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Weekly Newsletter of Earle Street Baptist Church



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The mission of Earle Street Baptist Church is to worship God (*worship*); to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed (*missions*); to be a home to all who would enter (*fellowship*); to minister to the needs of one another (*ministry*); and to assist in spiritual growth (*education*).

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I Sunday School!

I LOVE ... MINISTERING
from Greg Dover

As we continue our month-long “I Love Sunday School” emphasis, we highlight the next aspect of Sunday School: ministry. We often think of ministry as something that the church staff does. But we are all ministers, and in Sunday School, we minister to one another. I can think of numerous personal examples, and stories I have heard from others, of people in a Sunday School class reaching out to someone in need—sitting with someone at the hospital, coming to a family member’s funeral, bringing food to parents with a newborn, or simply praying for and with one another. There are countless ways that we minister to and care for one another, and Sunday School classes are the core groups in which we do that. This week, I challenge you to look for ways to minister to others in your Sunday School class. And if you haven’t already experienced the ministry of Sunday School, I hope that you will take the opportunity to get involved in a class and see just how caring they can be.



VALENTINE’S BANQUET

This Saturday, February 11
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Tickets purchased in advance.

Proceeds from this event benefit
the summer youth mission trips.

WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY

BITS AND PIECES OF WISDOM: PROVERBS

Led by Stephen Clyborne

This Wednesday, February 15
6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

The beginning of the season of Lent

Wednesday, February 22

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

A Day of Remembrance and Renewal

90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 18

Join us in **WORSHIP ON SUNDAY - February 12**

9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Ordinance of Baptism (10:30)

Anthem: *Jesus Paid It All* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-19a

Sermon: “*Go, Wash Up*” by Greg Dover

Baptism - 10:30 a.m.

Candidates: Amy Andrews, Susie Andrews,
Eddie Andrews, Stephanie Day, and Seth Walton

This Sunday, February 12, 2012

9:15 a.m.

Ushers: Mark Aycock, Frank Hawkins, Dennis Long,
A. D. Harris, Bill Burt, and Tom Whitehurst

Acolyte: Luna Riley

Preschool Coordinator: Joyce Harris

10:30 a.m.

Ushers: John McCutcheon, Greg Hammond, Zack Taylor,
Josh Shugart, Drew Mackenzie, and
Chris McCarrell

Acolyte: Adam Pearce

Preschool Coordinator: Kay Dillard

Sound Technician: Derek Lord

Deacon of the Week: Don Kirkland

Sunday School Greeters

9:15 a.m.

Don Kennerly (Welcome Center),
Greg Hammond (Robinson Street Side),
Leslie Harmon (First Floor Side),
Deacon of the Week (Sanctuary)

10:30 a.m.

Jackie Peace/Veronica Blair (Welcome Center),
Glenn Arrowood (Robinson Street Side),
Becky Bridges (First Floor Side),
Deacon of the Week (Sanctuary)

Preschool Welcome Center

9:15 - Susan Brewer
10:30 - Bobbie Gentry

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Goal	\$10,000
Received to Date	\$ 2,950
Still Needed	\$ 50

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions has been extended so that we may reach and exceed our offering goal. Please give generously, and be sure to designate your offering for that purpose.

From the Pastor

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

A Family Talk

You do not hear me talk like this too often, and I do not throw these words around loosely, but there is something on my heart that God is leading me to share with you. For weeks and months, I have been struggling internally and praying through this matter. After weeks of soul-searching, I decided to talk to my family about it. I shared it with the staff as well. A few weeks ago, we devoted our entire staff retreat to this matter, searched the Scripture, and prayed earnestly together, seeking the heart and will of God. Now it is time for me to come to you, my church family, to share the vision that I believe God is planting in my heart. So on Sunday, February 26, during both worship services, I just want to have a family talk with you about what God is leading me to do, and how this might affect the direction of our church. It may turn out to be a talk that sounds like a sermon, or a sermon that sounds like a talk; but whatever it is, I am praying that it will be just the beginning of a new dimension of obedience as we all seek to know and do God's will. Will you join me in prayer to that end?

HOMEBOUND C.A.R.E. MINISTRY

"A" Team

Larry Bryson, Celeste Clyborne,
Cindy Doolittle, Gene Harrison,
Jan Lewis, Jackie Peace
Phone Visits: Del Ross

NEWCOMERS CLASS

March 4, 11, and 25 at 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

If you are a newcomer to the church, plan to join us on these Sundays in March! Stephen and Greg will tell about the church's structure, mission and ministries, and respond to any questions you may have. It's also a great opportunity to meet other newcomers. To let us know you're coming, contact Greg or the church office.



From the Minister of Music and Worship

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

Youth Choir and Handbells - I will see you on Sunday!

3:30 - 4:15 p.m. Older Youth Handbells
4:15 - 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Younger Youth Handbells



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Lap robes for Johnny Batson and Glenn Arrowood as well as a prayer shawl for Mary Arrowood are on display outside of the Prayer Room. Please go by the Prayer Shawl table and pray for Mary, Glenn, and Johnny.

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Audrey Haynes

Greenville Technical College
Home Address:
324 West Earle Street
Greenville, SC 29609

Please pray for Audrey this week, and if you can, send a note of encouragement, support, and care.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday - February 5, 2012

Attendance

9:15 a.m. Worship Attendance265
10:30 a.m. Worship Attendance.....220
Total Worship Attendance.....485

Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Attendance146
10:30 a.m. Attendance236
Total Sunday School Attendance382
2011-12 9:15 Average Attendance 159
2011-12 10:30 Average Attendance162
Total Sunday School Average Attendance.....321

Enrollment (to date)769

2012 Operating Budget

Weekly Budget Requirements \$17,075
Budget Gifts..... \$25,565
Budget Requirements (to date)..... \$102,450
Budget Gifts (to date)..... \$97,759

Capital Improvement Fund Budget

Weekly CIF Budget Requirements \$3,497
CIF Budget Gifts \$1,560
CIF Budget Requirements (to date)..... \$20,982
CIF Budget Gifts (to date)..... \$6,557

Endowment Fund Capital Loan

Capital Loan from Endowment Fund \$250,000
Loan Balance (to date)..... \$198,792

Welcome New Members



Eddie Andrews

Eddie joined at the 10:30 a.m. service on February 5, 2012 by reaffirmation of faith and request for baptism.



PRAYER VINE

331-0926, Ext. 700

Our Prayer Vine Team consists of thirty individuals who are available 24 hours a day to pray for emergency situations. If you have an emergency need, simply call 331-0926 extension 700, and you will be provided with a list of individuals and their phone numbers. When you call a member of the Prayer Vine, they will forward your request along to the other members of the team. Remember to keep this phone number where you can locate it in the event of an emergency need.

IN MEMORIAM

Dennis Henderson

March 12, 1946 - February 5, 2012

Lillian Myers

August 17, 1911 - February 1, 2012

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Johnny Batson



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

(Children's menu also available.)

MENU: Honey Mustard Glazed Chicken, Cream Corn, Green Bean Almondine, Rolls, Tea/Coffee, Cherry Fluff.

WORKERS: Setup-Noellen Groff, JoAnn Oswell, Kelly Pleasant. Clean up-Diane McKelvey and Wanda Worrell. Cashier-Del Ross

If you do not have a permanent reservation, please call the church office no later than Monday, 10:00 a.m., to reserve a meal.

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Just as a body, though one, has many parts,
but all its many parts form one body, so it
is with Christ.
1 Corinthians 12:12

EARLE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: The Home Page

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“BE A HOME TO ALL WHO WOULD ENTER”

Being a welcoming church begins before people even get in the doors of the church. We can be invitational just by the way we park our car. Please consider these ways you can help our church make more room for growth in our parking lots:

- If you live within walking distance, and you are able, please walk to church (weather permitting).
- Carpool with other family members, friends, and neighbors.
- Park as far away from the church as possible, reserving the closest parking spaces for guests, senior adults, and those with physical limitations. Use remote parking lots at the Pennebaker Building (besides the Scout Building on Stone Avenue) and across Stone Avenue.
- Offer to pick up senior adults or people with physical challenges, drop them off at the Welcome Center, then park as far away from the church as possible.

If we are going to “be a home to all who would enter” (as our mission statement says), then we are going to have to make space for them all to enter. Thank you for your cooperation.

From the Minister of Preschoolers and Children

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

PRETEEN WINTER BLAST

For 5th Graders

Monday, February 20, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We will have Bible study, go swimming (indoors, of course!), have a progressive fast food lunch, and spend some time at the park. Cost is \$20 per child and includes swimming, lunch, and snacks. Please contact Mrs. Paula by Wednesday, February 15, if you plan to join us for this fun “preteen only” day.

SAVE THE DATE!



A one-day community missions blitz

Saturday, April 28

There will be something for everyone to do regardless of age, mobility, or ability. All that is required is a little of your time and a willingness to serve.

Order Your Operation Inasmuch T-Shirt!

Place your order this week for your Operation Inasmuch T-shirt. Cost is \$7.00 per shirt.

Shirts are available in the following sizes:

Child: small, medium, and large

Adult: small, medium, large, XL, XXL, and XXXL

Order envelopes are available in the pew pockets and in the church office.

ADULT MISSION TRIP

May 7-12, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

We have openings for nine men and one woman to participate in this missions experience with Samaritan’s Purse. Those participating will split transportation costs equally, and all housing and meals are provided free of charge. No prior experience, skills, or ability needed. If interested, contact Sayle Lewis at 281-4306 or sayle.lewis@fluor.com.



In the Spring, our church will be partnering with other churches in our area to build a house for a family who needs a place to call home. Our financial commitment toward this project is \$8,000. Soon, you will be hearing about ways you can give your time, talent, and energy. And for now, our church is being asked to give money to support this worthwhile mission project. Please be sure to designate your offering for “Habitat” above and beyond your regular tithes and offerings.

Goal	\$ 8,000
Received to Date	\$ 3,002
Still Needed	\$ 4,998

WMU FOCUS WEEK

Joint Meeting and Homemade Soup Lunch

Tuesday, February 14

10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

All ladies are invited to come to this special meeting. If you are currently involved in WMU, make sure you are here to enjoy good food and fellowship with the other ladies in WMU. If you are not involved with a WMU group, this meeting is the perfect opportunity to come and learn about the various groups and their projects.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS PROGRAM

Wednesday, February 29

Missionary Annie Armstrong will be portrayed by Teri Parker Lewis.

Our Parish Nurse Ministry will sponsor a

CPR CLASS

Saturday, March 17

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The next adult/child and infant CPR class is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, in the Family Life Center. If you have children, please consider learning CPR and encourage your child care provider to do the same. All families who have a loved one with cardiac problems should also consider learning CPR. Save a life!

Registration is required for this class so that we can make adequate preparation of materials. Cost is \$3.00 and checks should be made payable to Kadi Medical.

To sign up for the class or for more information, contact Sharon Youkey at 286-3749. You may also sign up by contacting the church office at 233-5332.

From the Minister of Youth and Recreation



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

YOUTH

Join us for our “I Love Sunday School” lunch at Joy of Tokyo Cherrydale on Sunday, February 19.



A HUGE thank you to all of the basketball players, coaches, and parents who helped make our Basketball Sunday a success! Congratulations to the Middle School Boys Green Team for having the largest percentage of players present in worship. Also, thank you to the Recreation Committee for setting up and cleaning up for the banquet. We are so blessed to have such a healthy and vibrant basketball program. To God be the glory!

BASKETBALL GAME SCHEDULE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 GYM REPRESENTATIVE - Ryan Grubbs

TEAM	TIME	PLACE
HS Boys	6:30 pm	Home
Over 30 Men	7:30 pm	Berea

SATURDAY, February 18 GYM REPRESENTATIVE - Leslie Harmon

TEAM	TIME	PLACE
1st-2nd Girls	9:00 am	Home
3rd-5th Boys Green	11:00 am	St. Giles
3rd-5th Boys White	10:00 am	St. Giles
MS Boys Green	2:00 pm	Home
MS Boys White	11:00 am	Taylors Ct. #2
MS Girls	12:00 pm	Home
HS Girls	1:00 pm	Home



MONTHLY CATERED MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, February 28

11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Our program for this month is on love and will be provided by Rev. Bert Kirby.

A representative from ESBC’s Parish Nurse Ministry will be available at 10:30 a.m. to provide blood pressure screenings and speak with us about general health related issues confronting senior adults. Come early to take advantage of this special ministry!

Make your lunch reservations with Don Kennerly at 757-9794. Regular attendees do not need to call.

THIS WEEK’S OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 12th

8:00 am	Early Bird Sunday School (Conference Room)
9:00 am	Media Library Open
9:15 am	Sunday School/Worship Service
10:30 am	Sunday School/Worship Service
11:00 am	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Reserved (Loaves & Fishes Sunday School Class)
1:00 pm	Public Relations Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
1:00 pm	Gym Reserved (Pearce)
1:00 pm	Family Life Center Reserved (Dowdy)
2:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)
2:00 pm	Strategic Planning Committee (Conference Room)
3:00 pm	Middle School Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)
3:30 pm	Older Youth Handbells (Choir Room)
4:00 pm	Women’s Basketball Practice (Gym)
4:15 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
5:00 pm	Younger Youth Handbells (Choir Room)
5:30 pm	High School Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)
5:30 pm	Earle Street Ringers (Choir Room)
6:00 pm	Deacons Meeting (Conference Room)

Monday, February 13th

5:30 pm	Weight Watchers (Family Life Center)
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Tuesday, February 14th

7:30 am	Breakfast with Greg (Stax’s Original)
9:15 am	Staff Spiritual Life Group (Pastor’s Office)
10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
10:00 am	Focus on WMU/ All WMU Groups (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
6:00 pm	Volleyball (Gym)
6:30 pm	Boy Scouts (Scout Building)
7:00 pm	Band Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 15th

5:00 pm	Media Library Open
5:15 pm	Dinner for Choir Workers/Children (Fellowship Hall)
5:45 pm	Dinner for Everyone (Fellowship Hall)
5:45 pm	Preschool/Children’s Choir Rehearsals
6:00 pm	Middle School Boys/Girls Small Groups (FLC)
6:30 pm	3D Group: Children: How to . . . (Room 204)
6:30 pm	Adults: Prayer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	Youth Bible Study (FLC)
	Children: GAs and RAs (Second Floor)
	Preschool: Mission Friends (First Floor)
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Room 306)
7:30 pm	Men’s Basketball Practice (Gym)

Thursday, February 16th

5:30 pm	1st-2nd Grade Boys Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:00 pm	WMU Serendipity Group (Room 301)
6:30 pm	3rd-5th Grade Boys Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts (Scout Building)
8:00 pm	High School Boys Basketball Practice (Gym)

Friday, February 17th

5:30 pm	1st-2nd Grade Girls Basketball Practice (Gym)
6:30 pm	Middle School Boys Basketball Practice (Gym)

Saturday, February 18th

No Activities Scheduled