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PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

by Bethany Hovis

Another Preschool and Children's Sunday may have come and gone, but our preschoolers and children certainly have not. They are here every Sunday and every Wednesday—smiles on their faces, excited to fellowship with their friends and learn more about the Bible. It is no secret that young families are an important part of a healthy church, and here at Earle Street, we are very fortunate to have a good number of them!

We have close to 100 children (birth through fifth grade) who are enrolled in Sunday School, and that does not include the many young visitors we have during basketball season, Vacation Bible School, and other events throughout the year. It is our hope that by providing fun and engaging activities that include sound Christian education, we can raise a generation who loves to come to church, who will invite their friends to church, and who will stay on to participate as youth and adults.

As you can imagine, with so many children, it takes a lot of people to plan, to teach, and to keep them safe. There are a variety of opportunities to support our children here at Earle Street, some that involve working with children face-to-face and some that are a little more behind-the-scenes.

If you have been looking for a way to get more involved, please prayerfully consider joining us in the preschool or children's department. We have a lot of exciting things in the works, and we would love for you to be a part of it! Check out the list to the right for some areas that can use volunteers!

Preschool Sunday School: While some of our preschool teachers are continuing on through the summer, we are inviting many of them to take the summer off since they have been working regularly September through May. If you would be willing to commit to some Sundays this summer, that would be wonderful! We have opportunities with babies, toddlers, 2 year olds, a combined 3s/4s class, and kindergarteners getting ready to go to first grade.

Mission Friends: The mission friends class gathers on Wednesday nights while the adults attend their Bible study groups or prayer meeting. This class studies a lesson, works on crafts and other mission projects throughout the year.

Vacation Bible School: If you're looking for something a little more short-term, VBS is a great option! We will need volunteers to lead stations, which means working with a partner to prepare activities for each day. We will also need volunteers to lead crews, which requires NO preparation! You simply lead your group of children from station to station. We will also need help in the kitchen!

Subbing: Try as we might to schedule all of our workers in advance, things come up, and sometimes I find myself searching for subs last minute. If you would be willing to serve as a sub for preschoolers and/or children, it is always helpful.



JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, May 12

Fourth Sunday after Easter

Mother's Day

Ordinance of Baptism (10:30)

Candidate: Rachel Kleon

Anthems: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*
by the Men's Ensemble
Be the Light of Christ by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

Sermon: "Disciples" by Stephen Clyborne

USHERS

9:15 am: Sayle Lewis (Captain), Frank Hawkins,
Emory Hendrix, A. D. Harris,
Rob Traywick, Tom Whitehurst

Preschool Coordinator: Aimee Rodgers

Acolyte: Denver Lewis

10:30 am: Steve Davis (Captain), Saundra Richards,
Drew Mackenzie, Mary Beth Young,
Mary Arrowood, Jill Pearce, John Swiger

Preschool Coordinator: Holly Traywick

Acolyte: Serenity Hayes

Sound Technician: Kurt Young

Video Technician: Grant Wooten

Deacon of the Week: Glenn Arrowood

GREETERS

Welcome Center Greeters

9:15 am: Steve and Sandra Davis

10:30 am: Jackie Peace

Preschool Welcome Center Greeter

9:15 am: Kathryn Brooks

PRESCHOOL WELCOME CENTER

9:15 am: Kesina Lewis

10:30 am: Kay Hogan

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY TEAM A

Cindy Doolittle, Sally Wise, Jackie Peace,
Nellie Farnsworth, Wayne Turner, Saundra Richards

THIS WEEK AT ESBC

Sunday, May 12

8:00 am Early Bird Sunday School Class (CR 203)
Onesimus Men's Class (Room 201)
9:00 am Media Library Open
9:15 am Sunday School/Worship (All Rooms)
10:30 am Sunday School/Worship (All Rooms)
3:00 pm Gym Reserved (McAlister)

Monday, May 13

6:00 pm Gym Reserved (Pearce)

Tuesday, May 14

9:15 am Staff Meeting (CR 200)
10:30 pm WMU Meeting (CR 203)
2:00 pm FOC Meeting (CR 200)
6:00 pm Gym Reserved (Tankersley)
6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Building)
7:00 pm Band Rehearsal (FH)

Wednesday, May 15

6:00 am Gym Reserved (Boone)
5:00 pm Media Library Open
5:45 pm Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm Men's Bible Study Group (Room 300B)
6:15 pm Single Adult Bible Study (Room 202)
6:30 pm Church Conference (Fellowship Hall)
Graduate College Ready Bible Study (FLC)
Youth Bible Study (FLC)
RAs and GAs (Room 205)
Mission Friends (First Floor)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
7:30 pm Gym Reserved (Tankersley)

Thursday, May 16

5:30 pm Gym Reserved (Day)
6:00 pm WMU Serendipity Group (FH)
7:00 pm Gym Reserved (Pearce)

Friday, May 17

6:30 pm Gym Reserved (Day)

Saturday, May 18

12:00 pm Gym Reserved (Dowdy)
4:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved (Groff)

CR: Conference Room
FH: Fellowship Hall
FLC: Family Life Center

Wednesday Night Meal

Wednesday, May 15

Baked Potato Bar with Cold Cuts, Salad Bar,
Crackers, Orange Delite, Tea and Coffee

WMU SERENDIPITY MEETING

Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

Serendipity will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 pm. Supper will be provided. We will be making up goodie bags for the youth going to Look Up Lodge, Ecuador and A House on Beekman. This will be the final meeting until September. Please feel free to bring a friend! Any questions may be directed to Natalie Tyson at natalie.tyson@yahoo.com.

XYZ MONTHLY CATERED MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP

for all senior adults

Tuesday, May 28

11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

**Program: Special Places, Special Photographs,
and the Stories Behind Them**

Presented by Norman Nokleby

Menu: Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Potato Salad,
Fresh Fruit, Pound Cake, Rolls, Tea and Coffee

Mission Project: Bibles for Kenya

Each Bible is \$10 and translated into Swahili,
the native language of Kenya.

Call Jan Brown at 864-350-5541 to sign up! Regular attenders
(people on the permanent list) should call if they can
NOT attend. The cost of the meal is \$6.00 per person.

MOUNTAINTOP MOMENTS

A Bible Study for Single Adults

Leader: Stephen Clyborne

Bible Focus: The Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5 – 7

Wednesdays // 6:15 – 7:15 pm in Room 202

This is a great opportunity to get to know some of the single adults in our church who may have some of the same struggles you do.

Join us for dinner at 5:45 if you can. Just call the church office and make your reservation. The Bible study will begin at 6:15. Even if you cannot participate in all the sessions, come when you can. If you have any questions, or need more information, contact Stephen Clyborne at 233-5332 (ext. 204) or stephen@esbcgreenville.org.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Lucy Wilkinson

May 27, 2003

16 years

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Betty Jo Campbell and family upon the recent death
of her brother, Frank Smith.

IN MEMORIAM

JOANNE COTHRAN

September 19, 1934 - May 4, 2019

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Jim Brown Laura Cummings Rosemary Cureton

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday - April 28, 2019

Worship Services

9:15 am Attendance.....	196
10:30 am Attendance.....	195
Total Worship Attendance.....	391

Sunday School

9:15 Attendance.....	136
10:30 Attendance.....	164
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	300

2018-2019 9:15 Average Attendance.....	132
2018-2019 10:30 Average Attendance.....	182
Total Sunday School Average Attendance.....	314
Enrollment (to date).....	912

BUDGET REPORT

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$27,050
Budget Gifts.....	\$56,189
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$486,900
Budget Gifts to Date.....	\$515,269



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WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

This year we plan to spotlight the various teams, committees and entities that function and work together in our church. This week's spotlight shines on our Nominating Committee and is written by Denise Plumlee.

Nominating Committee Spotlight

Did you know there are over 315 leadership positions in our church? Our church is organized around the cluster structure (worship, spiritual growth, missions, ministry, fellowship and administration) and spread over these six clusters, there are 265 committee, team and council leadership positions. In addition to these positions, there are 50 plus leadership positions in Sunday School, including directors and teachers. That's a lot of people volunteering and serving in leadership roles!

The Nominating Committee is the entity in our church tasked with enlisting these leaders each year. Working closely with the church staff, the Nominating Committee seeks to help the members of our church find a position of leadership that will utilize their spiritual gifts. Members are encouraged to complete the spiritual gifts inventory and the survey of interest to help both them and the Nominating Committee know and understand what their gifts, talents and interests are.

The Nominating Committee is comprised of six people, each serving a two-year term. While our financial calendar begins in January and runs through December, the church year for leadership positions begins the first of September and runs through the end of August. The main work of the Nominating Committee begins in April of each year as they seek to enlist all of the leadership positions for the upcoming church year. The leadership booklet, with the names of these leaders listed by clusters, is presented to the church for approval at a regular conference meeting in July.

If you have never completed a spiritual gift inventory, consider taking this questionnaire to discover your spiritual gifts and find out how they can be used here at Earle Street Baptist. If you haven't completed a survey of interest recently, consider taking a few minutes to do that as well. I will be glad to provide you with each of these documents.

And please pray for the Nominating Committee as they are now working diligently to find the right people God has planned for each position of leadership in His and our church.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The prayer shawl ministry provides shawls, lap robes and baby blankets to church members needing a tangible touch of the love of their church family. If you knit or crochet and would like to participate in this ministry, we can provide you with yarn. If you wish to request a shawl or laprobe for a church member or can help with making them, contact Jerry DeYoung at 979-9679.

MINISTRY ASSISTANT FOR MEDIA

The Personnel Committee is seeking candidates for our Ministry Assistant for Media position. This is a part-time position (10-20 hrs a week), responsible for our presence across all social media platforms, as well as graphic design for flyers, newsletters, and more. The candidate should have experience in Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Photoshop, and Illustrator) and be creative and willing to bring new ideas to the table. If you know a non-church member who is qualified and interested, please have that person contact Ed Hogan (ehoganbnc@gmail.com), Margo Love (mllove2000@aol.com), or Jeff French (normanirishdna@gmail.com) and provide their resume.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PRESCHOOL EDUCATION

Shanna Johnson (ext. 207) – shanna@ESBCgreenville.org



Summer camp is right around the corner and we have a great program planned but we need your help! There is a tree in the preschool hallway on the first floor. Each apple on the tree has an item we need help gathering. Please feel free to take an apple and return the donation to my office!

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in Room 300B *for men of all ages and stages of life*

The Friday morning Men's Discipleship Group and the Wednesday evening Dads Group are joining together to offer a new opportunity for men of all ages and stages of life to come together for Bible study and fellowship. The group is studying a series based on First Peter led by Don Kirkland. Bring a Bible and bring a friend. Even if you cannot come every Wednesday, come when you can. During that hour, there are also music and mission opportunities available for preschoolers and children, and Bible study for youth. Join us for dinner at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall - - another good way to get to know more people. Be sure and call the church office to make your dinner reservation.

FROM THE PASTOR

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



Can I put in a shameless plug for our intergenerational Wednesday evening Bible study? Almost every Wednesday evening, all adults (young adults, median adults, and senior adults) are invited to gather at 6:30 around the tables in the Fellowship Hall for Bible study. This year, we have been involved in a Bible study series that we are calling *The Way of Wisdom*. The nature of this study is that it is easy to jump in any time, even if you have not been able to attend consistently. Usually, Chuck or I will lead this informal, interactive Bible study for all adults; and the more adults of different ages and stages of life who attend, the richer the application will be for all of us. During this time, there are age-appropriate mission groups for preschoolers and children, and Bible studies for youth. Join us any Wednesday evening for dinner at 5:45 and for Bible study at 6:30.

FROM THE MINISTER TO PRESCHOOLERS AND CHILDREN

Bethany Hovis (ext. 209) – bethany@ESBCgreenville.org

Preschool and Children's Sunday is always a special day thanks to our Preschool, Music Makers, and Young Musicians Choirs. Thank you to Lisa, LeAnne, Jen, Rosemary, Catherine, Janice, Hannah Grace, Phil, and Brantley for your work with these children. They did such a beautiful job, and it wouldn't have come together without you!

Now that Preschool and Children's Sunday is over, please remember that Wednesday night choir practice for our preschoolers and children is also over until the fall. There will only be activities from 6:30 to 7:15. RAs and GAs will continue to meet through the end of May, and summer activities for 1st-5th graders will be announced soon. Mission Friends will continue to meet during the summer.

Please remember to contact me if you have any interest in working with our preschoolers or children on a short term or long term basis. We have a variety of opportunities for the summer and into the fall!

FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

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

Preschool Choir, Music Makers, and Young Musicians—What a wonderful job all of you did this past Sunday! Your hard work really paid off! Thank you for making our worship so special. I also want to thank our wonderful directors and leaders who so generously give their time each week: Lisa Brigman, Jennifer Broome, LeAnne Hines, Rosemary Cureton, Catherine Dowdy, Hannah Grace Kincaid, Brantley Shugart, and Phil Plumblee. We could not do this without you! Preschool and children's choirs are finished until the fall, so they will not be rehearsing on Wednesdays again until September. Thank you all for a great year!

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Chuck Emory (ext. 203) – chuck@ESBCgreenville.org

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

College Scholarship Applications Available

Scholarship applications are available for members of the graduating class of 2019. In order to qualify, an applicant must be a church member, or a child of a church member, who has been accepted to any accredited college or university. The deadline for submission of the application is Sunday, June 9. Please contact Chuck Emory to obtain an application and for more information.

Graduate Sunday

Graduate Sunday is coming up on May 19. On that day, we will be recognizing our high school and college graduates in the class of 2019. If you are graduating—or if you know someone who is graduating—please make sure you have contacted Lucy Wilkinson or Chuck Emory by Sunday, May 12, so that we can get information about your graduation to share.

Graduate and College Gathering

On Sunday, May 19, in addition to recognizing our graduates, we will also have our annual graduate and college gathering that afternoon. This year, instead of having a traditional picnic, we are switching things up and meeting for food, fun, and games at Spare Time Entertainment on Congaree Road at 5:00 pm. All graduates and college students are invited to this event as a way to kick off the summer and welcome our new high school graduates to the college group. If you or someone you know is interested in attending, please let Chuck Emory know by Wednesday, May 15. We are going to have a great time, so please come join us!