." There will be a parents meeting on September 20 at 3:30 in room 206. The children will meet for four weeks from 3:30 – 4:15 on the following Sundays: September 27, October 11, October 18, October 25. We will not meet on October 4. Parents, please contact Paula Hayes by September 13 to sign up your child.

New Christian's Class for Children – This is a class for children who have recently made a profession of faith. This is a great way for them to learn more about their faith, baptism, communion, church, and discipleship. We will meet from 4:30-5:15 on the following Sundays: September 27, October 11, October 18, October 25. We will not meet on October 4. Parents, please contact Paula Hayes by September 20 to sign up your child and to receive the parents' info.

IN MEMORIAM

Edna Schultz

October 5, 1921 - August 30, 2009



PRAYER VINE

... for anyone in need of prayer at any time. Call 233-5332, ext. 700 to get a list of phone numbers.

MINISTER ON CALL

(Nights and Weekends)

September 4 – September 10

Greg Dover: 979-8864



HOMEBOUND C.A.R.E. MINISTRY

Sunday, September 6

"C" TEAM:

Marian Bramlett, Betty Kay Gibson, Lib King, Elizabeth McClain, Jimmy Stenhouse, Greg Hammond

Christian sympathy is prayerfully extended to...

John, Mary & Woody McCutcheon and Bert & Lib Buchanan and family in the recent death of John's mother and Lib's sister, Joanne McCutcheon.

Pam Hall and family in the recent death of Pam's cousin, Susan McCurry.

Tim & Kathy Saunders and family in the recent death of Kathy's uncle, Bob Merrill.



THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

MENU: Baked Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, French Bread, and Brownies

WORKERS: Kathy Holtzclaw, Mary Elizabeth Blalock, Candice Eubanks (Preparation Crew), Don Holtzclaw, Becky Spivey (Clean-Up Crew), Lenwood Cochran (Cashier)

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Recreation Announcement:

We have 6 teams of 4 signed up for the Max Motivation Run on Saturday, September 12th in Spartanburg! We will meet at the church at 6:30 a.m., the race starts at 8 a.m., and we should be back around 11 a.m. You will need a change of clothes, a towel and money for lunch.

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, September 6, 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 Youth Meet & Greet (FLC)
12:15 pm Singles Lunch (The Bohemian, Stone Ave.)

Monday, September 7, 2009

Church Office Closed (Labor Day)

Tuesday, September 8, 2009

7:30 am Breakfast with Greg (Ham House, Rutherford St.)
10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
10:00 am All Women and WOM Group members (FH)
6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Building)
Volleyball (Gym)
7:00 pm Child Abuse Response Make-Up Class
Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

9:00 am CEM Open House (Fellowship Hall)
5:00 pm Library Open
5:15 pm Dinner for Children/Choir Workers (FH)
5:45 pm Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
Children's Choirs (103, 206, 306)
6:30 pm Adults: Prayer Meeting (Sanctuary)
DTC Classes (204, 301)
Youth Group (FLC)
Children: R.A.s & G.A.s (2nd floor)
Preschool: Mission Friends (1st floor)

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Childcare: Birth-Age 2 (1st floor)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

Saturday, September 12, 2009

6:30 am Max Motivation depart from church for Spartanburg
11:00 am FLC Reserved (Pearce Family)

DONATIONS DESPERATELY NEEDED!

In recent days, the Eastside Crisis Center has been forced to close down and turn away needy families due to an exhausted food supply. The shelves are empty! Please offer support by bringing non-perishable food items to donate to the Eastside Crisis Center. You can place donations in the baskets on the 2nd floor. If you're unable to bring items, please also consider giving a monetary donation designated "Eastside Crisis Center." It will be used to purchase most needed items in bulk quantities. For many years, our church has been a huge source of support for this successful ministry. Let's help again by carrying the Eastside Crisis Center through its crisis.

Prayer shawls for Karen Sunday, Joe Aiken, Lib Buchanan, Mary Ligon, and Norman Schultz are outside the Prayer Room. **Please go by and pray for our church friends.**

