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MIDWEEK RECHARGE

On Sunday mornings, we gather together in Bible study and worship to charge our spiritual batteries. Hopefully, we are inspired to love God and our neighbors more deeply. But often, by the middle of the week, our batteries are drained from the stresses of life, and we need a “midweek recharge.”

Recently, our church staff conducted a survey to gather input from our congregation about why people do, and do not, participate in our Wednesday evening activities. On the basis of congregational feedback, the staff began to pray, think, and talk about ways we might be able to strengthen our Wednesday evening schedule and programming to offer a “midweek recharge” for more people in our church and community. Very soon you will be hearing more about how we plan to offer staggered times for Bible studies, ongoing and “pop-up” discipleship classes, and ensemble rehearsals; and a re-freshing of what we have traditionally called “prayer meeting.” At 6:30 pm around the dinner tables in the Fellowship Hall, we will be having an intergenerational, interactive, co-ed Bible study that we will be calling “Disciples Then and Now.” In that Bible study, we are hoping to have a good mix of younger adults, median adults, and senior adults to learn from the Bible about the lives of the first disciples, and to listen to the faith stories of contemporary disciples in our own church. Between activities, there will be a new space set aside for adults to hang out with each other, and share a cold or hot coffee beverage in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. Just being together in fellowship with one another is often what we need to give us a re-charge. We will also be breathing new life and energy into our preschool and children’s choirs and mission groups so that more children will be excited about coming to church midweek, and more parents will realize the value of what their children will be experiencing on Wednesday evenings. It all begins on September 4. Watch the newsletter and web site for more details.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 3

9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Plan to join us for a delicious breakfast and a special time of prayer.

WEEKLY SPOTLIGHT

The Prayer Team by Chuck Emory

Scripture and experience both teach us that prayer is an important and essential part of our lives as followers of Jesus. I like the version of James 5:16 found in *The Message*: “The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.” Indeed, the strength of our prayer life is closely connected to the vitality of our faith.

The unique mission of the Prayer Team at Earle Street Baptist Church is, simply put, to pray and to encourage one another to pray. A high goal of this mission is that lives will become so focused upon God that every thought and action will represent a continual prayer relationship with Him. The Prayer Team seeks to achieve this goal by organizing prayer groups, training events and special prayer emphases.

One example of the Prayer Team’s work is the Daily Prayer Guide. Twice a year, the team publishes this guide, which contains six months of daily prayer topics and sample prayers. The goal of the guide is to encourage our church family to be unified in our daily praying. It is a wonderful resource and reminder to pray every day. It is also a reminder that our prayers unite us to God and to one another as a family of faith. Be sure to pick one up if you don’t already have one.

Another ministry of the Prayer Team is the quarterly Prayer Breakfast. Held on a Saturday morning, each Prayer Breakfast focuses on some aspect of our church life – for example, a particular ministry or mission team or some other matter of concern. These events are truly special for several reasons. First, just the act of devoting time to concentrated prayer is powerful in itself. Second, spending time in prayer together is especially rich and rewarding. And, as an added benefit, you have an opportunity to eat the best breakfast in town for the best price in town (free!). Seriously, if you have never attended one of our Prayer Breakfasts, please consider coming to the next one on August 3rd – you will be glad you did!

And, as stated in its mission statement above, the Prayer Team prays and encourages others to pray. The team members spend time in prayer for the concerns of our church family and concerns outside our walls as well. They also help disseminate these concerns, so that more people will have the opportunity to join in prayer. They are truly on mission to build and support the prayer life of our church.

If you are interested in joining the Prayer Team or in learning more about it, you can contact Lamar McCarrell or Helen Hewitt, the team leaders. I know they would be glad to talk with you. You are also welcome to contact me at chuck@esbcgreenville.org for more information.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Sunday, July 28

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Quartet: *Just a Little Talk with Jesus* by Men's Quartet

Anthem: *O, How I Love Jesus* by the Sanctuary Choir

Scripture: Psalm 85

Sermon Series: The Psalms - Listening for God's Voice and Finding Our Own

Sermon: "Revive Us Again" by Stephen Clyborne

USHERS

9:15 am: Bill Poe (Captain), Rick Green, Allen Smith, Wayne Wilson, Ed Hogan, Dennis Long

Preschool Coordinator: Bethany Hovis

10:30 am: Glenn Arrowood (Captain), Mark Plasters, Joe Jones, Joe Solesbee, Andy Hodges, John Swiger

Preschool Coordinator: Bethany Hovis

Sound Technician: Frank Tedards

Video Technician: Dan Boehm

Deacon of the Week: Barbara Massey

GREETERS

Welcome Center Greeters

9:15 am: Kay Hogan and Nancy Baker
10:30 am: Jackie Peace and Sally Warwick

Preschool Welcome Center Greeter

9:15 am: Janet Landers

PRESCHOOL WELCOME CENTER

9:15 am: Bethany Hovis
10:30 am: Bethany Hovis

HOMEBOUND VISITATION TEAM E

Margo Love, Rosemary Bomar, Judy Boggs,
Bill Pickel, Sarah Rebecca Hill

THIS WEEK AT ESBC

Sunday, July 28

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)

Tuesday, July 30

9:15 am Staff Meeting (CR 200)
6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Building)
7:00 pm Band Rehearsal (FH)

Wednesday, July 31

5:00 pm Media Library Open
5:30 pm Youth Open Gym
5:45 pm Dinner (FH)
6:00 pm Men's Bible Study Group
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting (FH)
Youth Bible Study (FLC)
RAs and GAs (Second Floor)
Mission Friends (First Floor)
7:15 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, August 1

9:00 am Youth Fun Thursday (Tubing)
10:00 am WMU Council Meeting (CR)
5:30 pm Gym Reserved (Day)

Friday, August 2

6:30 pm Gym Reserved (Day)

Saturday, August 3

9:00 am Prayer Breakfast (FH)

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

Wednesday Night Meal

Wednesday, July 31

BBQ on Bun, Baked Beans, Slaw,
Brownies, Tea and Coffee

Church Office Hours

Please note and remember that the regular church office hours are:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

THANK YOU

Dear Earle Street,
Thank you to all of the VBS workers. My grandchildren truly experienced God's love while attending.

Nancy Whitehurst

Dear Earle Street,
I appreciate your love and support always. Especially in the last several months. The calls and visits and prayers helped me get through a difficult time. I thank God for you all!

Teresa Lewis

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Jane Harris and Dan and Joyce Harris and family
upon the recent death of Jane's brother-in-law and Dan's uncle, Bill Dunn.

Glenn and Mary Arrowood and family
upon the recent death of Mary's sister-in-law, Frances Wilson.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bruce Darling upon the recent birth of his granddaughter, Adelaide Grace Darling, born on July 11, 2019.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Chutnie Hewitt Bill Swartzel

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday - July 21, 2019

Worship Services

9:15 am Attendance.....	182
10:30 am Attendance.....	<u>172</u>
Total Worship Attendance.....	354

Sunday School

9:15 am Attendance.....	122
10:30 am Attendance.....	<u>175</u>
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	297

9:15 am Average Attendance.....	131
10:30 am Average Attendance.....	<u>179</u>
Total Sunday School Attendance.....	310

Enrollment (to date).....	912
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MISSION TEAM AND CAMPERS AWAY IN JULY



Remember to pray for our Bronx mission team as they serve in New York this week. The team members are: Hannah Grace Kincaid, Josh Ellenburg, Olivia Hueble, Andrea Hueble, Janie Wassinger, Holly Rouse, Lynn Clyborne, Catherine Dowdy, Tammy Dowdy, Malachi Carnes, Anna Tankersley, Leah Tankersley, Taylor McCarthy, Seth Walton, Jack Madison, Lucy Wilkinson, Shanna Johnson, Bethany Hovis, Mackenzie Elliott, Courtney Beltz, Elizabeth Johnson, Lydia Cooper, Andrew Elliott, and Morgan Miller.



Thomas Lewis, Wells Smith, Maclaren Wilkinson, Josiah Rau, and Sam Savage left for Camp McCall on Monday of this week. Remember to pray for them this week as they are away at camp.

BUDGET REPORT

Sunday, July 21, 2019

Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$27,050
Budget Gifts.....	\$22,263
Budget Requirements to Date.....	\$784,450
Budget Gifts to Date.....	\$787,594



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SUMMER SERMON SERIES

The Psalms:

Listening for God's Voice and Finding Our Own

Most of the time, we think of the Bible as God's word to us. But the Psalms also contain our words to God. The Psalms reflect a wide range of human emotions. They become our words to God when we experience anger or joy, or any emotion in between. Sometimes the Psalms can give language to our prayers when we do not know what to say to God, or how to say it. But in the Psalms, we also hear God's words to us. Join us this summer as we hope to find our voices while listening to God's voice.

RESULTS FROM CHURCH CONFERENCE

At church conference last Wednesday, July 17, the 2019/2020 leadership booklet was presented by the Nominating Committee and approved by the congregation. If you were not able to attend church conference, hard copies of the leadership booklet are available in the church office.

Additionally, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee presented some proposed revisions to our church's current Constitution and Bylaws at the same church conference. These proposed revisions will be on the agenda for discussion and a vote at the September 18th church conference. A document outlining the proposed revisions was presented to the congregation last Wednesday and is available in the church office.

XYZ MONTHLY CATERED MEAL AND FELLOWSHIP

for all senior adults

Tuesday, August 27

11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Program: Medicare Changes for 2020 and Senior Retirement Information

Jessica Turner with ASB Financial
and Insurance in Greenville

Menu: Pork Tenderloin, Rice Casserole, Green Peas,
Tossed Salad, Angel Food Cake with Topping,
Rolls, Tea and Coffee

Mission Project: Items for Operation Christmas
Child Shoeboxes

**Call Jan Brown at 864-350-5541 to sign up
or cancel your reservation!**

**Regular attenders (people on the permanent list)
should call if they can NOT attend.**

The cost of the meal is \$6.00 per person.

NEWS & NOTES

Orientation Meetings: Sundays in August
Prayer Breakfast: August 3 (9:00 am)
Deacons Transitional Meeting: August 11 (6:00 pm)
Communion: Sunday, August 18
Deacon Ordination Service: Sunday, August 18 (5:00 pm)
Fifth Sunday Night Singing: August 21 (6:30 pm)
New Sunday School Year Begins: Sunday, August 25
Fall Kick-Off: Wednesday, August 28 (6:30 pm)
New Church Year Begins: Sunday, September 1

FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC AND WORSHIP

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

Thanks to everyone who submitted their favorite hymn to me. On Wednesday, July 31, we will have a hymn sing, where we will sing many of these hymns. The response was so good and so varied, that I cannot put every hymn on this program, but I will work them into Sunday services, as I can, as well as our upcoming 5th Sunday Night Singing on a Wednesday Night. Be listening out for your favorite!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Roland Lee, Janet Landers, Caroline McCall, Maggie Larson
- 3 - Jane Lawless, Jackson Brewer, Mikayla Jones
- 4 - Edith Sumner, Francis Bledsoe, Frank Hawkins, Tammy Dowdy, Brent Lewis, Remmi Nash
- 5 - Janie Bradford, Landy McCarrell, Rachel Kleon
- 6 - Margo Love
- 7 - Jean DeMars, Allene Sims, Jane Snyder, Diane Jeter, Karyn French
- 8 - Jean Cheatham
- 9 - Pat Elders, David Dalhouse
- 10 - Lyndall Coker, Flo Campbell
- 11 - Jan Brown, Mark Plasters, Dan Harris, Mac Rabideaux
- 12 - Pat Clark, Brandon Inabinet, Erich Wilklow, Corbin Alexander
- 13 - Becky McAlister, Jan Hubble, Wren Smith, Addison Zeiger
- 14 - Margaret Kirby, Neil Collier
- 15 - Pat Gantt, Alton Sheffield, Kathy Holtzclaw, Amanda Borth, Chip Broome, Tinsley Ward
- 16 - Jerome Jay, Terri Headley, Jeffery Hines
- 17 - Dianne Lowe, Joyce Fankhauser, Veronica Blair, Mason Pearce, Kellen Rodgers
- 18 - Keys Pfeiffer, Moira Lord
- 19 - Sally Warwick, Leah Tankersely, Bennett Candee
- 20 - Linda Pickel, Ric Davis, Tammi Knight, Vickie Fowler, Alex Aycock, Malachi Carnes
- 21 - Stephen Watson, Mike Arndt, Guy Hendrix
- 22 - Debbie White
- 23 - Sally Middleton, Holly Hamby, Charley Cook, Gibson Wyatt
- 24 - Sylvia Clyborne, Brent Dill
- 25 - Cathy Harrison
- 27 - Gretchen Keene
- 28 - Becky Riddle, Lynn Clyborne, Alden Marchbanks
- 29 - Dan Tyson, Justin Patterson
- 30 - Ken Swain, Sayle Lewis, Hunter Stockton
- 31 - Donna Dent, Gibbs Medley

FROM THE PASTOR

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

It is that time again. With the 2019-20 Nominating Committee report having been approved by the church, our leadership is in place in time to prepare for the new church year, which will begin September 1. As part of the preparation for the new year, each entity (committee, council, team, organization) will be having an orientation meeting to re-organize for the new church year.

If you have agreed to serve (or continue to serve) on a committee or council, please be on the lookout for communication about an orientation meeting in the next few weeks. This is a time when new workers get oriented (and continuing workers get reminded) about committee/council responsibilities, assignments, and plans for the new church year. We always ask that even those workers who are rotating off the committees/councils attend these orientation meetings to insure continuity between the previous committee/council and the new committee/council. Good participation in these meetings will ensure that each committee/council gets off to a strong start.

Join the team! In order to serve on a committee or council, you have to be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the church. But anyone who wants to serve on a team can just volunteer at any time. And of course, the ideal time to join a team is at the beginning of a new church year (now!). Like committees and councils, teams will also be having orientation meetings in the next few weeks. So if you have any interest in serving on any (or several) of these teams, just watch the newsletter for the appropriate orientation meetings. All you have to do to join a team is just show up! It is as simple as that. If you have any questions about any of these teams, please let me know.

- Usher Team
- Triune Mercy Center Team
- Operation Inasmuch Team
- Marie Younts Girls Group Home Team
- Community Missions Team
- International Missions Team
- National Missions Team
- Bridge Builders Team
- A House on Beekman Team
- Apartment Ministry Team
- Outreach Team
- Greeters Team
- Bereavement Team
- Homebound Visitation Team
- Medical Ministry Team
- College Ministry Team
- Singles Ministry Team
- Spiritual Care Team
- XYZ Team
- Inreach Team
- Media Library
- History Team
- Discipleship Team
- New Member Orientation Team
- Prayer Team

FROM THE MINISTER OF ADMINISTRATION

Denise Plumblee (ext. 211) – denise@ESBCgreenville.org

Thank You for Your Participation!

A huge thank you to everyone who came to have your portrait taken for the new pictorial directory! We had a great turnout for the photography sessions and I look forward to seeing all of your portraits once the directory is complete. We hope to have the new directory published and ready for distribution by the middle of October.

I want to say a huge thank you to the folks who volunteered to serve during the photography sessions this past week. These individuals were there to provide access to the building and to sign people in when they came to have their portraits taken. Without the assistance of these individuals, the photography sessions could not have taken place. Thanks goes to Kathy Kincaid, Harriet McCarrell, Madge and Barry Patterson, Janet Landers, Judy and Knox Boggs, and Terese Burns. And a HUGE thank you to Kathy and Wayne Turner for lining up and coordinating the volunteers, manning the table for many long hours, and totally handling the photography sessions for me. What a blessing to have these people volunteering to help in this project!

Make-up Photography Date - Thursday, September 19

Because the response to the photography sessions was so great, we have scheduled a make-up date for members of our congregation who were unable to participate this past week. On Thursday, September 19, the photographers will be back at ESBC from 3:00 until 8:00 pm. If you were unable to have your portrait taken here in July and would like to schedule an appointment for this make-up session, please contact Brenda, Ellen or me to schedule a time.

Church Bus Usage – Important Information

If your group or ministry uses our church buses or if you serve as a bus driver for our church, please remember that our buses are now stored off site to keep them safe and secure. This means that you will need to plan ahead if you desire to use the buses for any event. The bus driver or person responsible for the event will need to check with the church office to secure the bus logs and keys as well the necessary information to retrieve the buses from the secure storage lot. Please remember to do this several days in advance so that we can ensure you have all of the information you need to properly use the buses. Planning ahead and securing the information several days in advance will ensure that things go smoothly the day of your event.