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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].

Earle Street Baptist Church • 225 West Earle Street • Greenville, SC 29609

## Earle Street: The Next Ten Years

### "TOWN HALL MEETING"

**THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 at 9:50 a.m.**

All adult and youth Sunday School classes will meet together in the Sanctuary. Child care provided for preschoolers (first floor) and children (second floor).

This Sunday, our Strategic Planning Committee will be leading 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. The Prayer Team will be presenting specific ways for us to support the process with prayer - - as we seek to put aside our own wills in search of God's.

### FOLLOW-UP CHURCH CONFERENCE

**THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16  
at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

This conference will allow more time for questions and discussion concerning the presentation made by the Strategic Planning Committee during the "town hall meeting." Following the church conference, surveys will be made available to church members so the committee can gather and prayerfully consider congregational input. Once the results of the survey have been compiled and interpreted, the Committee will present a report to the church.

These are exciting times for our church, and your prayerful input at both of these meetings and on the survey will be vital.



## **Xtra Years of Zest Monthly Meeting - for all Senior Adults**

**Tuesday, September 22, 2009 in the Fellowship Hall**

**11:00 a.m. Program:** Michael Cogdill, (NBC) WYFF Channel 4 News Anchor.

**12:00 noon Catered Lunch:** Please be sure to make your reservations with Gene Hammond (244-2748) by the Sunday before the program if you do not have a permanent reservation. Cost is \$5.

## **Eastside Crisis Center still needs donations!**

Drop them off by the library.

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)



This Sunday, you don't want to miss the Country Fair for State Missions at Butler Springs Park!

- R.A.s will greet people at their cars and help them transport their food to the serving tables.
- G.A.s will assemble all desserts at the Bake Sales table where a donation to the Janie Chapman offering will get you all the desserts you can eat.
- The Youth will provide Face Painting and Children's Games.
- Music on the Lawn.

See you there!

*Join us in*

## **WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, September 13** **(9:00 and 11:00 a.m.)**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Ordinance of Baptism (11:00)

Candidates: Alison Seigler and Davis Huggins

Solo: *Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord* by Bill Hueble  
Anthem: *The Grandeur and Glory of God*

by the Sanctuary and Youth Choirs

Scripture: Psalm 19; Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: **"How God Speaks"** by Stephen Clyborne

## From the Minister of Music and Worship

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

**Acolytes**—You will begin serving as acolytes this Sunday, September 13. You should have received a schedule from me, but let me know if you have any questions.

**Youth Choir**—The Sanctuary Choir is singing *The Grandeur and Glory of God*, which was one of last year's festival pieces, this Sunday, September 13. You are invited to sing with the Sanctuary Choir. You may sing either or both services. If you plan to sing at 9:00, please be in the choir room at 8:45, and if you plan to sing at 11:00, please come to the choir room immediately after Sunday School.

**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 13, 2009** **9:00 a.m.**

**Ushers:** Paul Bateman, Eli Cook,  
Al Wassinger, Bryan Tankersley

**Acolytes:** Charley Cook, Jordan Stanley

#### **Extended Session Workers**

Coordinator: Janie Wassinger

Preschool A: Terri and Randy Chambers

Preschool B: TBA

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

#### **11:00 a.m.**

**Ushers:** John McCutcheon, Kevin Hinnant, A. D. Harris,  
Zack Taylor, Greg Hammond, Josh Shugart, Bryson Blackwell

**Acolytes:** Ross Mackenzie, Ross Martin

#### **Extended Session Workers**

Coordinator: Deb Jones

Preschool A: Teri and William Lewis

Preschool B: Glenna Hipps, Haley Ouzts

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

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

Sound Technician: Grant Wooten

Deacon of the Week: Lamar McCarrell

#### **Sunday School Greeters for September 6**

Jackie Peace and Cheri Shumate (Welcome Center), Greg Hammond (Robinson St. Side), Becky Bridges (First Floor Side), Deacon of the week (Sanctuary)

#### **Preschool Welcome Center**

Del Ross (9 a.m. Worship)

Harry Hayes (Sunday School)

Blaun Bennett (11 a.m. Worship)

#### **September Flower Coordinator**

Maudie Blackwell 567-2936

### **IN MEMORIAM**

#### **Margaret Parks**

June 26, 1919 - September 6, 2009



### **PRAYER VINE**

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

## From the Pastor

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

### **Earle Street: The Next Ten Years**

I cannot stress enough how important it is for you to be involved in and prayerful about the town hall meeting on September 13 and the follow-up church conference on September 16. See the front page for details. Our discussions over the next few days will begin a process that will shape the future of our church over the next decade and beyond.

#### **CONNECT** (Logo image on page 4.)

This year, as we seek to interpret and apply our "Connect" focus, we are looking for ways to be more intentional about our "connections" with God and each other. If you have ideas and suggestions, we would love to hear from you. In the meantime, let me encourage you to submit a piece of fabric for our congregational quilt if you have not already done so. We would like to have a piece of fabric from every *individual* member of our church. The piece of fabric should be something that, in some way, represents you or some part of your story. There are forms available in the church office that will give you some guidelines to follow in submitting your piece of fabric (dimensions, etc.), the story behind it, and your picture to be included in the accompanying scrapbook, which will serve as a kind of "map" for the quilt. The quilt will be a visual representation of how our lives are "connected" with each other; and our quilt will not be complete without your contribution.

### **Seasonal Flu Immunization**

The Parish Nurse Ministry will be providing the Seasonal Flu Clinic on Sunday, October 18th from 8am till 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. This year vaccinations will be available to children ages 6 months and older. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian. Cost of immunization is \$25.00. Medicare recipients with Part B coverage or Medicare Advantage programs will receive the immunization at no cost.

Clinic is open to all church members, visitors and friends. Please remember to wear comfortable loose fitting clothing on this day to receive your immunization.

Updates will be provided regarding H1N1 immunization as the CDC and SC DHEC develop the immunization program.



WINGS monthly meeting begins on Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 p.m. with a new Bible study, "Refresh Your Heart," led by Helen Hewitt. Contact Paula Hayes (ext 209) with childcare needs. Questions please call Joyce Harris (268-8538), Andrea Hueble (322-7201) or Tammy Dowdy (271-6439).

Starting Monday, September 21st, 6:30 until 8:30 p.m., WINGS is sponsoring the newest Beth Moore Bible study, "Esther - It's Tough Being a Woman". This is a 10 week course, which requires daily homework, and the cost is \$14.95 for the workbook. To register call Joyce Harris 268-8538 or email <djd45688@bellsouth.net>

## From the Minister of Youth and Recreation

Lucy Wilkinson (ext. 212) – [Lucy@ESBCgreenville.org](mailto:Lucy@ESBCgreenville.org)

**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, September 6, 2009

### Attendance

9:00 a.m. Worship Attendance .....105  
11:00 a.m. Worship Attendance .....197

### Sunday School Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday.....242  
2009-10 Average Attendance (to date).....274  
2009-10 Average Attendance Goal 310

### Sunday School Enrollment

Enrollment (to date).....646  
2009-10 Enrollment Goal 672

### 2009 Operating Budget

Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$13,433  
Budget Gifts (last Sunday).....\$13,370  
Budget Requirements (to date).....\$470,155  
Budget Gifts (to date).....\$504,984

### Capital Improvement Fund Budget

Weekly CIF Budget Requirements.....\$2,885  
CIF Budget Gifts (last Sunday).....\$1,865  
CIF Budget Requirements (to date).....\$100,975  
CIF Budget Gifts\* (to date) .....\$60,803

### Endowment Fund Capital Loan

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

### Memorial Offerings

#### In Memory of Edna Schultz

Marian Bramlett Ray & Frances Gray  
Gene Hammond

#### In Memory of Mary Sue Tiller

Ed and "Sister" Lominack

#### In Memory of Joanne McCutcheon

(John McCutcheon's mother and Lib Buchanan's sister)

Marian Bramlett Joe & Joanne Cothran  
Ray & Frances Gray Gene Hammond  
Dot Smith

#### In Memory of Ruth Vincent

(Linda Kirkland's mother)

Joe & Joanne Cothran Carol Poole

\*Memorial Offerings Included

## From the Minister to Preschoolers and Children

Paula Hayes (ext. 209) – [paula@ESBCgreenville.org](mailto: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.

## HOMEBOUND C.A.R.E. MINISTRY

Sunday, September 13

### "A" TEAM:

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

## Recently Hospitalized

John Stenhouse, Greenville Memorial



## Welcome New Members

### Bob and Jane Gorman

Bob and Jane joined ESBC on Sunday, September 6, 2009. Bob joined by promise of letter from Lebanon Baptist of Anderson, and Jane joined by statement of faith.



### Chris and Cathleen Taylor

Chris and Cathleen joined ESBC on Sunday, September 6, 2009 by promise of letter from First Baptist Greenville.



## THIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**MENU:** Chicken / Ham Salad Croissants, Chips, Marinated Veg., Cantaloupe. (Children's menu also available.)

**WORKERS:** Kathy Holtzclaw, Mary Elizabeth Blalock, Candice Eubanks (Preparation Crew), Don Holtzclaw, Becky Spivey (Clean-Up Crew), Lenwood Cochran (Cashier) -- *If you do not have permanent reservations, please call the church office NO LATER THAN MONDAY 10:00 a.m. to reserve a meal.*

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**MINISTER ON CALL**

(Nights and Weekends)

September 11 – September 17

Stephen Clyborne: 354-8473



**THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday, September 13, 2009**

- 8:00 am Early Bird Sunday School
- 8:30 am Library Open
- 9:00 am Worship
- 9:50 am "Town Hall" All Youth and Adults (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am Worship
- 3:00 pm Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)
- 3:30 pm Youth Committee Meeting (FLC)
- 5:00 pm Janie Chapman Country Fair (Butler Springs Park)

**Monday, September 14, 2009**

- 10:00 am Ceramics Class (FLC)
- 5:00 pm Weight Watchers (FLC)
- 9:30 pm Men's Softball Team (ERP field 1)

**Tuesday, September 15, 2009**

- 7:30 am Breakfast with Greg (Ham House, Rutherford St.)
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Building)
- WINGS (301)
- Volleyball (Gym)
- 7:00 pm Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

**Wednesday, September 16, 2009**

- 5:00 pm Library Open
- 5:15 pm Dinner - Preschool Children and Workers (FH)
- 5:45 pm Dinner - Youth and Adults (FH)
- Preschool/Children's Choirs (103, 206, 306)
- 6:30 pm Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)
- Youth Group (FLC)
- Children: R.A.s & G.A.s (2nd floor)
- Preschool: Mission Friends (1st floor)
- Childcare: Birth-Age 2 (1st floor)
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, September 17, 2009**

- 5:00 pm Friendship Class Picnic (Home of Dot Smith)

**Saturday, September 19, 2009**

- 9:00 am Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

**OVERFLOW PARKING**

The parking lot at the Pennebaker building on Stone Avenue adjacent to the Scout building is now available for overflow parking on Sundays. Please feel free to park there. If you are able, please use that overflow parking lot or the grassy parking lot beside the Scout building and reserve the closer parking places for senior adults and guests. Thank you



**Prayer Breakfast**

Our quarterly Prayer Breakfast is FREE to anyone and everyone is invited. It will be **Saturday, September 19 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**. Please call for a reservation so we can get a head count. Call Ray Gray 232-1914, Pete Maheras 233-1047, or Jim DeYoung 979-9679.

Special guests will be Joyce Harris who will give a personal testimony of her struggle with cancer and Pierce Becker, 9 year old granddaughter of Blaun & Joe Bennett. Blaun will interview Pierce about the prayer shawl she received while seriously ill.

You will be blessed by both and well fed.